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ST. PETER'S NEWS

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Message from Mrs Brown



Please find below the latest guidance for schools in relation to the new Omicron variant of Covid.
On Saturday 27 November, the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK.
The new measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant while the government gather more information. They will continue to keep this under review as the situation develops.

Face coverings
Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in our school by staff and visitors, unless they are exempt. Children are not required to wear masks (11 years or below).

Testing
We must continue to encourage staff and pupils to test twice weekly using lateral flow device (LFD) tests.

Contact tracing and isolation
The current guidance on contact tracing and isolation remains in place. In addition to these, any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age. You will be contacted directly and told to isolate.

Vaccination
Anyone aged 12 and over are encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine, including boosters. Vaccines are our best defence against COVID-19. They help protect young people and adults, and benefit those around them. Vaccination makes people less likely to catch the virus and less likely to pass it on.
To book a vaccination, please visit the NHS website:
Book or manage a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination

We will keep you updated on any further developments. However, we are still planning to go ahead with our Christmas performances to parents unless further measures are introduced. For those of you who would prefer not to attend social gatherings at school at the moment, we have arranged to have the KS1 Nativity and KS2 Oliver productions professionally filmed. We will put these onto our website (free of charge) for anyone who can't attend.

Reception School Applications for September 2022

Some pupils currently in Nursery are due to transfer to their next school phase in September 2022. It is therefore essential that you make an application before the closing date of 15 January 2022. Pupils will receive a letter directly from Shropshire Council at the beginning of October. Please note that there is NO grace period for LATE applications. All applications are to be made online at

www.shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Nursery



In Nursery we are loving mark making at the moment. The children are accessing mark making opportunities in all areas of Nursery.













Post it notes are fantastic! We are writing messages to each other and to Santa as well as having a go at our friends' names.





We are practising our 'snappy crocodile' grip through using the tweezers and sticking craft pieces to our Christmas trees as well as lots of other activities to develop our fine motor control.



Year 1

We carried out an investigation using our senses in Science. We were finding out if 2 eyes are better than 1 by trying to put two pencil ends together with one eye open and then with 2.



"It was tricky with only one eye as you can only see half of the pencils."



"You can see more with two eyes so it will be better." *Ronnie*





"When I had one eye closed I could still do it." *Pasco*

We have been practising ordering our numbers in Maths and have been able to use the language 'greater than' and 'less then' to explain our work.







We learnt that using two eyes makes it easier to see depths more accurately.

Year 3

We have learnt how to work as a team in PE. We had to transfer the hoop around the circle without breaking the chain, we had lots of laughter as we ended up in knots!













In Art, looking at work created by Pablo Picasso, we have started creating our portraits.





The School Council would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has generously donated to the Food Bank Advent so far.

Year 5

We've been looking at Mass in science this week.







Loudmouth visited last week to talk to Year 5 about staying safe online.





loudmouth
education & training through theatre

A very big **thank you** to the Friends of St Peter's and all the helpers who supported our Secret Santa Shop. It was a great success due to their amazing organisation and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.













Tickets for our school production of Oliver! are on sale now at the office.

Monday 13th December 6pm

Tuesday 14th December 1.45pm and 6pm

Adults £3, Concessions £1



St Peter's Primary School
Year 4/5 Drama Club
Presents

Oliver! JR.

Book, Music, and Lyrics by
LIONEL BART

Monday December 13th 6 p.m.
Tuesday December 14th 1:45 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Tickets on sale December 1st from the office
£3 adults £1 children

All ticket revenue to pay for licensing
and filming costs

Lionel Bart's Oliver! JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
(212) 541-4684 mtishows.com



Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16th December

Roast sliced Turkey with Pork Sausage

Quorn Fillet with Vegan Sausage

Roast Parsnip, Cheese and Cranberry Quiche

All served with

Roast Potatoes, Mash, Baby Carrots, Peas

Stuffing & Gravy

Christmas Puddings

Festive Cookies

The Grinch Cupcakes

Trifle Pots

Festive Pudding and Custard

(Fruit salad, yoghurts, Cheese & Biscuits & Fruit Smoothies are readily available as an alternative to deserts of the day)

Additional Gluten free, vegan and dairy options will be available

Christmas Jumper Day
FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER
£1 donations welcome for the school fund



Please inform the school of any absence your child may have. **Failure to do so may trigger Educational Welfare action.** Please call 01939 232292 to speak to the office or leave a message.





We are pleased to announce that violin lessons will start in January 2022.

Follow the link below to register your interest.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NafsATh_u3FJEhj5Ss2EWtfpURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWlQ4V0VTRjRCRVRUUS4u

KS1 Nativity Monday 6th December 9.30 performance to parents

KS1 Nativity Tuesday 7th December 2pm performance to parents



Nursery Nativity performances
Monday 6th December 3.30pm and
Thursday 9th December at 3.30pm



Wem Scouts are proud to support St. Peters School & will be donating a Christmas Tree to the school this year!



Scouts



1st Wem Scouts Christmas Tree Sales

Selling beautiful Nordman Fir Trees

Delivery to your door included (to Wem and surrounding areas)

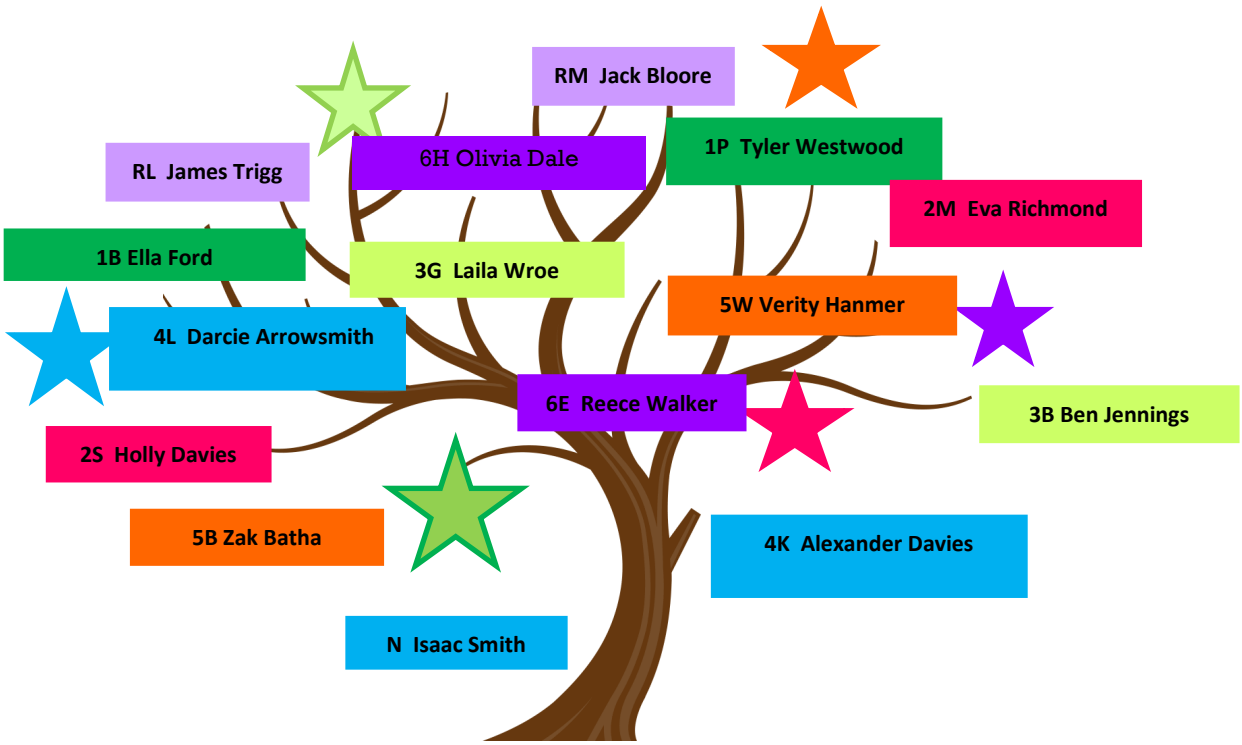
All proceeds to your local Scout Group

See our website for more details and to buy your tree!

Web: www.wemscoutschristmastrees.co.uk

Facebook: Wem Scouts Christmas Trees

Email: wemscoutschristmastrees@gmail.com



Stars of the Week

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

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.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2.15PM

Shropshire Music Service can offer the continuation of Year 5 Cornet lessons on a private basis. Please contact the office with your child's details to express an interest.



Advent for others

This Christmas, instead of the usual idea of an advent calendar and getting a chocolate behind each door, we would like to support our local foodbank in the lead up to Christmas.

Our school council will be on the gate each school morning, **throughout December,** to accept any donations to contribute to our Advent foodbank collection. It would be lovely if everyone could contribute at least one item during this time (a tin of beans or a packet of soup!) – or one item a week if you are feeling generous! We all have items in our cupboards that we never get around to using, so why not have a rummage and send them in.

START DATE WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER



Unfortunately, a small number of children are still bringing squash in their water bottles even though our school policy is clearly stated on our school website and a reminder was sent out at the beginning of this term.

Water Bottles
Please send your child into school with a water bottle. **This should be filled with water only**. We cannot make exceptions unless specifically requested to do so by a paediatrician or school nurse in individual cases and due to medical grounds.

Why do we use water bottles?
The medical profession has been telling us for many years that children do not drink enough water during the school day – and that the resulting dehydration contributes to a number of short and long-term health problems.

THE LINKS BETWEEN WATER, DEHYDRATION, HEALTH AND LEARNING- How does drinking water link to health?

- Drinking adequate amounts of water regularly throughout the day can protect health and contribute to well-being.
- Drinking adequate amounts of water can help prevent a range of short and long-term health problems from headaches, bladder, kidney and bowel problems to cancer.
- Water has none of the health problems associated with drinks containing sugar, additives, sweeteners, acids or caffeine.

To help keep teeth healthy, as well as brushing teeth regularly and visiting the dentist, we should cut down on added sugars. These are the sugars found in fizzy drinks, juice drinks, sweets, cakes and jam. It's best to stick to having these kinds of foods and drinks at mealtimes. **It's also important to avoid sipping sugary and acidic drinks or sucking sweets too often. This is because the longer the sugar touches your teeth, the more damage it can do.**

How does drinking water improve learning?

- The key to boosting the capacity to learn is to keep well hydrated throughout the day.
- When we are thirsty, mental performance deteriorates by 10%
- Pupils concentrate better because they are not distracted by the effects of dehydration such as thirst, tiredness and irritability
- It can aid behaviour management by helping to settle pupils in the classroom.
- Children will achieve more when both their health and learning needs are met.

Ensuring access to water and promoting a regular water intake throughout the school day is a vital role for schools in promoting health and providing a healthy learning environment.

- Children are able to access their water bottles during lesson time- please make sure to LABEL your child's water bottle and clean it at the end of each day.

ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN WATER BOTTLES – STAFF WILL EMPTY BOTTLES AND REFILL THEM WITH WATER IF THEY CONTAIN OTHER LIQUIDS.

AWARD-WINNING POET VISIT

Award-winning Poet, Joshua Seigal,

https://www.joshuaseigal.co.uk/is visiting school on Monday 6th December to work with children to inspire their inner poet! He will be bringing some copies of his new book 'Welcome to my Crazy Life' (aimed at KS2) £6 each. If children already have a copy at home, they are more than welcome to bring those in to be signed.

Josh will be around after school to sign books.

