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ST. PETER'S NEWS

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Message from Mrs Brown

We've made it through the Autumn term! Everyone has worked so hard in school to keep everyone safe, and without the support of you, our families, this would not have been possible- we thank you very much!

The children have had a great time in the run up to the end of term and this culminated in a wonderful production of 'Oliver' performed by our Year 4 and 5 drama club. Watching our talented children perform and sing so confidently really made me realise just how special St Peter's is. A big thank you to Mr Kennard and Mrs Laffey for giving up their free time to run the club and organise the production.

Thank you to Mrs Evans and kitchen staff for providing us with a delicious Christmas dinner after the service too.

Children and staff looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers today- a lovely way to end the term!

We have a few people who are leaving us at the end of this week. We would like to say goodbye and good luck to Mr Edwards, who will be starting at his new school in January, Mrs Evans, our Cook in Charge, who hasn't been with us long but will be much missed and Mrs Stewart, TA in year 6. We wish you all the very best in your next ventures.

There hasn't been any significant change to government guidance about the operation of schools (although that may change during the holiday and we'll keep you updated), so we expect to be back in January (Tuesday 4th January 2022) running exactly as we are now, in line with our risk assessment.

Have a very lovely Christmas break, see you in the New Year!

Mrs Brown

KS1 and Oliver productions are now available to view on our school website (in the parent news section) and on our Facebook page .

Nursery



We have had lots of Christmas activities for the children this week. The children were playing in the role play area - pretending that they were having their Christmas dinner.











Year 1

We have had lots of fun taking part in our Nativity performances!



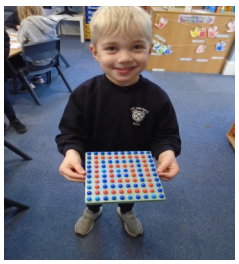
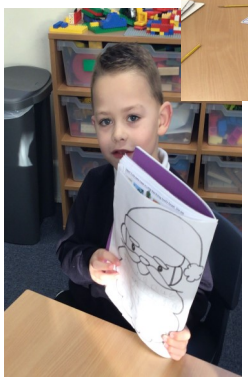


PARTY TIME!!!!!






Christmas maths with shapes, lego, numicon and peg boards .



We wrote some Christmas poems all about Santa. We used some good adjectives to describe him.

Year 3

We enjoyed looking through all the work we created in the Autumn term and selecting one piece that made us feel very proud to be displayed in class. Please do ask them which piece of work they chose.









We have been analysing, designing, making and evaluating Christmas dips.

In Design and technology, we have evaluated dips, designed our own, made them and then evaluated them. Some children have decided next time they won't add as much chilli powder to their creation!









3B have also enjoyed finishing the week with some Christmas crafts.

Year 5

The Great St Peter's Cook Off







Evaluating existing products for our Design and Technology



5B's winning team with Breaded Halloumi with a homemade cheese, chive and garlic dip



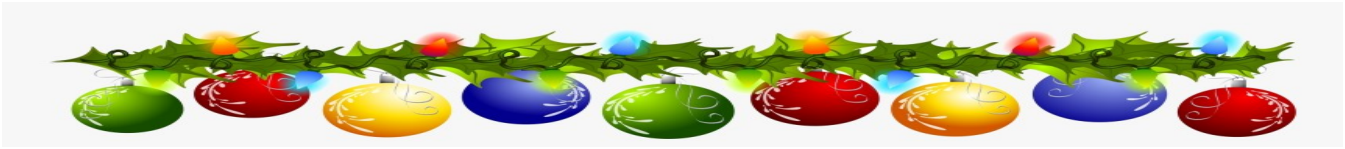








We have been investigating the effects of water resistance in Science. We built our own boats out of recycling and then timed how long each boat took to cross the pool. We discussed how streamlined each boat was, the materials it had been made out of and how this had impacted their time it took to cross the pool.



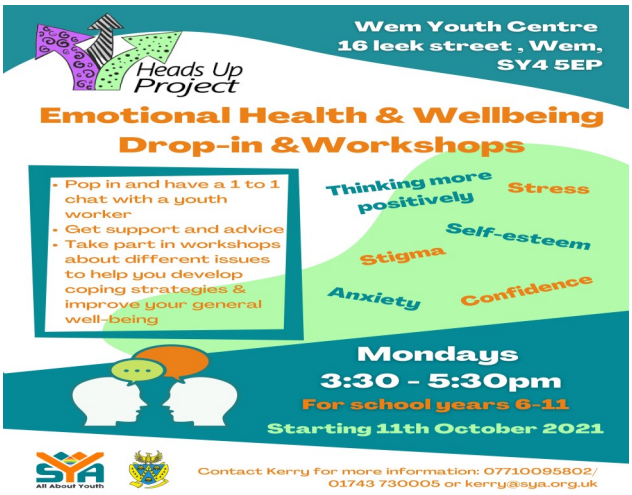
From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff and pupils should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to their school. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the Sunday 12 December press release. This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

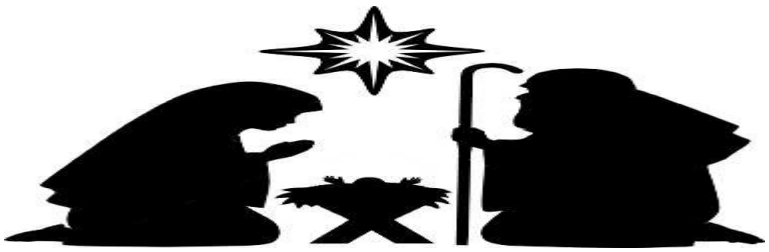
Reception School Applications for September 2022

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



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.

St Peter and St Pauls Church have the crib service on the 24th of December at 5.00pm – everyone is welcome.



In addition, and something new for St Peter and St Pauls Church, on the 16th of January at 4 o'clock the Church have a Christingle service to which they ask every person who is coming, child and adult, to bring an orange for themselves. Other ingredients will be supplied to create a Christingle making factory before the service from 3.15 in the church hall.



SHROPSHIRE LARDER

Emergency Support over Christmas 2021- Shropshire Council

December	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25	Sunday 26
w/c 20th	WS 9am-5pm CRT 9am-5pm	WS 9am-5pm CRT 9am-5pn	WS 9am-5pm CRT 9am-5pm	WS 9am-5pm CRT 9am-5pm	WS 9am-4pm	**Christmas Day- Closed**	**Boxing Day- Closed**
December	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31	Saturday 1	Sunday 2nd
w/c 27th	**Closed**	**Closed**	WS 9am-5pm CRT 10am-3pm (reduced staffing)	WS 9am-5pm CRT 10am-3pm (reduced staffing)	WS 9am-4pm CRT 10am-3pm (reduced staffing)	**Closed**	**Closed**

Shropshire Council can help with food parcels and other emergency support

Community Reassurance Team (CRT)- 0345 678 9028 can help with emergency food and grants.
Normal opening hours are 8am to 6pm on weekdays, and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays. Christmas opening hours over as listed above.
Each caller will be asked to explain their need and, if required, this information will be passed on to the appropriate support.

Welfare Support Team (WS)- 0345 678 9078 can provide grants for emergency support such as food and fuel credit.
Normal opening hours Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. Christmas opening hours as listed above.

Help for Families

Christmas is now just around the corner, and we are unfortunately anticipating that the combination of the removal of the Universal Credit uplift and the rise in fuel and food prices will mean that this winter period and beyond will be a very difficult one for many house-holds. The Shropshire Larder is a community information resource, bringing together the support available in Shropshire for people on low incomes. Use the link to find out more... https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/

Do you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals?

Application is quick and easy. Please follow the link below to find out if your qualify:

https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/



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.



A big thank you was received from the Local Royal British Legion for our St Peters children helping to raise £217.01 for this years Poppy Appeal.

Some of our children took part in the Remembrance Parade both in Wem and Shawbury, and have been rewarded for their contribution by the Royal British Legion.

Well done everybody!



