

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of another term – indeed of another year!

I feel very positive about how we feel at St Peter's – the children are happy, have been learning and have been enjoying their Christmas preparations.

I was so glad that our lovely Year 3 classes were able to perform their Nativity plays that they'd rehearsed so hard and it has been fantastic to see classes holding their Christmas parties these last few days.

The Christmas church services at St Andrew's and St Peter's were truly special – and nearly 300 delicious Christmas dinners were eaten in school yesterday!

So inside school all has felt very normal.

Who knows what January will bring – we can all see case numbers skyrocket and sense further restrictions on the horizon. All I can promise you is that we will continue to do all we can to keep our St Peter's community safe, make sure that the children continue to learn with the fantastic rich and broad curriculum that we have and that I'll share any information I have with you about school and learning as soon as I get it.

Wishing each and every one of you a happy and safe Christmas holiday.

Tim Whitehouse

Extended Day

Mr Bewick has been our fantastic Extended Day Manager for the last three years, overseeing our superb range of clubs and making sure everything runs so smoothly. We wish him well as he moves on from St Peter's and thank him for all his hard work and commitment to making sure so many of our children have such a super start or fantastic finish to their day at St Peter's! He has been a wonderful part of the St Peter's team and we will all really miss him. But I'm very pleased to say that Mrs Coyne, who you will already know from our office and school kitchen, will be taking over his role and making sure that our After School Clubs continue to run so well.

Community Event

Queens Road Baptist Church will be running a Christmas Community event this coming Sunday 19th December from 2-5pm on St Peters Recreation Ground. There will be a Nativity, live music, crafts and the Gap Community Café will also be open.

St Peter's Church Christingle

The church Nativity and Christingle Service will take place at 4pm on Fri 24th December.

Everyone is welcome but all school-aged children and adults **MUST** wear a face covering.

You can take your own Christingle or you will receive one during the service.



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for all of your donations for Save the children on Christmas Jumper Day. We have raised **£152.25!**

Year 3 beach trip

Year 3 will be going to the beach (Joss Bay) on the morning of **Friday the 7th of January** to launch their new topic 'Tremors'.

Please make sure your child wears warm comfortable clothes with appropriate footwear. They are welcome to bring a bucket but spades will not be needed.

We will be walking to and from Joss Bay and will be back in time for lunch.

Thank you.

The year 3 team.

Start of Term 3

Term 3 starts for the children on **Wed 5th January**. Clubs will also start on this date.

We hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and wish you all a very happy new year.



A vacancy has become available in our school kitchen for 15 hour a week.

If you would be interested in applying for this post please contact Suzie on 07376 805940.

You must hold a full manual driving license.

Parent Governor

Thank you to all of you that voted in our Parent Governor election.

We are pleased to announce that following the ballot count, Sarah Magnay was elected. This is effective from Thursday 16th December 2021 for four years.

Congratulations to Sarah, and thank you to all of the other candidates.

Free School Meal vouchers

The holiday food vouchers will be sent out on **Monday 20th December** through WONDE as before.

The HAF activity vouchers, for children receiving free school meals, were sent on Thursday 7th December so hopefully you have all received them and can enjoy them over the holidays.

Dates for the Diary - Term 3 & 4

Tues 4th Jan 2022 – Inset Day

Wed 5th Jan – Start of Term 3

Fri 7th Jan – Year 3 beach trip to Joss Bay

Tues 11th Jan – Year 5 swimming starts

Fri 11th Feb – End of Term 3

Mon 14th Feb – Fri 18th Feb - Half term

Mon 21st Feb – Start of Term 4

Fri 1st April – End of Term 4

Mon 4th April – Easter holidays

All school events can be found on our website under 'events' – please check back weekly for additions and changes to our events – we are a busy school!

Star of the week

3W – Arya B – for her fantastic performance in the Nativity and her pitch perfect (solo) performance!

3BH – Freya S – for her excellent performance in the Nativity and confident reading in the Church ☺

3S – Lottie S – for being so creative when making Christmas cards this week – well done!

4B – Rafferty H – for his fantastic effort and great attitude throughout this term.

4L – Lucas G – for showing fantastic enthusiasm to learning this week and keep it up!

4S – Ella S – for an excellent effort in phonics this week.

5SB – Ava-Mae M – for always having a fantastic attitude in everything she does.

5W – William R – for sharing his advanced drama skills at every opportunity possible.

5NB – Celeste S – for an enthusiastic and conscientious attitude to all her learning. ☺

6AW – Mia R – for excellent work in DT this week, producing a wonderful Christmas stocking.

6M – Jayden S – for brilliant work in DT, creating a fantastic elf bauble!

6G – Betsy B – for her fantastic work in DT designing and sewing her own toy. ☺

6I – Lilly-May M – for her positive, hardwork and super improvements this term – Well done Lilly.

