



Welcome Back – Information and Updates

2nd September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We hope you have all had a wonderful break and whether you have ventured abroad – or stayed closer to home – have been able to make the most of a lovely sunny summer. Above all, we do hope that the children have enjoyed the time off and are refreshed and ready to begin the new school year.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on **Monday 5th September** and have been busy getting the school ready for them over the last few weeks. Grateful thanks must be extended to the site team for all their work over the summer to improve facilities within our buildings and in the school grounds. We are delighted to announce the completion of a big building project to fully refurbish the cloakrooms and toilets in the Harbour Building – these areas are looking fantastic and we can't wait for the children to see them! Thank you also to all the teachers and support staff who have been in school over the summer, getting classrooms and areas ready for an inspirational year of learning.

It has been fantastic to have the whole staff team back together, with familiar and new faces, and we have been spending our INSET days focusing on key school improvement priorities for the coming year. Parental, and wider community, engagement and enrichment is high on our agenda and we are really excited about the year ahead as we look forward to a return to school life in all its fullness. Full details of parents' evenings, share sessions, learning exhibitions, performances and PSA community social events (and lots more) will be shared on our school calendar next week, and at our 'Welcome to Year Group' meetings.

We are also really pleased to share that we will be fully relaunching our 'House System' and 'Family Groups' at the end of this month and all children will have a chance to vote for some of our new House names on International Democracy Day on 15th September. Further detail – and information about how you can get involved in Democracy Day – is coming soon!

As always, there is a lot to communicate to ensure that you can support your child to have the best possible start to the new school year. Please take the time to read through this letter carefully as there is some important general information and reminders to ensure that everyone gets off to a flying start on Monday.

In the meantime, enjoy the last few days of the holidays and we very much look forward to seeing you on the playground on Monday morning!

With Best Wishes,

Catrin Battista (Headteacher)

Senior Leadership Team

As you know, we have had some changes to the senior leadership team at St Peter's and we welcome Mrs Angela Hunt as Deputy Head and part of our Steering Group. She will be out and about on the playground next week and is really looking forward to meeting you all so please do come and say hello!

Steering Group

Headteacher: Mrs Catrin Battista

Deputy Headteachers: Mr Tim Eustace & Mrs Angela Hunt



Hello, my name is Angela Hunt and I am delighted to be joining the team here at St Peter's as Deputy Headteacher. I will be working alongside Catrin, Tim and the wider staff team to support Teaching and Learning across the school. In addition, my role will have a pastoral focus with me becoming the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school and I am excited to be working closely with the SEND and Pastoral teams. I am excited to be a part of the school community and look forward to meeting you over the coming days and weeks. Please come and say hello!

Wider Senior Leadership Team

SENCO: Mrs Lynne McCullough

KS2 leader: Miss Jemima Napier

KS1 leader: Mrs Claire Wilmott

FS leader: Mrs Kelly Nash

Business Manager: Mrs Danielle Bigwood

Welcome To New Staff

We are pleased to be welcoming some new faces to our St Peter's team.

Mrs Angela Hunt – Deputy Headteacher

Mr Matthew Gillam – Reception Teacher

Miss Katie Downey – Year 4 Teacher

Mr Mark Brown – Year 5 Teacher

Miss Hannah Taylor – Year 6 Teacher

Miss Charlie Mason – Learning Support Assistant



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Welcome To Year Group Meetings

We know that home-school partnerships are incredibly important and are looking forward to returning to more face-to-face meetings over the next year. Our first very important meetings are our 'Welcome To Year Group' meetings where we will communicate key information for the year ahead. We will be running these in the afternoon and evening to ensure that as many parents as possible have the opportunity to attend. We know that we may not always be able to find days and times that suit all families and will always send out the slides, and key information, after the session.

Welcome To Year Group Meetings – Pier Hall at 2.30 and 6.00pm

Years 5 & 6 (Upper KS2)	Tuesday 13th September
Years 3 & 4 (Lower KS2)	Wednesday 14th September
Years 1 & 2 (KS1)	Thursday 15th September

During these meetings, we will also be sharing key dates of share sessions; parent workshops; parents' evenings and meetings & events relevant to your child's year group.

Early Dates for the Diary Include:

Parent Workshops Terms 1 & 2 - Pier Hall 2.15 and 6.00pm

Wednesday 21st September	Excellent Behaviour at St Peter's – 'What We Do and Why'
Wednesday 28th September	Personal Development at St Peter's – 'Being a St Peter's Citizen'
Wednesday 5th October	Learning in the EYFS (Reception parents only)
Wednesday 12th October	Reading At the Heart of The St Peter's Curriculum
Wednesday 16th November	Keeping Safe
Wednesday 30th November	Being a Church School



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First Week Back: Routines and Reminders

(If your child is in reception, you will have details of the different timings for their induction programme for the first 3 weeks of term)

Start of Day:	End of Day:
Doors open: 8.40am	Reception 3.10
Morning Session Starts: 8.50am	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) 3.15
	KS2 (Years 3 – 6) 3.20

Please see below for information about your child's drop off and collection points.
There will be lots of staff on hand next week to direct you so please just ask if you are not sure.

Year Group	Classroom	Teacher	Morning Drop Off	End of Day Collection
Reception	Butterfly	Mrs Weston	Main Reception Doors	Main Reception Doors
Reception	Honeybee	Miss Marsden	Classroom Door	Classroom Door
Reception	Ladybird	Mr Gillam	Classroom Door	Classroom Door
Year 1	Caterpillar	Mrs Doheny	KS1 Cloakroom Doors	KS1 Cloakroom Doors
Year 1	Firefly	Miss Crichard	KS1 Cloakroom Doors	KS1 Cloakroom Doors
Year 1	Beetle	Miss Ovington	KS1 Cloakroom Doors	Beetle Classroom Door
Year 2	Dragonfly	Mrs Wilmott	Classroom Door	Classroom Door
Year 2	Damselfly	Mrs Bailey & Miss Bunnay	Classroom Door	Classroom Door
Year 2	Mayfly	Mrs Barrett (formerly Miss Berry)	Classroom Door	Classroom Door
Year 3	Hedgehog	Miss Brown	Classroom Door	Classroom Door
Year 3	Red Squirrel	Miss Patterson	Classroom Door	Classroom Door
Year 3	Otter	Mrs Armitage & Mrs Russell	Classroom Door	Classroom Door
Year 4	Snapdragon	Mrs Gomes	Classroom Door	Classroom Door
Year 4	Foxglove	Mr Kilcoyne	Classroom Door	Classroom Door
Year 4	Dandelion	Miss Downey	Classroom Door	Green Gates by the side of the Pier Hall
Year 5	Green Woodpecker	Miss Jones	Pier Building Main Doors	Pier Building Main Doors
Year 5	Golden Eagle	Miss Cockburn	Pier Building Main Doors	Pier Building Main Doors
Year 5	Kestrel	Mr Brown	Pier Building Main Doors	Pier Building Main Doors
Year 6	Oak	Miss Dane	Pier Building Main Doors	Pier Building Main Doors
Year 6	Willow	Miss Cunningham	Classroom Door	Green Gates by the side of the Pier Hall
Year 6	Maple	Miss Taylor	Classroom Door	Green Gates by the side of the Pier Hall

Keeping Children Safe

CHANGES TO END OF DAY GATE CLOSURES – IMPORTANT

In order to further improve the safety of our children who remain on site for after school clubs, we will be locking **both sets of green gates (back gate and main playground gates) at 3.35pm.**

If you are picking up your child from an extra-curricular club, all children will now be dismissed from the main school entrance or the main green gates. (This will be confirmed to you when your child starts their club.)

The collection point remains the same for the children in PH 'After School Club' provision.

End of Day Handover

We have robust procedures in place to ensure your child's safety at the end of the school day. Please help us to ensure smooth and safe handovers by doing the following:

- Reception & KS1 parents/carers – please wave & step forward when you see your child at the front of the line so that you collect directly from your child's teacher
- KS2 parents/carers – please wave/make eye contact with your child & child's teacher when you see them at the front of the line.

Your child's teacher will not hand them over until this contact has been made.

If your child is being collected by someone different from usual, you must contact the welcome desk to let them know as we will not be able to release your child without your prior permission.

Teachers have registers of all children who are attending after school clubs and these children will be accompanied to their club by a member of the year group staff team.

If your child is in year 5 or 6 and you are happy for them to leave the site without an adult, please give permission for this by completing the short MS Form (link below). Without this permission, we will not be able to let your child leave the site without an adult. This form applies to end of day dismissal and for extra-curricular clubs.

[Leaving Site Without An Adult – Permission Form](#)



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Communication With Class Teachers

All teachers will be out on the playground at the end of the day unless it is the children's sports' afternoon (timetable below) when the children will be dismissed by our sports coaches.

Staff are delighted to be able to return to regular face to face contact with parents and welcome a chat at the end of the school day if there is something that you need to communicate. Please can you wait until all children have been dismissed before talking to your child's teacher so they can focus on safe handover.

If you feel that your conversation needs more than a quick chat, your child's teacher will arrange a mutually convenient time with you for a longer meeting.

Senior leaders will also be out on the playground every morning and afternoon. Please do come and chat to us – we welcome feedback (positive or developmental) and look forward to getting to know you better. One of our learning mentors will also be on the gates in the morning so if your child needs a little extra help in coming into school, please let us know and we can make sure that a friendly face is ready to greet them.

Equipment Reminder

We have VERY limited storage space in school and we aim to provide as much equipment as possible for your child's learning so that they only need to bring minimal kit with them.

Bags

If your child needs a bag to bring items to school, the only bags that we will permit are drawstring sports bags. These can be bought for as little as £1 and are more than sufficient for holding equipment that your child will need to bring in the school day.

We will NOT be permitting backpacks so please support us with this. We do not have enough cloakroom space to store these. We have noticed that these are creeping back into school but from the start of September, we ask that you respect our request so that we can keep our school cloakrooms tidy and safe spaces for all children.

Book bags

Your child will need a book bag so that they can bring their reading book & reading record book, to and from school. For older children, they may like to use their drawstring bag for this purpose.



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Stationery

We provide **ALL** stationery for every child throughout the school and all the equipment that children need for learning. This includes provision of a pencil case for every child in KS2.

Water Bottles

Every child needs to bring their own water bottle to school. Please ensure that this contains only water as squash and other soft drinks are not permitted in the classrooms.

Lunch Boxes

If your child has a packed lunch, they will need to bring this in a clearly labelled lunch box. Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school.

Finally, please LABEL EVERYTHING so that we can reunite items with their owners.

PE Days Reminder

Every child in St Peter's will have 2 hours a week of PE coaching delivered by PH Sports specialist coaches.

On PE days, your child should come into school wearing their PE kit. PE kit comprises of:

- Red t-shirt
- Black shorts/leggings/joggers
- School jumpers/fleeces may be worn over the top of PE kit
- Trainers/sports shoes (Velcro please for younger children)

Year Group	PE Day
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Thursday

Please note that PE starts on Monday 5th September so year 4 will need to come to school in their PE kit on the first day back!



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Absence Procedures

To report your child's absence please leave a message on our absence line on 01275 843142 or email attendance@spps.school.uk by 8.30am. If your child is off for more than one day please call/email each morning to update us.

The LSP's full Attendance Policy is [HERE](#)

Travelling to School and Parking

At a time when fuel costs are rising, and we are ever more conscious about environmental issues and our own health and wellbeing, we hope to encourage as many children – and staff - as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school. The green agenda is a key priority on our strategic plan and we hope to involve as many families as possible in plans that we will be implementing throughout the year. A great way to start is by making a commitment to walking to school whenever possible. We have plenty of cycle and scooter parking available on the school site and are planning to extend this in the coming months.

If you do have to use the car, please park safely and with consideration, to our neighbours. Roads close to St Peter's (including Hallett's Way) remain closed to vehicles at pick up and drop off times. If you are a blue badge holder, and need to use the main car park, please speak to a member of the team at the welcome desk. Otherwise, this car park is for staff use only at all times.

The back car park is still available for use for breakfast club and afterschool club pick up as a park and stride point. However, please note that you will need to walk around the school site to access the after school club provision as the site gates will be locked from 3.35pm.

Financial Challenges

We are all very aware that the current cost of living crisis is very real and very worrying for many families. At St Peter's, we want to be sure that we are doing all we can to support those in our school community as we face some challenging financial times ahead.

Please contact us via email to enquiries@spps.school.uk or speaking with a member of senior leadership or our learning mentors if you think that we can help further with any of the support below:

- **Free school meals** - please apply online at North Somerset Council's website if you think you may be eligible.



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<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>

Our pastoral team are very happy to help if you need support with this.

- **Uniform exchange** - we have lots of pre-loved uniform that is washed and ready to go to a new home. Please let us know as soon as possible if you need any items for the start of the year.
- **Food bank vouchers** - please don't ever go hungry, or go without, so your children can eat.
- **Sanitary products** - we have these in school for girls to access and can also give products for mums or siblings who need them.

We are also aware that costs of educational visits are rising and we have been working closely with the PSA to find ways of making these important enrichment opportunities sustainable for all within our school community. Please see the separate letter containing information about how we plan to address this challenge. If anyone has any further ideas or feedback, or you would like to join our PSA team – please let us know.

PSA Events

Please get these dates in your diary and support as many as you can. Our first BIG EVENT is a 'Beat The Teacher' quiz night on Thursday 20th October at 7pm in the Pier Hall. This will be a great event to bring together the parent and staff community and have some fun whilst raising funds for the school. There will be a bar and lots of prizes! Further details and information about how to book your table will follow soon.

Thursday 20th October	'Beat The Teacher' Quiz Night 7pm
Saturday 3rd December	Christmas Fair
Thursday 2nd March	Book at Bedtime (World Book Day)
Thursday 23rd March	Easter Dsico
Friday 14th July	Summer Fair

We will also see the return of after school 'cake and fruit' sales and dates for these will follow.

The PSA are a small and committed group of parents who work hard to arrange events to enhance school life – both socially and financially. They are a friendly bunch and would welcome more members. If you are interested in supporting in some way (the commitment can be as little or as much as you can offer) please do get in touch via their email address to register your interest:

PSA@spps.school.uk

Thank you so much for taking the time to read all this information! We look forward to seeing you on Monday morning!