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ST. PETER'S NEWS

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Message from Mrs Brown

Welcome back to all our families. We hope you had a good Christmas break and wish you all a very happy New Year!

As you may have heard in the media, there has been a rise in cases of Covid over the past few weeks. We continue to take precautions as instructed by the government and will continue to require staff and visitors to wear face masks when walking around the school building. In addition, we have decided not to hold whole school assemblies for the next couple of weeks. We continue to follow our risk assessment in regards to appropriate handwashing, cleaning and use of anti-bacterial hand gel etc. We will review these arrangements at the end of the month, or in response to any further guidance. Please help us as much as you can by having a PCR test if you, or anyone in your household, is symptomatic. New guidance has been sent out as below.

Clarification on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

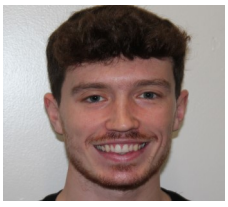
Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further information, including examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms, is available in the stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection

New staff



On a happier note, we would like to warmly welcome some new staff to St Peter's. We look forward to them becoming part of our team and hope they'll be very happy at our fabulous school!



Mr Bearne (Sports Co-ordinator)



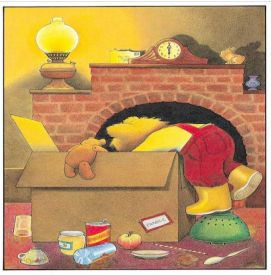
Mrs Evanson (Head Cook)



Miss Parsons (Yr6 Teacher)

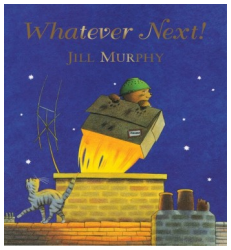
Reception





Reception have loved reading our new story of 'Whatever Next'.





We have been writing a list of objects that Baby bear took to the moon with him.





We enjoyed our PE session with Mr Bearne, where we pretended to be different superheroes moving around the hall.





Year 2











Year two have been exploring what a geographer is and what they study. We enjoyed using the maps, atlases and globes to discover more about our world.



An exciting first PE lesson with our new sports co-ordinator, Mr Bearne.







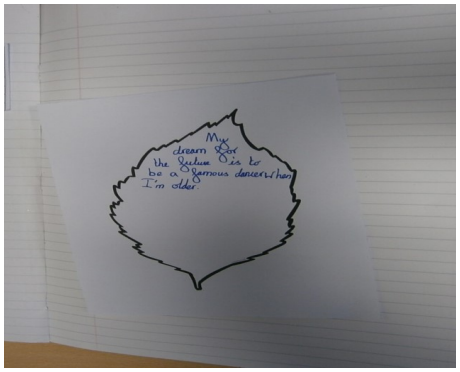


Exploring the value of money, learning how to find totals and equivalents amounts in money using notes and coins.

Year 4

Back to it in Year 4 for 2022!

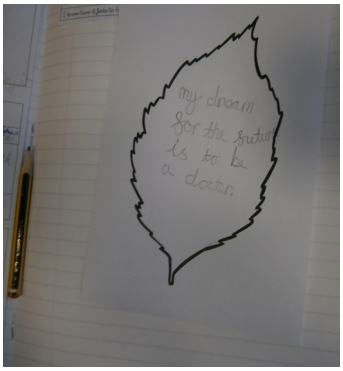




Leaves for Character Education about our dreams.







Year 6

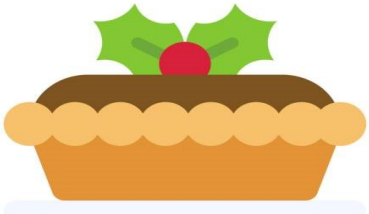
Before Christmas Year 6 were invited to the Church to make and indulge in some mince pies. Mr Cotterill made the children very welcome and was good fun.













There has been an amendment to our term dates as a result of the Queens Jubilee. Please find below an updated version for 21-22. This has also been placed on our website.

ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL WEM

TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 21-22

AUTUMN TERM 21

Professional Development Day	Wednesday	1st	September
Term	Thursday Thursday	2nd 21st	September October
Professional Development Day	Friday	22nd	October
Half Term	Monday Friday	25th 29th	October October
Term	Monday Friday	1st 17th	November December
Christmas Holiday: Monday 20th December 2021-Monday 3rd January 2022			

SPRING TERM 22

Term	Tuesday Thursday	4th 17th	January February
Professional Development Day	Friday	18th	February
Half Term	Monday Friday	21st 25th	February February
Term	Monday Friday	28th 8th	February April
Easter Holiday: Monday 11th April- Friday 22nd April			

SUMMER TERM 22

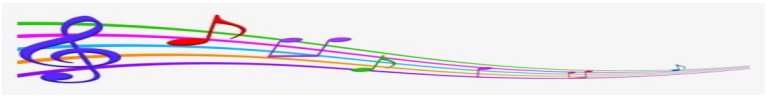
Term	Monday Friday	25th 27th	April May
May Day	Monday	2nd	May
Professional Development Day	Friday	27th	May
Half Term	Monday Friday	30th 3rd	May June
Term	Monday Tuesday	6th 19th	June July
Professional Development Day	Wednesday	20th	July

Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Violin lessons will start next week on a Thursday. If you are interested, please follow the link below to register:

https://www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk/lesson-sign-up





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/

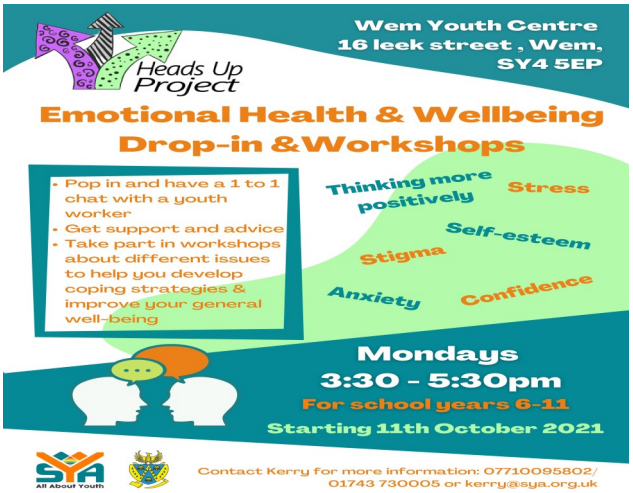


Everyone is warmly invited to St Peter & St Paul's Christingle service on Sunday 16th January. At 3.30pm please arrive at the church hall with an orange for an exciting Christingle making factory, ready for the beautiful service in church at 4.00pm.









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.

stay & play

Are you at home with a 2-3 year old?

Would you like to meet up with other parents and carers?

We are offering a Stay and Play session in our Creative Hub (using entrance via the Doctor's car park).

Bring your child; there will be activities to play with and a chance for you to chat with Early Years staff and fellow parents and carers.

The session will be Wednesday 19th January 1pm-2.30pm

FREE

Please register your interest by calling the school office on 01939 232292 by Friday 14th January If successful this will be

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?

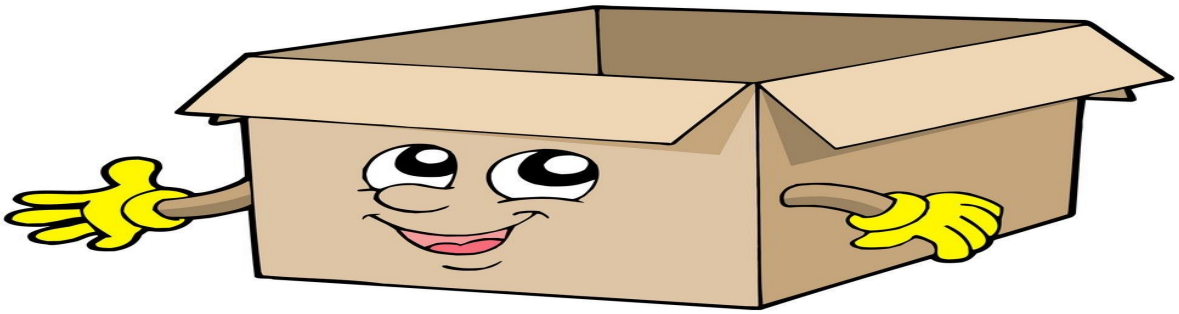
- The key to boosting the capacity to learn is to keep well hydrated throughout the day.
- When we are thirsty, mental performance deteriorates by 10%
- Pupils concentrate better because they are not distracted by the effects of dehydration such as thirst, tiredness and irritability
- It can aid behaviour 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.

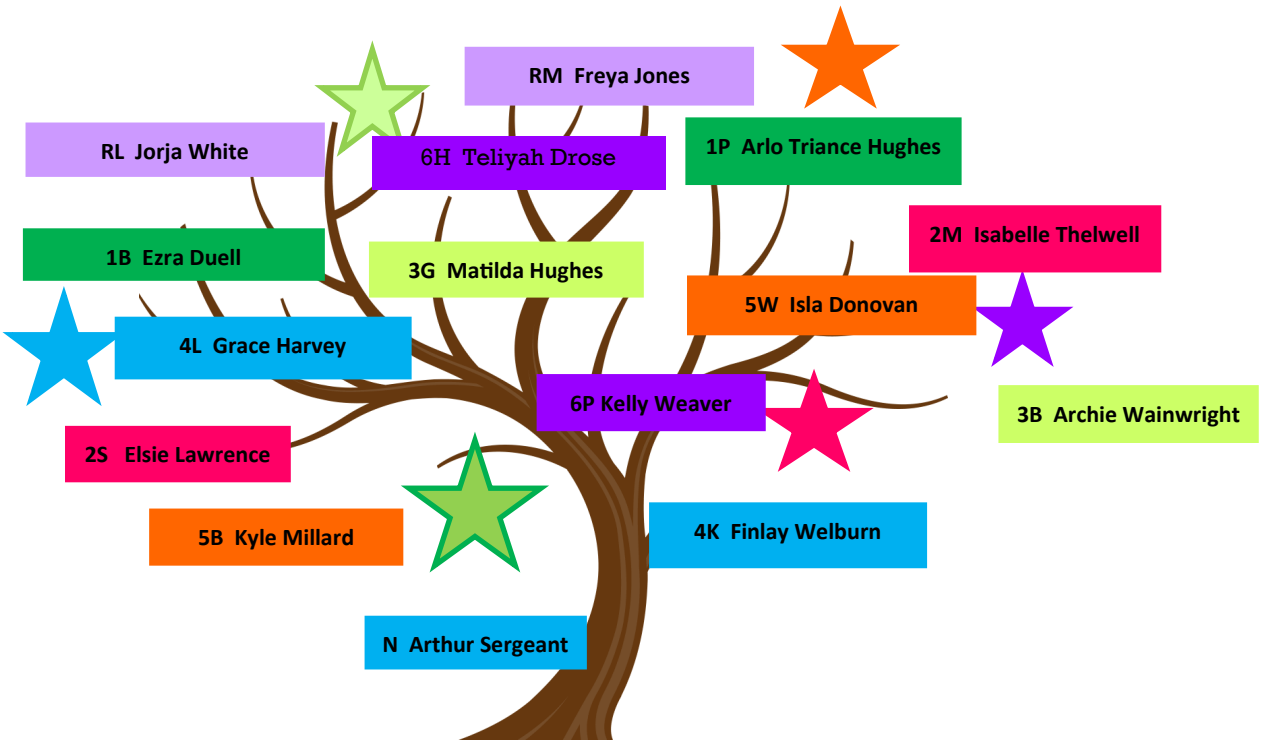
ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN WATER BOTTLES – STAFF WILL EMPTY BOTTLES AND REFILL THEM WITH WATER IF THEY CONTAIN OTHER LIQUIDS.

Foundation Stage are on the look out for **LARGE** cardboard boxes. If anyone has any, we would be very grateful for them.



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/



Stars of the Week

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

Level 1 Lunchtime Supervisor

Start date: Spring Term (as soon as possible)

Hours of work: 11.45-12.45 Mon- Fri

We are looking to appoint a temporary lunchtime supervisor to support children in our Nursery at lunchtimes. This is a temporary post due to an increase in pupil numbers.

We are looking for someone who is hardworking, enthusiastic, patient and caring, who can use their own initiative and will support the children at lunchtime with play and eating, helping to ensure children play well together and develop good eating habits.

You are very welcome to come and visit our lovely school. To make an appointment to come and have a look around, or for an application form, please contact our Business Manager, Caroline Clorley, on 01939232292 or by email at admin@st-peters.shropshire.sch.uk.

St Peter's CE Primary & Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children; we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing date for applications: Monday 17th January 22
Interviews: Thursday 20th January 22
Application forms can be accessed by contacting our administration team admin@st-peters.shropshire.sch.uk or directly from the WM Jobs website

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JOB DESCRIPTION

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NAME	
JOB TITLE	**Lunchtime Supervisor**
RESPONSIBLE TO	**Head teacher/ Lunchtime Supervisor Manager**
HOURS OF WORK	**5 hours weekly (temporary until end of academic year)**
SCALE	**Level 1**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Under the direction/instruction of senior staff (Headteacher/Lunchtime Supervisor Manager): support and supervise the children at lunchtime in the dining hall, and care for and play with the children on the school grounds when the weather is fine, or in the classroom when it is wet.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Duties

 Supervise and help the children to eat their lunches
 Maintain calm discipline according to the rules of the schools
 Interact with the children and organise games and activities during wet and dry lunchtimes
 Assist in clearing the hall and cloakrooms, and the classrooms after a wet lunchtime
 Deal with any incidents and/or accidents involving children, administer first aid where applicable and record in the appropriate books
 Monitor the playground; assist with positive behaviour systems, check health and safety of children and be vigilant to see and challenge people arriving and leaving the site
 Liaise with senior members of staff regarding issues arising and possible courses of action

Responsibilities

 Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, discipline, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to an appropriate person
 Be aware of and support difference and ensure equal opportunities for all
 Contribute to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school
 Appreciate and support the role of other professionals
 Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required
 Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required

Any other duties that would reasonably be expected of the post holder