

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It is hard to believe that we are now in the second half of this school year and, as always, a busy term lies ahead! We have lots of opportunities for you to share in your child's progress and learning as we move through term 4 so please read on to get important dates and information for your diaries.

I would also like to draw your attention the fact that the NEU has further proposed days for strikes these term and these are on:

- Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>

You will be aware, from the information that I sent out last term, that I may not be in a position to advise of any class or school closures until nearer the time. However, I will keep you as well informed and updated as I possibly can if there is to be any disruption to the normal school day at St Peter's for your child. Thank you for your continued understanding.

### Mid-Year Reports and Parents' Evenings

In the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving your child's mid-year report which will give you an overview of your child's current learning behaviours, attainment in core subjects and their attendance. These will form the basis of discussions at parents' evenings which are taking place on March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>. Following feedback from our parents' survey, and last set of parent information evenings, we will continue to offer a hybrid model with one evening online and one evening on site. Further details about mid-year reports and booking a parents' evening appointment will be coming out to you later this week.

### Share Sessions

We are continuing to open up our classrooms for our popular share sessions, giving you the chance to look through your child's books and talk with them about the amazing learning that they have been doing. This term, our share sessions will take place on a Wednesday morning. Please note that this term, we are extending share sessions to include our reception classes but have had to make an amendment to the date previously advertised.

Date	22.2.23	1.3.23	15.3.23	22.3.23	29.3.23
Year Group	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4 Reception	Year 3 Year 2	Year 1

### Easter Exhibition

We recognise that not all parents are able to attend morning share sessions and are offering an additional opportunity to see excellent curriculum work in our Easter Exhibition. This will be taking place on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 3.40 to 5.00pm**. Further details will follow nearer the time but please note that all children will need to be collected at normal end of day timings before the site is reopened for the start of the exhibition at 3.40pm. (If your child is in after school club or an extra-curricular club this will be taking place as usual.) Please also note that we will not be able to accommodate any pushchairs inside the school building either in classrooms or hall spaces.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is officially on March 2<sup>nd</sup> this year but to avoid any children missing out, through potential strike action, we have moved St Peter's World Book Day to **Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>**. Events will include:

- The return of our popular '**Big Book Quiz**' which is free and open to all families from **8.15am in the Pier Hall**. Please do come along for some family fun!
- **Dress up day** at school. You can dress as your favourite book character or choose your favourite **word** as your fancy dress inspiration.
- In return for dressing up, we would welcome contributions to fund some new books for our school library and you can either donate on the gate (before and after school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>) or donate via ParentPay. (Further details will follow).

### Parking and Travel to School Updates

We have a great team of parents and carers, together with pupil leadership groups at school, working hard to launch an exciting new travel to school plan. Full details of how you can get involved will be coming out over the next few weeks so watch this space! Please note that the back car park continues to be closed for parent use during peak times.

### Comic Relief: Dress up for Joy!

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March it is 'Red Nose Day' and as a school, we will be supporting this worthy fundraising event. The dress up theme this year is 'Dress up for Joy' and you can interpret this in any way that you see fit! Pick a theme, don the best home-made costume ever, go red from head to toe or simply dig out your brightest socks. Wear something that makes you and your school smile, in return for a donation. We will be setting up an option to donate via Parentpay and will also have our House Captains gathering cash donations on the gates, before and after school, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.



### PSA Events & Fundraisers (Terms 3 & 4)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March: 'Mothers' Day Gift Packs' will be sent home (Please note that these must be purchased in advance and orders close on March 10<sup>th</sup>)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Easter Disco (Please note that tickets for this event have sold out)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Spring Fair (3.30 - 4.30pm) Year 6 Enterprise (Details to follow)

### Diary Dates

<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 3 Egyptian Wow Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Reception Share Session Year 6 Share Session</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 6 Life Skills</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 6 Life Skills</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5 Share Session</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5 Space Wow Day &amp; Space Dome visit</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Mid-year reports coming home</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 6 Doughnut Sale (after school)</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents' Evening (Online) 3.40 – 6.10pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents' Evening (On site) 3.40 – 7.10pm</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day Event</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Red Nose Day</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mothers' Day Gift Packs will be sent home</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>PSA Easter Discos (Ticket event: now sold out)</b>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 1 Dinosaur Wow Day</b>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter Fair (3.30pm)</b>
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter Service at St Peter's Church (children only)</b>

**NB Bikeability continues for year 5 pupils on Tuesdays & Wednesdays this term**

**Easter Holidays: April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup> inclusive**

**Return to school: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April (there is NO INSET day)**