

St Peter's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



**SUMMER TERM 2015/16
1ST HALF TERM**



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a really lovely Easter break and enjoyed spending time with your children during the week's holiday.

It is now the summer term and the nice weather seems to have arrived. It feels like the year is going by very quickly! We have lots of news about things that happened last half term and events that are coming up!

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter this half-term and as always, please let us know if there are any suggestions you would like to make or if you have any concerns.

Thank you as always for your continued support!



Meet the chicks!



Two weeks before the Easter holidays we incubated 24 eggs, some in the main hall and some in the Foundation Stage! It was really exciting watching them hatch and looking after the fluffy yellow chicks. Then it was time for them to go back to the farm!



BUILDING WORK COMPLETED!



Finally the building work is completed!

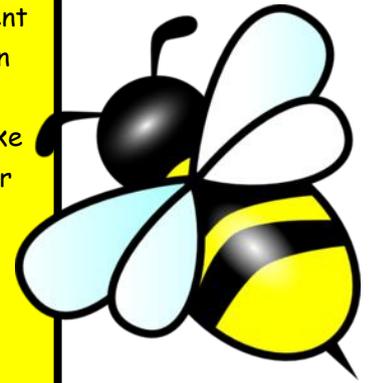


The school is looking beautiful with all the refurbished classrooms, corridors, the new library, computer suite, staffroom, as well as the new entrance! We are just waiting for the field to dry before it can be raked flat and reseeded. Thank you for your patience during this project, there were times when it seemed like it would never be completed, but it was well worth the wait!



Nursery News

Summer Term is already here and what a busy one it will be! We are looking at different animals this half term and we will even have chance to meet some creepy crawlies when the 'Wild Roadshow' come to visit in May. As well as the lovely activities planned for topic work, we will be looking at animal stories and visiting our library each week to take and change books for our Literacy work. Phonics this half term will be continuing letter recognition and formation as well as segmenting and blending CVC words. During our Maths sessions we will be mainly focusing on number, ensuring the children can count forwards and backwards, as well as writing and recognising numbers. We hope that as the weather improves we will be able to take part in lots of activities outside too! As always, if there are any queries feel free to ask any of the Nursery Team.



Reception News



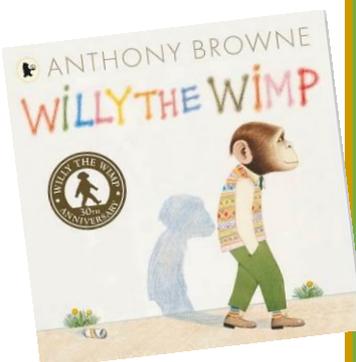
We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break. This half term is going to be very exciting as we have lots of wonderful activities planned. Our first topic this half term will be beaches and holidays. The children will be reading stories all about holidays and watching Barnaby Bear visiting lots of exciting places such as Mexico and Dublin. The children will be writing their own postcards and talking about what holidays they have been on. In Maths the children will be looking at counting up and down to 50. They will be adding objects by counting them, adding two digit numbers using a 100 square and even having a go at adding three numbers together. The children will also be looking at halving and subtracting numbers. In RE our topic is 'stories Jesus heard'. We will be reading stories all about the stories Jesus heard when he was younger. In PE the children will be continuing with gymnastics. The children enjoy the challenging activities set during PE and have grown in confidence a great deal when jumping and balancing. On Friday 6th May the Wild Roadshow will be coming into school, bringing lots of exciting creatures for the children to look at and even touch. There will be spiders, snakes, lizards, snails and millipedes. The children are very excited about this. We are sure this half term will be lots of fun as well as educational for the children in Reception. This term is crucial as there are only a few weeks left in school until your child moves to Year 1. We will be ensuring that each child is ready to move into Year 1 as well as ensuring that they are on track to meet the Early Learning Goal by June. It is important that your child attends school every day, reads their reading book at home and completes all homework to ensure that they make sufficient progress at home as well as in school.

Year 1 News

This term in Year 1 we have lots of exciting and interesting activities planned. In English we will be looking at fairy and fantasy stories before moving onto letters, information texts and poetry. In maths the children will be focusing on fractions, 3D shapes, money, time, and addition and subtraction. We will also be moving on to multiplication and division during this term. In science we are moving on to a new topic which will be humans and animals. We will be learning about the different parts of the human body, the five senses, animal families, and the similarities and differences between humans and animals. As the year 1 phonics screening test is fast approaching, we will be continuing to work and focus on our sounding out and blending skills. The children have been working hard on their phonics skills and we would like this to continue. Please continue to help and support the children with their phonics at home. You can use the phonics resource pack that you received, however if you would like more phonics resources please feel free to ask the year 1 teachers. Alternatively, there are links to phonics websites on the school website which can be found on the 1K and 1M class pages. PE kits need to be in school every day and it is vital that your child has the correct PE uniform. We would also like to remind everybody that reading books and book bags need to be in school every day. Spelling tests will be taken on a Friday.



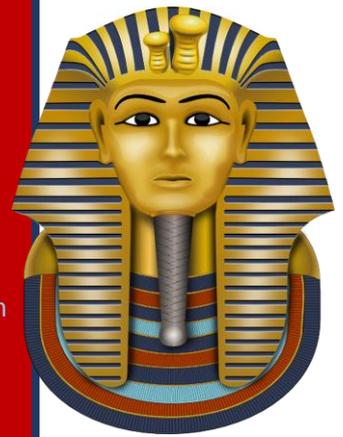
Year 2 News



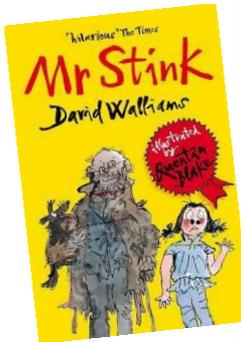
Welcome back and we hope you have all had a relaxing break. We have planned lots of exciting activities for the children this term. In English we will be starting with Stories written by Anthony Browne. Through this theme the children will explore the different kinds of emotions and how to deal with them. The children will read a variety of books including Willy the wimp, Into the Forest, to name but a few. This in turn will allow the children to produce some exciting writing. Maths this term we will concentrate on Place Value, Fractions along with Multiplication and Division facts. Remember to learn those times tables' facts! Also in Science children will be investigating aspects of living and non-living things. This terms History will focus on the great explorers of our time. We will research and find out about many different explorers who have made an impact on society as we know it today. Outdoor PE is on a Tuesday afternoon and indoor PE is on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has his/her PE kit in school at all times. Please check new uniform list for what should be in PE kits at this time of year. We suggest your child brings in their PE kit (in a named bag) on a Monday and leaves it on their peg before taking it home on a Friday to wash. As you can see we have got a busy, fun-filled half term ahead of us in school but we would also appreciate your continued support and encouragement with your child's learning at home as this will help your child's progress, especially as it is creeping nearer to SATs.

Year 3 News

Welcome back to school after the Easter Holidays! This first half of the Summer Term, we will continue to read and write about a range of texts including adventure stories, plays and persuasive texts. We will be reading the story 'The Hodgeheg' and writing our own adventure stories using adverbial phrases, compound and complex sentences. In Maths, we will be learning about place value, money, measurement and data. We will also be looking at the four number operations (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing). In Science, Year 3 will be focusing on Forces and Magnets and will even create their own magnet! Our History topic will see us answering the question – 'How much did the Ancient Egyptians achieve?' We have a fun trip to Touchstones planned where we will enjoy learning more about the Ancient Egyptians. We will be looking into the rules for living in Religious Education. We have an interesting half term ahead and I look forward to working with your children.



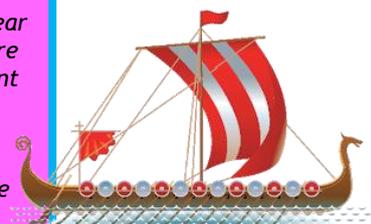
Year 4 News



Hello and welcome back to school after the Easter break. We have said goodbye to the temporary classrooms and we are now back in our newly refurbished classrooms. Again we all have a busy term ahead and lots to learn before the children are ready for Year 5. We have started work in English with the David Williams's book Mr Stink. The children are enjoying the story whilst we use it to understand how stories are written. In maths later in the term we will be looking at shape and area using a variety of measures. We have started the new mad minutes programme using Bronze, Silver and Gold. Ask your child which level they are working towards and help them learn the appropriate table to achieve their next goal. In History we are investigating whether it is better to be a child now or in the past. The new computing suite is almost ready for use. It is an amazing learning space and we look forward to using it for the delivery of many areas of the curriculum. We will be soon be sharing the new targets with the children. They should know what they are and be aware of how they can achieve them. Once again we thank for your continued support with Learning Logs, reading books and spellings.

Year 5 News

Welcome back to the start of an exciting Summer Term in Year 5. We are beginning the Summer Term by going back in time to look at the Viking era, researching and learning about their customs, beliefs and answering the vital question: "Were they raiders or invaders?" We will also be going to "Infinity and Beyond" as we learn about our Solar System, with particular focus on the Earth, Sun and Moon. As a year group we will be visiting Jodrell Bank on 5th May - letters about the day have been sent home, and more information is to follow. We will be looking at Moon diaries in order to help us understand the different phases of the Moon; this is something that we hope you can support in their Learning Log work. In English we continue to look at a variety of texts and have begun the term with newspaper reports and persuasive writing. The newspaper reports were based on the flying frog incidences on Tuesday! The children have shown a good understanding of the different text types covered so far, but we encourage all children to practise "Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar" activities at home to further their knowledge and understanding. If you would like support in this please do not hesitate to come and speak to either Mr. Wood or Miss. Thomas for appropriate resources. We are pleased with the progress made by children in their times tables for Maths, however this must be ongoing as the children need to build confidence and speed accuracy. Children have shown a great enthusiasm and improvements in the areas of problem solving and this is something that we continue to develop across the curriculum.



the vikings

Year 6 News



We now have just 2 weeks in school before SATs weeks so we are working hard to prepare the children for this. It is essential that children are in school on time everyday ready to work hard and learn. In English lessons we are focussing on producing 1 or 2 quality pieces of writing each week so we will be looking at different text types this half-term. We will begin with writing a shorty mystery story and then move onto information texts. During Maths lessons we will be focussing on areas of weakness based on mock SATs tests which we have carried out. Our Science topic for the new half term is 'Evolution and Inheritance' and on Geography, the focus is on - 'What will our world look like in the future?' In RE we are learning about the Christian stories of Pentecost and Ascension. As part of our Art and Design work, we will be creating sculptures from recycled materials and in DT we are going to be innovative in designing and making a catapult. Homework will be weekly spellings and in the run up to SATs we expect children to be working through their CGP study books for Maths, English and SPaG. We are having a revision club on Wednesday evenings until 4:15pm prior to SATs week. This is an ideal time for children to complete revision books, with staff on hand to help if needed.



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NEW ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM



Our new online parent payment portal is now live. This system should make it a lot easier to make payments for such things as dinners, trips etc. There is a link on the 'Home Page' of our website. You should have received a letter with information about setting up an account, if you have any difficulty please just talk to the school office!



EASTER BONNET PARADE



Just before we broke up the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a lovely Easter Bonnet Parade in the school hall!
The children sang some Easter songs and paraded in their bonnets for mums and dads to see!



DECORATED EGGS



Just before we broke up the Junior children had an 'eggciting' time decorating eggs! There were some 'eggceptional' creations and everyone had a 'cracking' time!

SCHOOL OFFICE REMINDERS



ASTHMA

If your child has Asthma and you have not yet returned your completed pink form to the school office, please do so by the end of April.

NURSERY PLACES

We still have a few places available for next year. If your child was born between 01/09/12 and 31/08/13 and you would like a nursery place for September please contact the school office.

ATTENDANCE

How's your class doing?
This year our attendance target is 96%

Nursery	91.2%		
Rec RC	94.4%	Rec RM	95.0%
Year 1K	95.0%	Year 1M	96.2%
Year 2B	95.7%	Year 2G	96.3%
Year 3H	95.7%	Year 3M	95.9%
Year 4C	96.4%	Year 4J	96.5%
Year 5W	95.9%	Year 5T	96.4%
Year 6M	96.4%	Year 6H	97.1%
Whole School			95.7%



Well Done!



Headteacher Message

Welcome back to school for the first half of the summer term, I can't believe how quickly the year is going! We've got a busy term ahead, especially for our Year 2 and Year 6 children who will be taking their Key Stage SATs tests. Tests for Year 6 children will take place in the week beginning Monday 9th May and Year 2 tests will take place throughout the month of May. I am delighted that the building work is now completed and the school is looking lovely, the new computer suite is fantastic! Plans are now in the pipeline for the development of the school Hall and this will hopefully take place over the Summer Holidays! As always please feel free to pop in to see me if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

Mr A Whelan