



St Peter's Bratton Church of  
England Academy

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another edition of the newsletter. Where has the time gone? We are 5 weeks into the autumn term already!

I've spent a lot of time in classrooms this week and it has been great to see just how settled the children are in school and how much they are enjoying their learning.

There are several bits of information in the newsletter for you this week and I wish you all a happy weekend.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Principal

## **Covid update:**

We continue to have a high number of cases across school, but these are concentrated in Year 3 and 4. Thank you for working with us and getting your children PCR tests if we've asked you to. We are still in the phase of stepped-up measures – which means children not mixing beyond their year group, lunches in classrooms and assemblies on Teams. When we have passed 2 weeks without any new cases, we can look at stepping down these measures. Thank you for working with us through this time.

In order to try and avoid the spread, we just want to remind you what you need to do.

- If your child is suffering from any of the main coronavirus symptoms, isolate your child and get them a PCR test (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>).
- If your child is generally unwell or has a cold or stomach upset, please get them a precautionary test. Children can continue to come to school if they are well enough while waiting for the results of a precautionary test.
- Children need to continue to wash their hands before going into school in the morning.

If your child tests positive over the weekend, please let us know by emailing [stpetersholidaycovid@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersholidaycovid@gmail.com) It's important we get this as we alert staff who have been in contact with your child to get a PCR test.

**New shelter:**

We have a beautiful new shelter in our forest school.... look out for photos on Twitter of this being used in the coming weeks. We are very grateful to Wellington Rotary Club for contributing 10% of the cost.



# Lunchtime fun at St Peters!





# Newsletter Harvest Festival 2019



It's that beautiful time of year again called harvest! At St Peter's we enjoy celebrating Harvest Festival and next week we will be learning all about the work of Telford Crisis and the local food bank. We are collecting items this year for Telford Crisis and ask that if you would like to contribute, you can bring in items from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. The last day for bringing in items will be **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. Items needed by Telford Crisis are: tinned meats, tinned meals, tinned fruits, custard, tinned veg, pot noodles, treats, shampoo, soap, deodorant or anything non-perishable that would be a great gift to feed a single person, a family, young or old. If your child brings any donations into class, we will then collect all the gifts together and donate them to the Telford Crisis food bank charity. Your gifts make such a difference. Miss Crossland

If any families ever need a referral to food bank, please talk to the school office in confidence, as we do have routes to do this. Thanks, Mr Davis



## Wrap Around Care

### October Half term

We can offer a holiday club the same as we did during the summer holidays. We will be open from 8.30AM until 4.30PM, Monday to Friday. The children will be taking part in activities such as baking, outdoor play, group games and crafts. Booking will open Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October and close 6.00PM Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Invoices will be issued the last week of October but please note when spaces have been booked you are committed to pay for the day you booked. Please book via email on [Bratton.pack1@taw.org.uk](mailto:Bratton.pack1@taw.org.uk)

### New payment details

As we are now part of St Chad's Academies Trust, we have new bank details for wrap around payments. These details are on the bottom of the invoices. If you need any help please speak to a member of the wrap around team.

### New drop off and collections

We have looked at the dropping off and collecting system and from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October any parent or carer bringing or collecting the children from wrap around will need to press the bell on the front of the main door. A member of staff will then come to greet you. We will also bring the children to the main door when being collected.

## UPDATES FROM THE YEAR GROUPS

### **Year 2**

This week in maths in year 2 we have introduced column method for addition and subtraction. We started adding a 1-digit number to a 2 digit number not bridging a 10. To do this we followed these steps:

Step 1- we used pictorial (pictures) to represent what we were adding.

Add the 1s to find the total. Use known bonds within 10.



*41 is 4 tens and 1 one.*

*41 add 6 ones is 4 tens and 7 ones.*

This can also be done in a place value grid.

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Step 2 – we moved on to replacing the pictures with known maths equipment.

Add the 1s.



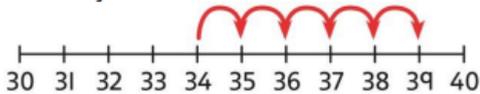
34 is 3 tens and 4 ones.  
4 ones and 5 ones are 9 ones.  
The total is 3 tens and 9 ones.

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Step 3 – we then moved to using digits to show this in a column.

Add the 1s.

Understand the link between counting on and using known number facts. Children should be encouraged to use known number bonds to improve efficiency and accuracy.



This can be represented horizontally or vertically.

$$34 + 5 = 39$$

or

	T	O
	3	4
+		5
		9

We then used this learning to help us add and subtract 10. The children have all tried exceptionally hard with this new learning and it would be wonderful if you were able to support this at home and the children can really show off their new skills. Further examples of how we progress with our addition and subtraction in Year 2 are in the school calculation policy. Which shows the steps the children go through for each concept. This is available on the school website under curriculum.

### Arthog adventures

As soon as we got to Arthog we were welcomed by all of the smiles of the instructors. Later in the day, we had a team building activity which help us get to know our instructors and team members. Some of are highlights were gorge walking which was climbing up rocks while trying to fight the strong current. In this activity we had to use our teamwork skills to pull each other up the gorge in order to get to the top. Group 1 was lucky enough to spot a seal, which they later on named Sammy!

Another activity that year six enjoyed was canoeing, some of the group had to tie a plank of wood to a different boat so that it would make a raft while other groups played games in the water like stuck in the mud.

In the night we also had evening activities like a night walk, Orienteering and a photo search. Another great activity that we enjoyed was rock climbing. During this activity you had to use your bare hands to grab onto rocks to pull yourself up. Some of the groups wore a harness and had a rope attached to it while other groups didn't but climbed up smaller walls. One of the most important activities was litter picking on the beach for the John Muir conservation award. This may seem like it's not impacting the environment but if we all play our part it makes a big difference.

On Friday, we realised how fast the week went and we were sad to leave. In the morning, we did some more orienteering and we had to walk through a horse field to get there! The horses were very curious and lots of us got to pat them. When we got on the coach back home, everyone was disappointed to leave but happy to see their families.

By Mischa and Thomas





## Year 5 and 6 Football

On Tuesday, seven Year 5 boys played at Telford College in the dome. Here is their recount of the event:

“We played a tournament of 4 games. We had never practised as a team before and so made some quick decisions between us to best suit our skills. Our team drew 2 games and lost 2 games. Along the way, we learned some skills, Isaac scored an amazing goal from our box to their goal, and we had a lot of fun! Even though we came last, we enjoyed the experience and hope to play again in the future. Thank you to everyone who helped us.”

On Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 girls football team played a match against Apley. Here is their recount of the event:

“Once we all arrived a nice staff member took us through the school and onto the pitch. There they were. The Year 5 and 6 girls from the other team were sat in a circle by their goal, waiting to play. We all had a big drink before the game and then set off. We were all nervous for the match but also really excited about it. We began the match and it started off well...

It was finally half time and we were all still feeling nervous. However, we felt motivated by a good talk with each other and we agreed it was most important that we had fun!

After half time, we had gotten ready to show the other team what we are made of! We felt like we improved on our skills in the second half, and we didn't give up. Together, we make a great team and we managed to save a lot of goals!

We are looking forward to training up for next time! Thank you to everyone who helped us.”

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Shrewsbury Museums Workshop
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Services in school – pupils only
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 3 Stone Age Experience – details to follow
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	4G1 Carding Mill Valley – details to follow 4G2 Carding Mill Valley – details to follow
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Wonderful World of Water Workshop – details to follow
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9:30am Year 1 Nativity High Ercall Church 11:00am Year 2 Nativity High Ercall Church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Reception Nativity – 9:30am in school
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	10:00am Year 3/4 Carol Service All Saints Church Wellington 1:30pm Year 5/6 Carol Service All Saints Church Wellington
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas holidays