



SAINT PETER AT GOWTS 21ST OCTOBER 2022

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

A fabulous term has been had at St Peter's! The children have been fully engrossed in their learning - completing Wow days with external visitors, having a brilliant experience at Forest School and experiencing trips into our local community to research our design and technology projects.

Thank you for taking the time to attend our face to face Parents' Evenings and being involved in your child's learning. We really value the opportunity to share the achievements of your child and are always happy to offer advice and support to ensure your child can unlock their potential and achieve the best they possibly can! We were asked a few questions about the changes to our homework so just to clarify; the children consolidate their learning at home. The homework always links to the learning that has happened in school. Reading, spellings and TTR are always a focus but you'll notice there are flashbacks to learning and challenges. These elements of the homework will vary as the children need to consolidate their learning in all areas of the curriculum. We are finding that the children are more enthusiastic about their homework so hopefully this change will be a real positive!

Can I also thank you for the brilliant commitment to the school uniform. The children look exceptionally smart and really ready to learn. The PE uniform also looks brilliant and reflects the high expectations that we hold at St Peter's. As you know, we really value our uniform policy so thank you for supporting us with this.

As well as the children's achievements we have also been working hard to unlock the potential of staff within the school and we are now a Showcase School for Active Spelling! Next term, we will be inviting other teachers into our school to demonstrate and promote the Active Spelling approach that we use to teach our spelling curriculum. We are very proud of this and Mrs Bradley and Mrs Thorne will be our facilitators.

We wish you a restful holiday and look forward to the next term where we have ... British Values Day, World Hello Day, Forest School for Yr6 and Yr5, Wonder Days and everything that comes with ... Christmas! Once again it will be another fun and fabulously filled term which I know the children will thoroughly enjoy!

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Emily Mayer

FABULOUS TIMES IN THE FOREST

Year 3 have had a brilliant time at Forest school. We have been learning all about the Stone Age while in the forest, creating shelters and learning how to make fire to keep ourselves warm. We also learnt all about hunting and how many Stone Age hunts were unsuccessful where you would go hungry or maybe only capture a mouse! We have developed our bushcraft skills using axes and knives to cut and carve wood which we used to make spears like they would have done in the Stone Age. Because they didn't have string during this time, we learnt how to strip brambles and twist this to make rope. Year 3 have loved their time at forest school, developing their bushcraft skills, becoming independent, confident and inquisitive young minds who love being in nature!



Year 1 have had an amazing time at Forest school. This term we have been learning all about the geographical features of our local area and have been discovering what features in the forest are man-made or naturally occurring. We have developed our confidence and curiosity while learning to work together to solve problems. We have thoroughly enjoyed developing skills such as building and lighting a fire and learning how to move quietly through the forest so we do not damage the plants or disturb the animals and insects.



DT WEEK

As always, DT week has proven to be a popular time of the term. It is a wonderful chance to develop skills and techniques and apply them to design and create new products, as well look at ways to make them even better.

This week the children have been enjoying their design and technology projects. We have been busy exploring ready made products and Years 3 and 5 have even been out looking at different food products sold in our local area. So many new techniques and skills have been learnt and put into practise, including Year 6 using saws to cut wood for their air raid shelters. The pride shown by the children when showing their finished products is delightful.

Please ask your children about their projects and see if they can demonstrate their learning at home. I'm sure you will all be pleasantly surprised.

HEALTHY DIET

As a school we promote a positive attitude to learning that is supported by a healthy lifestyle and diet. Please can we encourage you to provide your child with a healthy snack and lunch box. The healthy snack may include fruit, cereal bar, raisins etc. and is basically a food that slowly releases energy so that your child has a constant supply of energy throughout the day. This slow release of energy is especially important in the school day as it helps your child to learn. If you would like more information on healthy eating and lifestyle, please follow this link or pop into school to see Mr Magee.



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/the-eatwell-guide/>

Please support us in giving your child the best chance at learning - thank you.

PTA

The PTA AGM meeting was a huge success and we have created a brilliant team of parents and carers that are working very hard to raise funds for your children. We hold weekly coffee mornings in school on a Friday at 9am so please always feel free to join us as we are always looking for more volunteers to support the school. It's also a great opportunity to meet new people and find out about the school.

The PTA have been involved with their first event this term and supported the outdoor cinema hosted by Sincil Bank Community Partnership. They made an amazing effort with popcorn and sweetie cones that they sold on the night, it was a successful event all round.

Thank you to the fabulous efforts of the PTA at Parent's Evening, we now have a larger amount of people who have subscribed to the school lottery which donates a percentage of money to the school. If you would like more information or to join, please follow the link below.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>



Next term will be the School Disco - please add the 17th November to your diary and more information will follow!

DIARY DATES

Friday 21st October - Finish for half term
Monday 31st October - Children return to school
Monday 31st October - Y5 at Forest School
Tuesday 1st November - Y6 at Forest School
Wednesday 2nd November - Reception Class Hinduism Workshop
Friday 4th November - Y6 Deposit for London Residential
Monday 7th November - Y1 Lincoln Castle Visit
Tuesday 8th November - National Flu Vaccinations in school
Friday 11th November - Y3 Deposit for Rand Farm Residential
Friday 11th November - British Values Day
Thursday 17th November - School Disco
Monday 21st November - World Hello Day
Friday 2nd December - School Clubs Finish

TERM DATES

Please do take a note of these term dates and remember that every day in school is vital for all children.

Term 1 - Tuesday 6th September 2022 to Friday 21st October 2022

Term 2 - Monday 31st October 2022 to Friday 16th December 2022

Term 3 - Wednesday 4th January 2023 to Friday 10th February 2023

Term 4 - Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023

Term 5 - Tuesday 18th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

Term 6 - Monday 5th June 2023 to Friday 21st July 2023