11th February 2022

ST. PETER'S NEWS

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We are the attendance leads at St Peter's. We work with parents, children and the EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) to monitor and support good attendance and punctuality.

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Being in school helps children to develop friendships, social skills, team values, life skills and career pathways. Going to school is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects.

We want and need your children to be in school so that we may play an active role in developing their social and emotional well-being, whilst providing them with an ambitious and engaging curriculum.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the inclusion team and we will do our best to help you.

Mrs McKirgan and Mrs Mellings





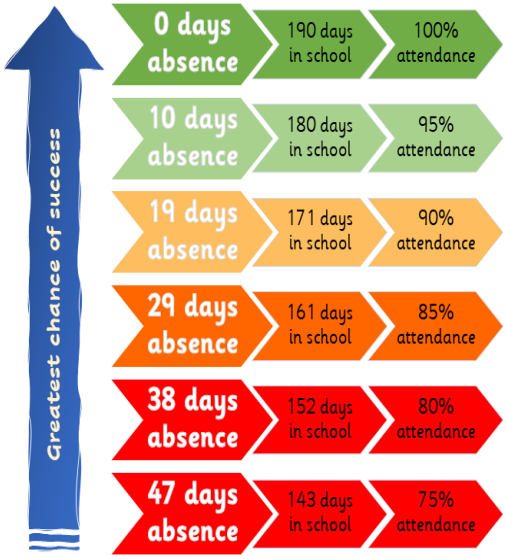
Message from the Inclusion Team.

A big thank you to all of our families who ensure their children attend school and do so punctually. Currently our whole school attendance is at an impressive 96%.

Please ensure your child is here on time. School is open from 8.45 and doors close promptly at 8.55. Registers close at 9.00. Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential.

Attendance in figures

Achieving 90 per cent in an exam or test is a fantastic result, but if your child is at school for only 90 per cent of the school year then they will have missed 19 days - almost four whole weeks of school. For primary-age children, this can mean almost 120 guided learning hours. This is a huge gap for any child to make up, almost too big…



If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	≈ 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	≈ 8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	≈ 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	days per year	≈ 24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

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Holidays in Term Time

Term time holidays have been increasing over the last number of years. Parents should make every effort to make sure that their child does not miss school due to holiday plans.

The law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during the term time. Any application for leave must only be in exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional and warrant the granting of leave.

Parents can be fined by the local authority for taking their child on holiday during term time without the consent of the school. It is important that parents understand that the initial fixed penalty notice of £60 is issued to each parent for each child. A two-parent family with two children would be fined £240.

How to encourage good attendance

You can encourage good attendance by:

· having a routine from an early age and sticking it to it

· making sure your child understands the importance of good attendance and punctuality

· making sure they understand the possible implications for themselves and you as a parent if they don't go to school

· taking an interest in their education - ask about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities

· discussing any problems, they may have at school and letting their teacher know about anything that is causing concern

· not letting them take time off school for minor ailments or holidays during term time

Thank you for your continued support. We want and need the children to be in school every day. If you feel you would like further support with attendance or punctuality, please contact a member of the Inclusion Team.

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.

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.

Nursery

"This is tricky. My hand is going to get strong." Ariyha using the pegs on the washing line





"Magnets... like magnet eyes. In phonics time!" Antonina







Our learning this week has been based around the story 'Aliens Love Underpants'. We have been designing pants for the aliens, practising our fine motor skills by using pegs to hang up the washing, investigating magnetic force and reading through the book ourselves. We also used 'google Earth' to look around the world and where our special places are in Wem.

"Look, the aliens are coming to Earth" Imogen





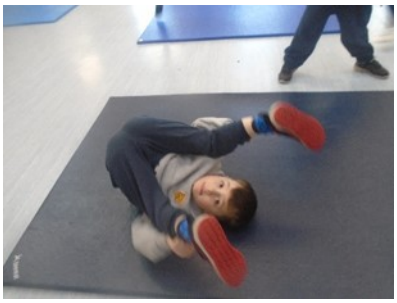


"It's not sticking. The jug isn't attract to magnet" Abigail explaining using the idea of attraction

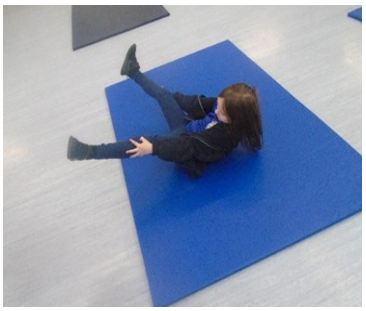




Year 1



In PE, we have been practising our jumps, balances and rolls in Gymnastics. This week we focused on the log roll and the teddy bear roll. The teddy bear roll was a bit tricky but we were resilient and didn't give up.





We have been designing, making and evaluating toys linked to our History Topic.



"I made a football. Next time I would use playdough to make it." Finley.

"Mine is a tablet. I like it because it looks like my design." Molly.







"Plastic is the best, it's waterproof. The water wipes off." Sophie.



In Science we carried out an investigation to find the best material to make a raincoat from.

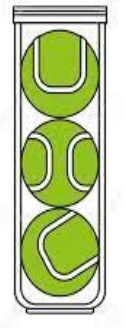
Year 3



"We had a fabulous tennis lesson today and we learnt how to return a ball with control."



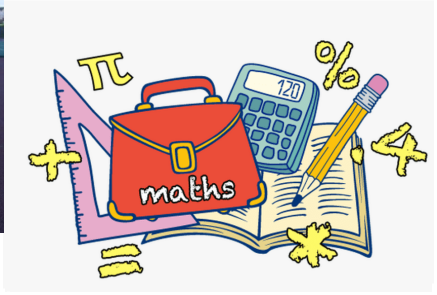












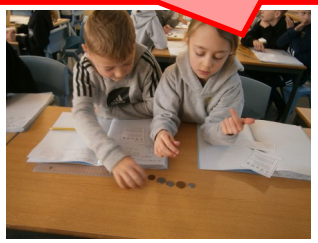


'I thought it was really fun, I hit the ball!'

In Maths, we love solving word problems!

'It was sort of tricky to start with, but when I got the hand of it, it was a fun challenge.'





We had our first tennis lesson this week and we loved it!

Year 5

This term 5B have been developing their basketball skills











"We have learnt about dribbling, attacking and defending. "





This week we applied our skills and held inter house basketball matches.



Beam Timetable of Virtual Workshops for Parents & Professionals

Beam have organised three informative and engaging workshops for parents and professionals. These workshops will be held via MS Teams. The workshops will cover:-

- **Supporting Children and Young People with Anxiety** – aims and objectives are to pass over psycho - education within the topic followed by practical suggestions of methods and techniques to help support the youth experience issues with anxiety.
- **Wellbeing Planning** – a workshop which explains and provides a tool for Children and Young people to support their general Emotional Health and Wellbeing, it recognises triggers and promotes self-awareness, this can also be used as a relapse tool to support resilience.

Sleep Support - aims to pass over psycho - education within the topic followed by practical suggestions and advise of methods and techniques to help support the children and young people having difficulties with getting to sleep and staying a sleep.

Monday 21st Feb 10-11am - Supporting Children & Young People with Anxiety

Wednesday 2nd March 4pm - Wellbeing Planning

Wednesday 9th March 4pm - Supporting Children & Young People with Anxiety

Thursday 17th March 4pm - Sleep Support

Monday 21st March 10-11am - Wellbeing Planning

Monday 28th March 10-11am - Supporting Children & Young People with Anxiety

Event Date: 24th February

Event Address:

Church Stretton Library

Church Street, SY6 6DQ

DogsTrust

Half term fun for kids with Dogs Trust!



Join our Education & Community Officer, Alison, for a FREE, fun family workshop to learn all about safe behaviour around dogs and being

responsible around our four-pawed friends!

Children aged 7-11 and their grown up

learnwithdogstrust.org.uk

Registered Charity Numbers: 227523 & SC037843

Event Date: 23rd February

Event Times: 10.30am-12pm **or** 2pm-3.30pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Event Address:

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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).

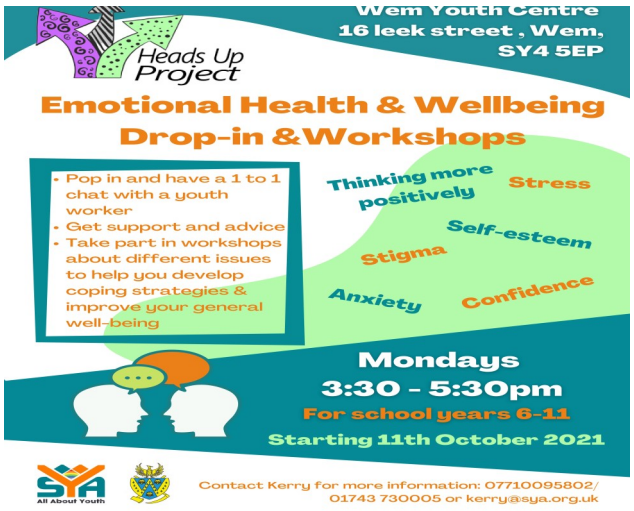
Bring your child; there will be activities to play with and a chance for you to chat with Early Years staff and fellow parents and carers.

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.

We are part of the planning team for the town celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee in June! As part of this, we are raising funds for the event by holding a non-uniform day on Thursday 17th February with a £1 donation. The money will go towards funding some the exciting events across the weekend including the main celebration day on the Recreational Ground on the Saturday. Thank you for your support!





Reminder we are a nut free school



SPECIAL VALENTINES DAY MENU

Monday 14th February

Cupids Chicken or Veggie Burgers with

Mayo or Ketchup

French Fries

Sweetcorn and Beans

Cosy Carbonara

Dessert - Rocky Road of Love



Public Health's Community Wellbeing Outreach Team and NHS will be at Jubilee Square in Wem with BOB the Vaccine Clinic offering vaccinations on 14/02/22

The team on the bus can offer 1st 2nd and booster jabs to the local community.

- We will bring a Mobile Clinic providing 1st 2nd and booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine
- It's a walk up service and doesn't require a booking
- If you know your NHS number it's useful but not essential
- We will be operational between 13:30 and 17:30
- Shropshire Councils Community Wellbeing team will be on site to offer any other support people may require



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.

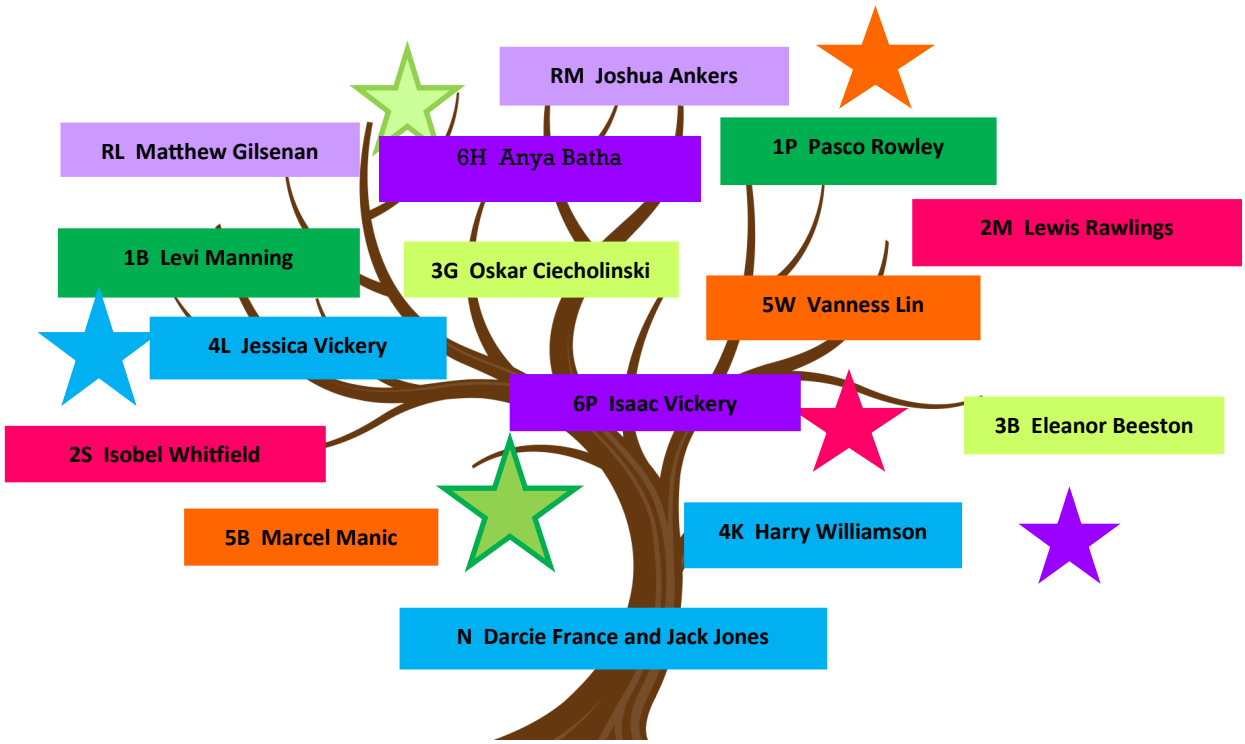
Boxes can be booked by contacting Tel & Fax: 01939 232733

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.

NOTICE TO YEAR 5 PARENTS

Next week Year 5 will begin to look at puberty as part of RSE in Character Education. All of the key information about what is being taught is available on the school website under 'Key info - RSE - 3 Curriculum outline'. Parents have the right to talk to the class teachers before the sessions begin and opt their child out if they feel necessary. Please make contact through the year 5 email account if you wish to do so — Year5@st-peters.shropshire.sch.uk



Stars of the Week

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