



NEWSLETTER



Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Parents,

We've had another busy week at St Peter's Bratton...Squirrel School, outdoor maths, living art, DT textiles, a visitor talking to Year 6 about Ghana and a Safeguarding Squad assembly to name but a few.

Next week, the final week of term, promises to be just as busy, with lots going on. Year 6 in particular, have lots planned for their final week in school, before we say goodbye to them!

Today we have been raising money for our guide dog puppy appeal in memory of Mrs Oliver. Thank you for all your contributions to the fundraising. Cake is on sale at the end of the day!

There is lots of information in the newsletter this week. In particular we have information on heat next week, start times in September, new class morning, staff leaving and joining and next Friday is a non-uniform day for free.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Principal

New class morning:

On Wednesday children will be spending the morning with their new class teacher and classes. Children go to their usual class at the start of the day. Your child will come home with a letter telling you who their teacher is, where the other teachers are in the school and a map showing where their classroom is. It does not tell you who the other children in the class are and that isn't information we are able to give to parents.

School day start and end times:

We recently asked you for your feedback about our proposal to change the start of the school day. Thank you to all of you who responded, it was very helpful. The Local Academy Committee (what was School Governors) met on Monday and discussed this proposed change. The LAC have made the decision that we will make this small change and that is effective from September.

Therefore, from the first day back after the summer holidays, this applies:

Doors open: 8:40am. Children are expected to be in school by 8:45am.

The gates will open just before 8:40am to allow everyone on to site for 8:40am.

At the end of the day, children will start coming out of classroom at the bell at 3:15pm and go to their collection points, which are the same as they are this year. We will open the gates at 3:15pm.

Heat next week

As you'll be aware, we are forecast very warm weather early next week – a red heat alert on Monday and Tuesday. The DFE advise against school closures currently. Having read their advice, we will:

- Have windows open as we always do, but close blinds against the sun and use our fan ventilation system that drags air through the wings. We save this for very hot weather as it is noisy!
- Remind children to drink plenty and drink before they are thirsty.
- Year 5 will be the envy of everyone as their classrooms have air conditioning!
- We will limit time outside at break and lunchtimes and this time will be spent quietly in the shade, rather than running around.

Please can you ensure that:

- Children dress appropriately for the weather. If this means coming to school in PE kit rather than usual uniform, we are quite happy with that.
- Make sure your child has a named water bottle. You may want to send a second bottle of frozen water for later in the day, but children can refill bottles at school.
- Apply sunscreen to your children before they come to school.
- Make sure your child has a hat, with their name in it, for those short times heading outside to shade and for end of day.

Should we get further advice or need to take further steps we will let you know.

Staff leaving:

We are saying a number of goodbyes at the end of the summer term.

Firstly, we say goodbye to Mrs Sarah Barker. Having taught Reception for over 20 years, Mrs Barker is known and loved by so many of the children at school, as most children started with us in Reception. Mrs Barker is retiring from teaching (but is not retiring) and will be taking all her fabulous skills in a different direction. I know everyone will really miss her.

We also say goodbye to...

Miss Bronwyn Parton, who after 4 years is leaving us for pastures new. Miss Parton has been teaching in Year 5 over those years and I know children have all really enjoyed being in her class and will miss her.

Mrs Jan Morphett, who after a number of years with us as a teaching assistant is going to try something new. I know the children have really appreciated Mrs Morphett's time and support, in particular the number of sports events she has taken them to!

Miss Kate Bradley, who joined us two years ago as an apprentice teaching assistant and is now going to work for the Royal Shakespeare Company! You won't see her on stage but working behind the scenes. Miss Bradley has worked in classes, in wrap around and with after school clubs and sports events.

Mr Ashley Latham and Mrs Samantha Wales joined us just for this term to cover a gap we had in teacher staffing and we wish them every success in their future careers.

For all of our staff moving on, we are very grateful for all of their hard work and effort that has gone into school and the huge number of children that they have benefitted over the years.

Staff arriving:

We welcome a number of staff in September.

We have a number of experienced teachers joining us at St Peter's...

Miss Bethany Payne to lead Reception and Year 1 and teach in Reception.

Miss Victoria Bilton, teacher in Year 2

Mrs Helen Wynn, teacher in Year 4

Mr Mark Wright, teacher to cover teacher PPA. Mr Wright joins us short term to cover this role.

We also have a new member of staff in the inclusion team and Mrs Lucy Precey moves to work in pastoral support assistant part time – working alongside Mr Wilkes.

I know you will all welcome them to St Peter' Bratton.

Non-uniform next Friday

On the last day of term, we will have a non-uniform day. No charge.

PE next week:

Please could class 1R2 come into school in their PE kit on **Wednesday 20th July** instead of Friday 22nd July. Thank you.

HOUSE POINT TOTALS!

Haughmond 2367	Stiperstones 2460
Caer Caradoc 2184	Wrekin 2486

Message from the Mayor



Dear All,

This year, I'm holding a virtual bake-off competition to celebrate my birthday and raise money for local good causes. You can simply join in by following the steps below:-

1. Bake a cake
2. Send a photo to mayor@telford.gov.uk

3. Make a minimum donation of £1 via my online fundraising page: [Crowdfunding to Mayor's Charity Appeal 2022/23 on JustGiving](#)

The winner will be announced on Friday, 29 July and all monies raised will be split between the Mayor's Charity Appeals and the Telford and Wrekin Interfaith Council out of hours food bank.

Good luck and I look forward to seeing your entries!

Cllr Raj Mehta

Mayor

Borough of Telford and Wrekin

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers workshops in school – pupils only
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Church Service
Thursday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers event in school
Friday 22 nd July	Year 6 visit to Arthog Outreach Centre
Friday 22 nd July	End of Summer term
Monday 5 th September	PD Day
Tuesday 6 th September	Autumn term begins