28th January 2022

ST. PETER'S NEWS

St Peter's CE Primary & Nursery School
Shrubbery Gardens, Wem SY4 5BX
Tel: 01939 232292
Email: admin@st-peters.shropshire.sch.uk

Message from Mrs Brown

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are having a difficult week this week with regard to a rise in covid cases in school. Our Early Years team has been severely affected and we are working very hard to maintain staffing levels. It is increasingly difficult to find supply teachers to cover classes. Whilst every effort is being made to keep classes open I am giving you advanced warning that we may have to close classes, at short notice, for health and safety reasons should we be unable to operate with appropriate adult to child ratios. This is a particular concern in reception and nursery as, currently, both reception teachers and a number of support staff are self-isolating.

Please support us by ensuring that you test your child regularly with a lateral flow and that children are kept at home if ill or have any of the symptoms of covid e.g. temperature/ general flu like symptoms.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Brown

Noah had the opportunity to play at Liverpool FC Academy this week. He plays for The New Saints (TNS) a Welsh Academy Team, based in Oswestry and they were invited to play against Liverpool FC. They all did absolutely brilliantly! Playing 5 games in total, all close (including a few wins!) with lots of fantastic goals and smiles all round! Noah put in a brilliant performance with great feedback from TNS and Liverpool coaches. Well done Noah- we are very proud of you!





Nursery

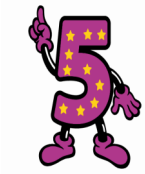


"I've got 5. That's a magic high 5" Darcie F and Sofia



We have been learning to stop at a given number this week. We know that the last number is the total. We say stop when we get to that number.





"I found ice. Its melting on my hand" - Isla

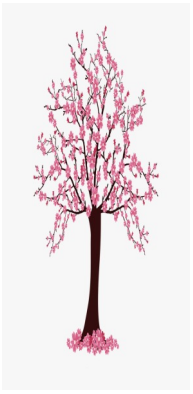
We had a picnic on the moon with our teddy



"There's pink flowers growing." Darcie W looking at buds on the tree









Year 1



"I used the raindrop tool and it switched the colours round in my picture. Mr Smith explained that this tool was for inverting the colours. " - Alfie

In Discovery Learning, our task was to create a suitable enclosure for a lion. We had to use our prior learning of animals, materials and our English text "The Lion Inside" to support our planning and designs.







On Tuesday, Mr Smith worked with us for our Computing session. We used a free program called https://paintz.app/ to create our own digital art. We were able to choose our own colours, draw lines, reflect our image, duplicate our original design to create more and resize. Lots of us are excited to try it out at home too.

"I used junk modelling materials to create my lion enclosure. It was harder to stick the boxes together than I thought it would be." Olli B





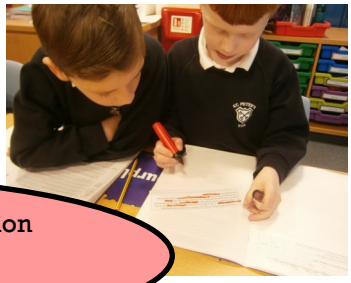


"Lion is tougher than the other animals." Leo.

We've had great fun practising our writing through role play in English.

Year 3

In English, we have read in the style of David Attenborough. We have been investigating facts to support our writing using a variety of resources, ICT, Magazines, and leaflets.





'I found looking at different information helpful before writing a magazine article.'





Dear Children

Please help me!

At night it is very dark in the classroom and I am worried that somebody might stand on me or put something on top of me when they are cleaning.

There is a little bit of light from the street lights outside, so please can you find me something reflective to wear?

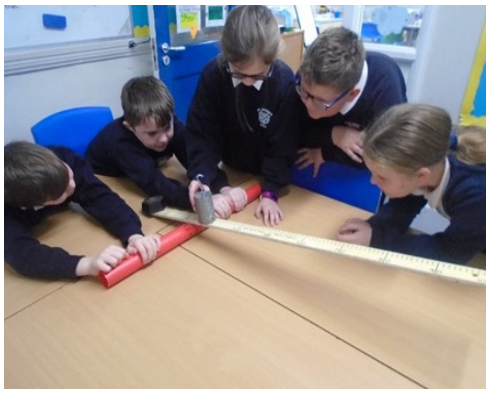
I hope that I help you with your worries and that you can help me with mine.

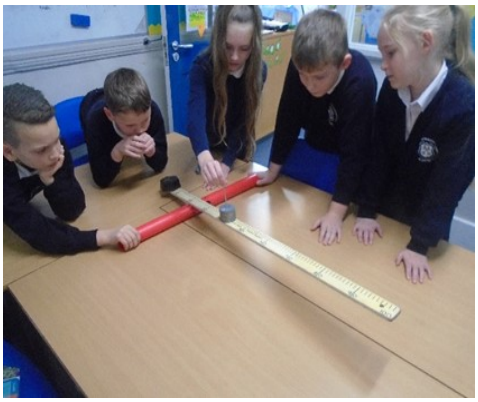
Thank you so much.

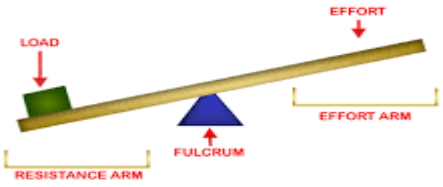


"We have had fun learning about reflective materials in science, to help our Worry Monster. We found that we need to make him something made from foil to help him feel more visible at night. Some of us have very reflective coats too!"

Year 5







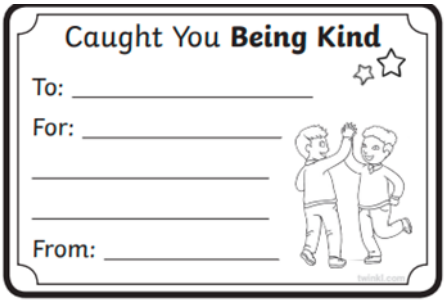


This week in our science learning we have been investigating levers. We investigated the distance different sized weights need to be from the fulcrum to balance the 1kg

‘Be a buddy, not a bully!’

The children’s safeguarding board are working together to celebrate all the positive behaviour that we see across the school. We are going to ‘catch you being kind’ and following our school golden rules then reward you with a kindness voucher! Each week, the children’s safeguarding board will be awarding kindness certificates during celebration assembly.

Look out for us – we will be wearing special badges. If you want to know more about us, check out our display boards across school.







Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19 is available.

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.

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 Doctors' 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 16th March
1pm-2.30pm
FREE

Please register your interest by calling the school office on 01939 232292 by Friday 11th March If successful this will be once a month with further dates advertised.

Queen's Jubilee – Nominate a Baton Bearer

You can now nominate a Baton bearer for the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay in England. Simply describe how they are a figure of inspiration and how they take on challenges in the community.

The Queen's Baton Relay will travel to every region in England, before arriving at the Opening Ceremony of the Commonwealth Games on 28 July 2022.

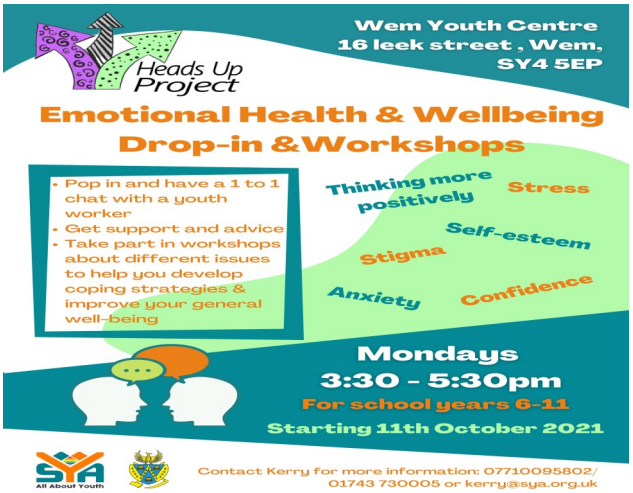
The criteria for a Baton bearer in England is a person who meets one or more of the following:

- Always willing to take on a challenge and has a unique and inspiring story;
- Has made a meaningful contribution to sport, education, the arts, culture, or charity;
- Is a figure of inspiration that positively challenges others to achieve their best;
- Has taken on a challenge or cause and made a positive impact within their community

You have until 14 February 2022 to get your nominations in. Let's take it on, together. Nominate a local hero to be a Baton bearer in England.

https://www.birmingham2022.com/queens-baton-relay/batonbearer-nominations/





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.



Volunteering goes both ways.

It's good for them, and it's good for you.

We all want young people to have the chance to dream big, give it a go, and build skills for life.

But it's not just the young people who benefit from Scouts.

Volunteering is good for boosting your wellbeing, developing CV-friendly skills, making friends and building memories.

Whether you want to support young people or if you're more comfortable planning an adventure from the sidelines, we've got space for you.

Volunteering opportunities available now.

email; scouts@1stwemscouts.co.uk
facebook; 1st Wem Scout Group

Copyright 2021 The Scout Association Registered Charity numbers 306101/SC038437

Autism West Midlands Information for Parents

FREE Webinars:

For parents, carers and professionals throughout the region, watch "live" or via an automated link to watch a replay. Click on the links to find out more including registration details –
Understanding Autism – Friday 18th February 9.30am-10.30am
https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/understanding-autism-webinar-west-midlands-18feb22/

Autism and Anxiety – Friday 4th March 9.30am – 10.30am
Bookings open soon – please check the "events" section of our website
How Autistic People Process Information – Friday 18th March 9.30am-10.30am
https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/how-autistic-people-process-information-webinar-18mar22/

- **HALF TERM FAMILY EVENT**

Attingham Park - Tuesday 22nd February 10am – 12pm
https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/attingham-park-walk-for-shropshire-families/

- WEEKLY Zoom Advice slots – every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

For those would like some face-to-face contact we are offering this virtually via video appointments. Zoom works well on mobile phones. To book a 45 min advice appointment with a specialist autism advisor please book via our shop
https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/online-autism-advice-shropshire/

- **Virtual Support Group for Parents** - Wednesday Mornings 10am-11am & Wednesday Evenings 8pm-9pm – NOW 1st and 3rd Weds of each month

From the New Year we moved our online support groups to twice a month via the Zoom platform. This is an opportunity to talk with other parents, share ideas, and offer support.
If you are working with a parent/carer who would like to join either of the support groups, please ask them to email the team here shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

- **Advice and support**

We continue to offer advice and support over the phone and via email. Parents/carers and professionals can contact our small team directly to arrange an appointment please call:

Mon, Wed, Fri	- Wendy Cowton	07900784186
Weds, Thu, Fri	- Emma Hegenbarth	07881109480
Tue, Wed, Thu	- Dawn Lewis	07706309382
Email	shropshire@autismwestmidlands.org.uk	
Helpline	0121 450 7575	

Food Support over Half Term

Wem Store Cupboard has agreed to make up food parcels for half term week which can be pre ordered and collected on **Saturday 19th February from Wem Youth Club between 10am and 11.30.**

Wem Youth Club will also be open on Monday 21st between 10 - 12 noon for Breakfast Play and Eat, Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th from 5.30 - 7pm for tea and play.
These sessions will be open to all free of charge, under 7s will need to be accompanied by an adult.

This is not just for students in receipt of free school meals, but also for those in work but on low incomes.

Boxes can be booked by contacting Tel & Fax: 01939 232733

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.

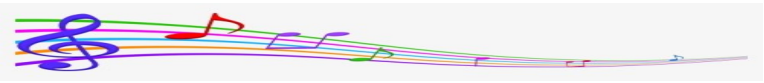
ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN WATER BOTTLES – STAFF WILL EMPTY BOTTLES AND REFILL THEM WITH WATER IF THEY CONTAIN OTHER LIQUIDS.

St Peter's Needs you! Trips, sporting events and swimming.

We feel that memorable events are a huge aspect of our children's learning.
As these events start to be rescheduled for all year groups we are in need of your help.
We would really appreciate it if you are able to support classes or groups of children for different trips, events or activities during the year, even if it's just walking to church or the swimming pool.
A DBS check is required for helpers. There is a straight-forward form which can be completed at the office with proof of identity.
If you can help please ask at the school office.
Thanks for your continued support.

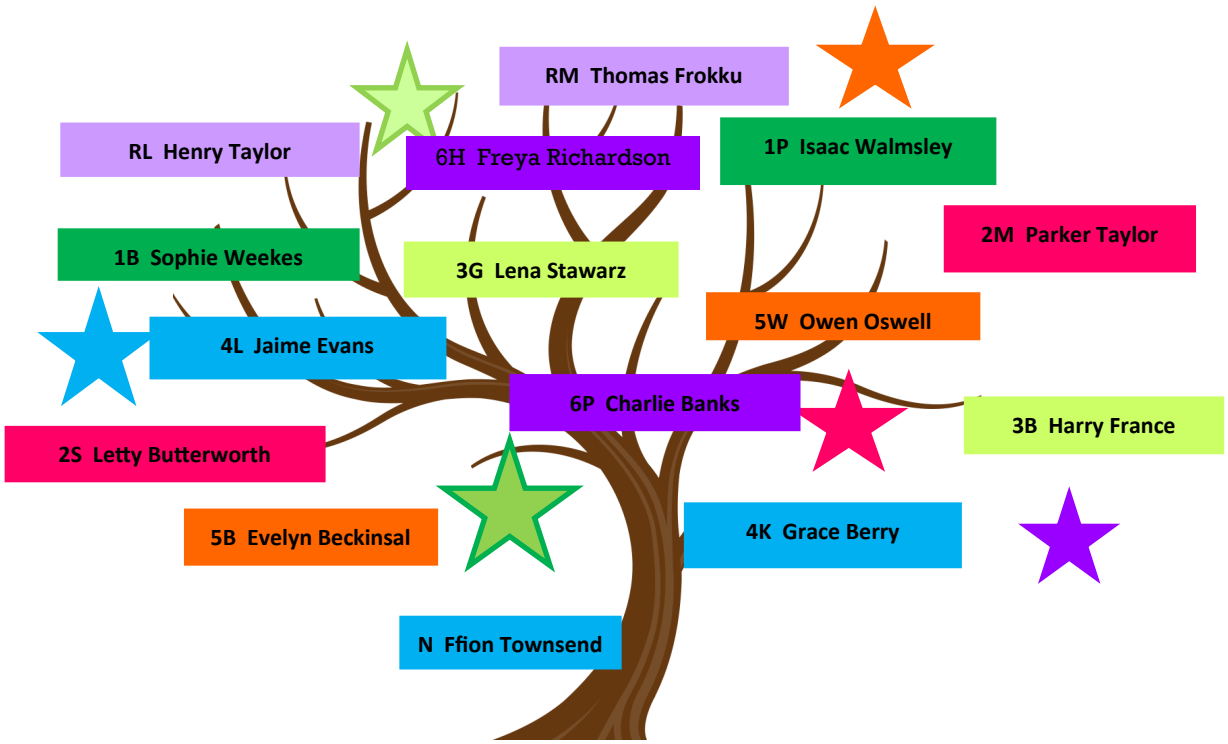
Violin lessons started last week on Thursday. If you are interested, please follow the link below to register:

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





If there are exceptional circumstances that require you to take your child out of school during term time, please complete a leave of absence in term time form. This may be collected from the office and can also be found on our website in the parents' area. Go to Parents Area -> Office -> Forms.



Stars of the Week

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