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ST. PETER'S NEWS

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Message from Mrs Brown

I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term. We've started the second half of Autumn term with a bang and had a very exciting week this week with many events and activities taking place. Please follow our Facebook page for regular updates on what the children have been getting up to (search 'St Peter's CE Primary, Wem). This week's posts include year 4's visit to Whixall Moss, our computing work with Amazing ICT and a fantastic performance of the Shropshire Music Service Soul Band for Key stage 2 children to name but a few.

We are selling poppies and other Poppy Appeal items in school at the moment- please ask at the office if you'd like to purchase anything.

If you're celebrating Bonfire Night tonight have a great time and stay safe. Here are some handy tips from the Fire Service.

The firework code

Watching fireworks is popular and fun. But fireworks are explosives and potentially dangerous, so they need careful handling and storage.



- Only buy fireworks that are CE marked.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arms length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Don't set off noisy fireworks late at night and never after 11pm.



Safer Schools

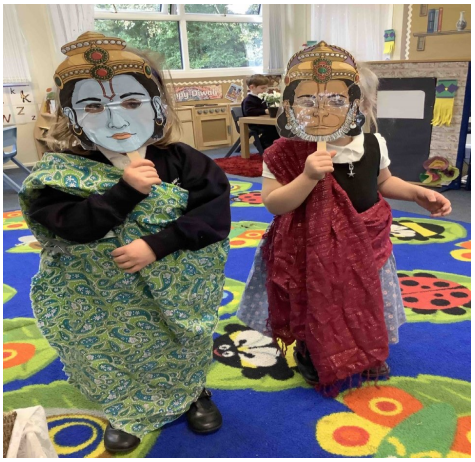
An excellent example of *Safer School* involvement. Mrs Brown recently held a *Safer School* meeting at St Peter's CE Primary and Nursery School, her first meeting since becoming Headteacher. It was well organised through 'Teams' video and included all aspects of the security/safety initiative. An important aspect of the *Safer School* process is gathering feedback from parents/carers/pupils and the results of a survey were rewarding and included many positive comments. Mrs Brown had updated a security/ safety checklist and we reviewed an incident recording sheet. Fortunately, there had been no recorded incidents since our previous meeting in 2019, which is excellent news. The school was presented with a new *Safer School* certificate and a future meeting is scheduled for Autumn 2022.

Nursery

We've been busy learning about Diwali this week.

We have looked at retelling the story of Rama and Sita, learnt some Bollywood dance moves, created Rangoli patterns and mehndi hand prints.









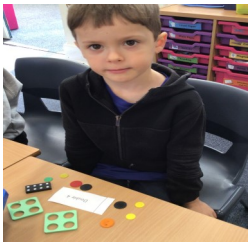








Year 1



We are brilliant at doubling numbers in Year 1 and have been using lots of resources to show doubles up to 10 +











In Science, we have been naming and labelling the parts of our body!



We were exploring Rangoli patterns with Numicon and coloured rice and we also read and wrote about Diwali traditions yesterday in our Discovery Learning session.

Year 3

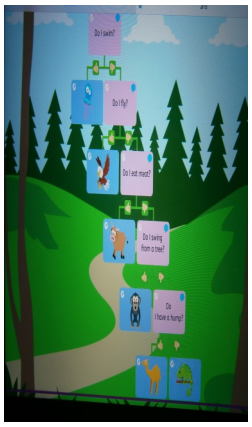
In Art 3B have been learning about Alfred Wallis





In computing, Mr Smith showed us how to create a database that allowed us to sort animals based on scientific questions

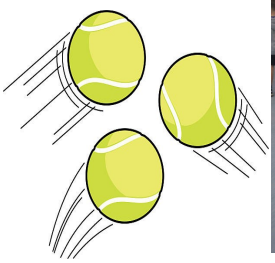
In PE we have been improving our throwing and catching skills







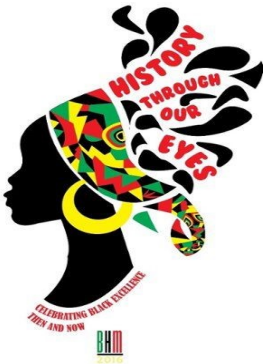




Year 5

5W had black history workshops in the hall and did some drama freeze frames













School Council

This year our School Council are organising Children In Need. On **Friday 19th November** we are asking you to come into school dressed in something fun!

This can be jeans and a jumper, fancy dress, sports kit etc. We are asking for a donation of £1 to be in non-uniform so that we can help others.



Here is a link to a message from Joe Wickes.
https://www.youtube.com/watchv=ewQOGvms_gQ

Thank you so much for your support



Join us on Monday 15th November by wearing odd socks to begin Friendship week across school. No donations needed, just help us to promote 'kind words' and an awareness of anti-bullying.

If you have any old Nativity outfits that you no longer need, school would be very grateful for them.





At St Peter's we strive to provide a strong bond with parents and carers enabling them to feel that they can approach staff at any time to discuss their child's learning.

To promote this further, we invite you to our

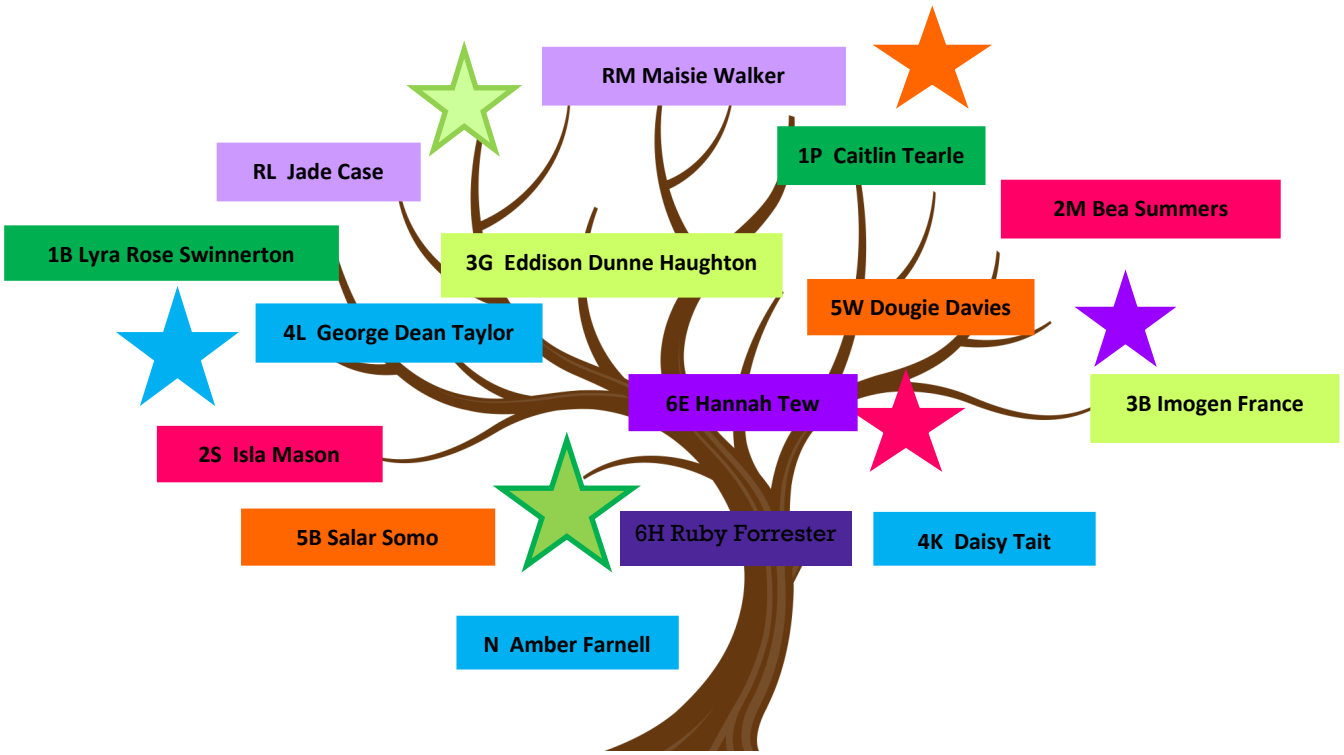
'Welcome Wednesday'

Happening every month where you can have a drink and a friendly chat with part of the inclusion team - Mrs Bache and Mrs Gresty who will be able to answer any questions you may have about your child's wellbeing.

Mrs Fitton will also be available to chat about local outside agencies and what they can provide for accessing further help and support.

Come and see us for a drink and a chat and we can explain the work that we do with children to help with their emotional wellbeing.

We will give you a warm welcome and look forward to meeting you.



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.



A UNITED SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

WILL BE HELD AT

THE PARISH CHURCH WEM

ON

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021

COMMENCING AT 10.50 A.M

AROUND THE WAR MEMORIAL

FOLLOWED BY A SERVICE IN THE PARISH CHURCH

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY REV. ROB HAARHOFF

BRITISH LEGION MEMBERS, SCOUTS, GUIDES, BROWNIES AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS ARE INVITED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN CAR PARK AT 10.30 A.M
READY FOR MARCH OFF AT 10.45 A.M

THE PARADE WILL BE LED BY THE WEM JUBILEE BAND