



TRUST

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.'

John 14:1

The 'Key' Messages

The fortnightly newsletter that keeps you up to date with what is going on at St. Peter's.

Greetings from Mr. Dean, Head of School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The first few weeks of the new academic year seem to have progressed quickly and children new to the school (both in Reception and other classes) appear to have made a pleasing start. I also hope that families who are new to our school quickly feel valued members of our community and at this point, must extend a warm new Academic year welcome to The St. Peter's Fundraisers. Please continue to support The St. Peter's Fundraiser and don't forget that they are always happy for people to join the committee - it is a very informal group who meet to organise fundraising events to be enjoyed by pupils and families alike.

Most of the children appear to have experienced growth spurts over the summer holiday period and the younger children are very proud of the responsibilities associated with being in a new and 'older' class. In particular, our new Y6 pupils have built upon the very impressive start made to their new roles. They are certainly undertaking their responsibilities in a serious and mature manner and I know that our pupil Office Managers and House Captains will also function with comparable aptitude. Well done, Y6.

House Captains (Left)

School Parliament (Right)



We are also delighted to welcome Miss. Brown and Miss Hiley who have joined our teaching team and know that they will both make a valuable contribution to the learning experiences of our Reception and Year 4 children respectively.

Attendance

A big thank you to the hard work of our children from the start of the new Academic Year to date. Below is some information regarding our attendance compared to the same period last year.

	Sept 2017	Sept 2018	Diff%
Rec.	94.3%	96.3%	-2%
YR1	94.3%	95.0%	-0.7%
YR2	97.5%	98.2%	-0.7%
YR3	94.6%	98.6%	-4.0%
YR4	97.6%	98.4%	-0.8%
YR5	97.3%	98.4%	-1.1%
YR6	95.9%	98.6%	-2.7%

This time last year, our attendance stood at 95.9% YTD. This year, our attendance stands at 97.7% YTD. A massive 'Thank You!' to everyone for making sure we stay above the National level. Let's keep it going.

Safeguarding

All the staff at St. Peter's are Safeguarded trained. Please familiarise yourselves with St. Peter's Designated Safeguarding Team. If you have any concerns regarding a child, then please speak to a member of staff or a member from the team below. Thank you.



James Dean - Designated Safeguarding Lead



Sarah Cockhott - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



David Castledine - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Katie Quantrell - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Activity

Your child/ren will be bringing home a template of an angel and a fish. Could you please decorate at home on both sides. Could you add a pray to your angel and mark who it is from in your family. Please cut out and return to the Academy by Friday 12th October. These will be hung in the Academy and will represent our St. Peter's family. Thank you.

School Census

On Thursday 4th October there will be a School Census held in which the information is uploaded to the Department of Education. The purpose of this is to establish the amount of children that have a hot school dinner or order a snack box. This number then feeds into our annual school budget. With St. Peter's being a small school, this money has a big impact on our day-to-day running of the Academy and the provision of resources for your children.

Therefore, on Thursday we will be holding a special lunchtime in which children who take up a hot dinner or snack box will be entered into a Golden Ticket raffle. The lucky children who receive a Golden Ticket, can select a prize.

All Reception and Key Stage 1 children have access to free hot school dinners/snack boxes. The snack boxes can be either cheese, ham, tuna or jam. A hot meal/snack box for Key Stage 2 costs £2.30.

As we are still in the infancy of the new meal booking system, we will be using the traditional manual dinner registers to ensure that all meals are recorded and catered for.

The menu for Thursday will be Fish and Chips (Friday menu).

Your child has to be in it to win it! Let's SMASH IT!



Clubs

We are pleased to again be offering a range of after school opportunities to our pupils. All clubs are operational and will finish on Wednesday 24th October for this half term. New clubs for the next half term will be sent out in due course.

Swimming lessons

This term, Y6 children will be attending swimming lessons at the Friary Leisure Centre, Lichfield on Wednesday mornings. We look forward to hearing of their swimming successes and increased knowledge of water safety and life saving techniques.

Information Sharing

A big 'thank you' to all of the parents that joined our YR-Y6 teachers on 'Meet the Teachers' afternoons. I do hope that these sessions proved helpful and that information concerning expectations, routines, curriculum and homework procedures were useful. There was particular information provided for Year 1 children regarding the Phonic Screen Tests, SATs information for Year 2, and the pending Multiplication Tests for Year 3. The Year 6 session will be rescheduled for when Mrs. Quantrill returns to the Academy.

Ingestre Hall (Y3/4/5)

A letter has been emailed out regarding Ingestre Hall. The children always have a fantastic time on our residential visits and form part of those 'magic moments' that children always remember. There will be a meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2018 from 3:30pm-4:00pm in the Academy Hall for those wishing to find out more.

Young Voices

The Academy will be participating in Young Voices. More details to follow.

Lichfield Foodbank

This year the Harvest collection will support the Lichfield Foodbank which will see a box situated in the school entrance hall from Monday 8th October culminating in the Harvest Celebration at St. Peter's Church on Wednesday 24th October for KS2 children, and Harvest Celebration at the Academy Hall on Wednesday 24th October for KS1 children. Donations of packaged and tinned foods are requested rather than fresh produce due to their longer 'shelf-life'. The Foodbank warehouse is particularly short of the following items:

Milk (UHT or Powdered)

Sugar (500g)

Fruit Juice (Long-Life Carton)

Tinned Sponge Pudding

Tinned Vegetables

Cereals

Tinned Rice Pudding

Instant Mash Potato

Jam

Custard

Chocolate Biscuits or Snack Bars

Toiletries (Child and Adult)

Thank you in anticipation of your support for this local cause and we look forward to receiving your generous donations in the school entrance.

Harvest

The children in KS2 will perform a Harvest Celebration on Wednesday 24th October at 9.45am at St. Peter's Church. We welcome parents to join us for this celebration. As it is the junior children who will be involved in this event, KS1 children will perform their Harvest Celebration in the Academy Hall on Wednesday 24th October at 2:15pm. We kindly request that you do not arrive any earlier than 10 minutes before assembly is due to start. For health and safety reasons, hot drinks should not be brought into school. Please note that places are limited to a maximum 2 adults per family due to space restrictions. Thank you for your co-operation.

In order to ensure GDPR compliance, you are able to take photographs and record videos of your child/ren but DO NOT share them on social media.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Parents are currently invited to attend parent consultation evenings with their child's class teacher in the Autumn (focusing on pastoral aspects) and Spring Term (focusing on progress). The Annual Report to parents is distributed towards the end of the Summer term when we also host an 'open afternoon'. Parents are always welcome to make a telephone appointment to meet with teaching staff at a mutually convenient time in addition to the above. I know that many parents will chat to teachers on an 'informal basis' where matters are of an appropriate nature.

Parent Evening is scheduled for Tuesday 16th October from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Appointments will go live on the School Money site with invitations to book being sent via email. These will come out on Monday 8th October 2018, with each appointment being focused to 5 minutes.

There will be an open afternoon for Parents to view their child/ren's work on Tuesday 23rd October from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Please join us!

Reminder

Please note that the only types of earrings that can be worn in school are stud earrings. Bracelets and necklaces should not be worn in school.

Dinner Money

Please could we remind parents that dinner money should be uploaded to ParentPay in advance and pre-book your meals in advance. Thank you for bearing with us, the issue with the till was unexpected but we are working our way through it.

Home time Arrangements

It is vitally important that parents notify the school of any alterations to home time arrangements for their child. Under Child Protection procedures, we are unable to allow children to go home with friends/relatives other than the usual person unless we have parental permission to do so. Parents should send a note or telephone the school office, if appropriate.

Dietary Requirements

If your child is not having school dinners due to specific dietary requirements, St. Peter's catering team are more than happy to discuss this and how they may be able to help so your child can enjoy school dinners as well. Staffordshire Catering has a policy where no nuts are used in producing any dishes to give parents the peace of mind that nut allergy sufferers will not come into contact with nuts from school meals. Moreover, if your child has other dietary needs, this can be catered for as well.

Key Dates

October 18

Mon	8th	Fri 12th Black History Week
Wed	10th	Reading workshop for parents
Mon	15th	Fri 19th – Yr 6 & Yr 2 Practise SATs
Tues	16th	Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm (settling in)
Tues	23rd	Open Afternoon for Parents 2:00-3:30pm
Weds	24th	Harvest KS2 Church (am) @ 9:45am
Weds	24th	Harvest KS1 Hall @ 2:15pm
Thurs	25th	Inset-Academy Closed to Children
Fri	26th	Inset-Academy Closed to Children
Mon	29th	{October 1/2 Term



Next newsletter released on Friday 12th October 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mr. James Dean

Head of School