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ST. PETER'S NEWS

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Message from Mrs Brown

We are delighted to be able to share with you a video tour of our school, celebrating all the wonderful things that the children do during a typical school day. I am very proud of St Peter's and we have worked very hard to provide the children with a wealth of experiences both within, and beyond, the school day. This has been despite of the many challenges that a pandemic has created over the last 18 months.

Please take a look by visiting our Facebook page: **St Peters CE Primary, Wem** or the 'Parent News' section of our website **https://stpetersschoolwem.org.uk/**

Covid update

As Covid-19 rates are rising in our local area we must do everything we can to help stop the spread of the virus in our communities.

The biggest number of cases are in the 11-18 age groups and this has an impact on their families. As a parent, you can help by continuing (or starting) to LFT **test your child twice a week**. Public Health have visited St Peter's today to give out free lateral flow testing kits to families on pick up.

If your child is showing symptoms of Covid-19 you must keep them off school and get a PCR test as soon as possible at your **local testing site** (rather than request a test in the post).

If another member of your household tests positive for Covid-19 we strongly recommend that all members of your household get a PCR test as a precaution. **Pupils** should now remain at home whilst waiting for the result.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Brown



Nursery





We have been sharing books with our friends and looking at the characters.



A big **THANK YOU** for the kind donation of paper for our art work and toys to keep us busy.







We're working together with our friends. We help each other and take turns.

Year 1

We have been exploring subtraction in our Maths lessons and in Discovery Learning we have created our own sea scene outside in the tuff tray and built lego boats that could travel to the South Pole. This has all been inspired by our English text 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.







In 1J we have been learning about which animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores in our Science this week







Year 3



In Year 3 we have been learning to work collaboratively



In maths we have been using a variety of strategies to prove a theory.





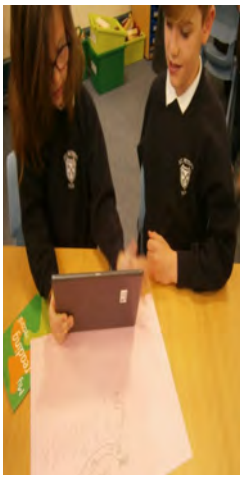
In art we have explored colour pallets to match famous paintings such as The Blue Ship by Alfred Wallis





3B Have been exploring the West Midlands in Geography





YEAR 5





Year 5 have been learning about the properties of materials and exploring the variables that affect the rate at which a solid dissolves









Year 5 have been studying the work of artist Ansel Adams photography and created pieces of work in the same style.

Your child will be bringing home their Christmas Card design this week.



Please return the picture, form and money by Friday 8th October at the latest

There are a number of children with headlice in school at the moment.

Please check your child's hair and treat them if necessary.





World Mental Health Day

Friday 8th October is #HelloYellow day

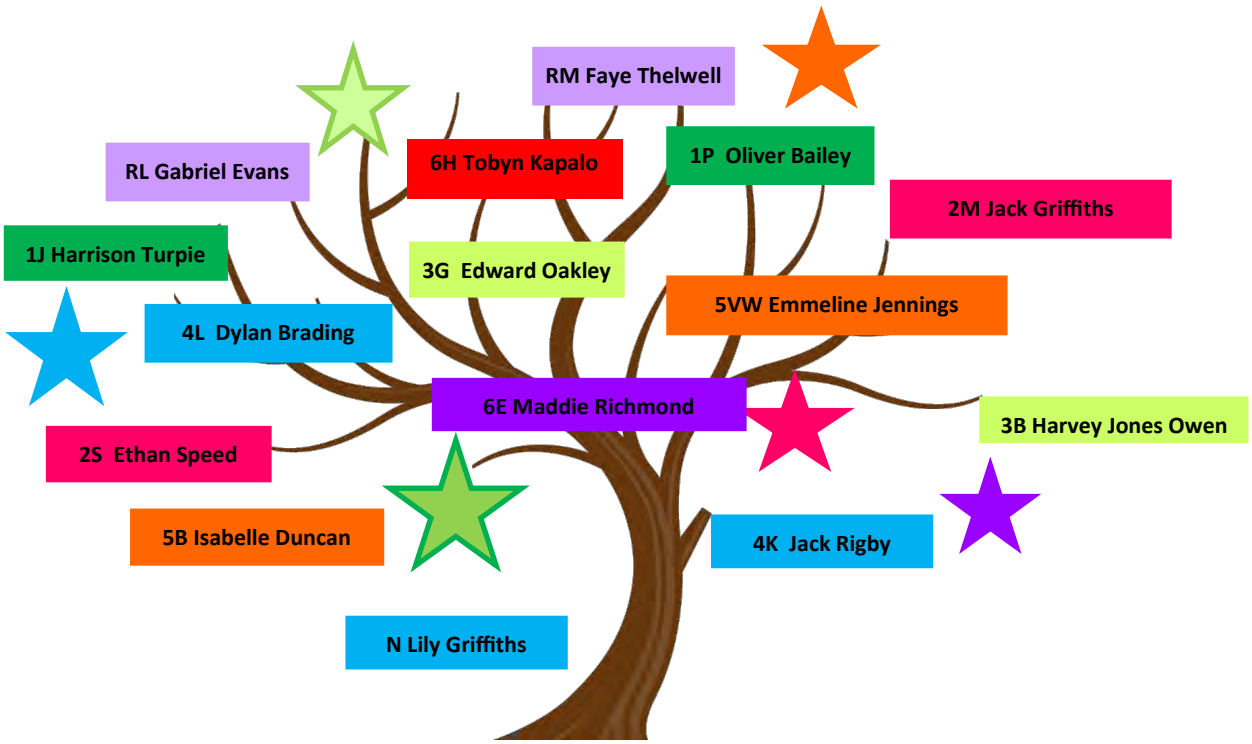
We encourage everyone to wear a yellow accessory and donate £1 on the day to help show young people they're not alone with their mental health, and help us raise vital funds for Young Minds.

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So, dig out your neon socks, custard scarf and banana hat, and join us in saying #HelloYellow on Friday 8 October.

If anyone would like to donate socks and pants as spares for classroom emergencies, they would be gratefully received.





Stars of the Week

** Readiness * Reasoning * Reflectivity * Resilience * Resourcefulness * Respect **

Update from Public Health England- Find out what has changed in relation to contacts of confirmed cases

What is a suspected case?

A suspected case is anyone with at least one of the 3 COVID-19 symptoms . These are a:

high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

Management of a suspected case

Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately self-isolate and have a PCR test. Their household members should also self-isolate unless they meet the exemption criteria for self-isolation (table 1). The suspected case should not attend the setting until 10 full days after the onset of their symptoms unless they have a negative PCR result, are well, do not have any household members with symptoms awaiting a test result and they have not been asked by Test & Trace to self-isolate.

Table 1. From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

If anyone is at school when they become unwell with a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of or change in their normal sense of taste or smell, they must be sent home as soon as possible.

What is a confirmed case?

A **confirmed case** is an individual who has received notification of a positive PCR test result.

Contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19

A **contact** of a **confirmed case** is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. You can be a contact anytime from 2 days before the person who tested positive developed their symptoms /tested positive if they do not have any symptoms, and up to 10 days after, as this is when they can pass the infection on to others. A contact can be:

⇒ anyone who lives in the same household as another person who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19
⇒ anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:

- face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
- been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)
- travelled in the same vehicle or a plane

Update for contacts of confirmed cases: From 16 August 2021, anyone under the age of 18 years and 6 months is no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case and advised to take a PCR test. They do not have to isolate when waiting on the PCR result unless they have symptoms of COVID-19.

18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children until 6 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get **fully vaccinated**. At which point, they will be subject to the same rules as adults and so if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact.

Fully vaccinated people / anyone who meets any of the self-isolation exemption criteria are no longer legally required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, but they will also be strongly advised to take a PCR. These contacts can continue to work until the results of the PCR are available.