

Local Parish Mass Times	St Peter's	English Martyrs	St Augustine's
Saturday	6pm		6.30pm
Sunday	9am 10.30am 5.30pm	9am	11am

### **CURRICULUM INFORMATION**

The table below details what your child will be learning from Monday

Year Group	Maths	English	Science
Y1	Counting, writing no 0-20 & recognising no words 0-10	Owl Babies	Seasonal Changes
Y2	Place Value	Where the Wild Things Are	Animals including humans
Y3	Place Value	Historical Stories	Rocks and Soils
Y4	Place Value	SPAG	Properties of Materials
Y5	Place Value	Historical Stories	Properties and changes of materials
Y6	Place Value	Diaries	Light



### **WELCOME BACK**

School is never the same without the children, so it was lovely to welcome them back to school on Tuesday morning. Our welcome back is also extended to the whole family – parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles! We hope you have had a fun summer with your children. We look forward to the year ahead which is packed with many great learning opportunities and experiences for your children which help to make learning fun and exciting.

### **OUR GOSPEL ASSEMBLY - TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019**

In assembly on Tuesday, I read the gospel story to the children about Jesus going to the house of a Pharisee for the Sabbath meal (Luke 14: 1, 7-14). The children reflected on Jesus' message to us:

Be less selfish.

Be more loving.

Put others first.

Be humble.

The children then watched this video clip 'Happiness Is Helping Others' and discussed how the man lived out Jesus' message (as above).

The video was very thought provoking and the children's responses were very enlightening.

You might wish to look at this video too - if so, just click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcrulov45bl>



### **Y1 GRUFFALO TRAIL TRIP REMINDER**

This is a reminder to Y1 parents who haven't yet paid their contribution towards the above trip. Contributions need to be paid through ParentPay by 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019. If we do not receive sufficient contributions then unfortunately we will have to cancel the trip. Many thanks.

### **MUSICATE 2019-2020**

At the end of last term Year 1 headed over to Cheltenham Town Hall on Friday 5th July for the Musicate Launch Concert. We enjoyed an amazing concert and helped to create a 'Musicake' with the musicians on stage. For each new ingredient a child and teacher from each school went on stage so Mrs Pollard and Yohann proudly poured in some musical beats to complete the recipe on behalf of St Peter's. After the 'Musicake' was made we sang and danced along to Justin Timberlake's Can't Stop The Feeling with a real life band, how awesome! Then it was time for the big reveal... we were so excited after seeing all of the wonderful musicians perform we couldn't wait to find out who our school Musicat would be. After a dramatic drum roll we learnt that our Musicat was the talented singer Ivonne Porras. We jumped and cheered with joy as we had already heard Ivonne sing some beautiful classical opera as well as some cool jazz music. She is very talented! On Monday 16th September we look forward to welcoming Ivonne to St Peter's and can't wait to start our Musicate journey with her. We are very lucky to be a part of this Cheltenham Music Festivals Musicate programme and can't wait to begin in September.



You should have received an email to invite you to download SchoolPing - the school's new communication app. Please contact the office if you have not received this. We will be sending out the newsletter through both ParentMail and SchoolPing for the next couple of weeks but from 23rd September we will move exclusively to SchoolPing.

If you do not have a smartphone or do not wish to download the app, you will receive any message from SchoolPing via your email.



### **TAKING HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME**

Even though the much lower cost of holidays during children's school term times encourages many families to look into the idea of taking their child out of school during the academic year, the first thing to note is, the law does not allow this!

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Our main concern is that any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. Children returning from a term time holiday are unprepared for the lessons that they have missed. The Department for Education only allows a Headteacher discretion to consider an absence/holiday in term time in "special circumstances". Very few requests fall into this category.

Any holiday request must be submitted on the school's Request for Absence during School Term Form which can be found on the school website or from the school office. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If the request is not considered to be a special circumstance, and you nevertheless take your child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. In the case of an unauthorised absence/holiday, the Education and Inclusion Team at Shire Hall will be notified of the unauthorised absence/holiday taken, and a Penalty Notice will be issued.

Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 per parent per child, which increases to £120 per parent per child if not paid within 21 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days, this may result in legal action and ultimately a criminal record.



### **UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

You may know that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to a free school meal, and this is called Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

This does not mean that your child has to have a meal through school as they can bring a packed lunch. However, as a school we would strongly recommend it as children will receive a hot meal that is nutritionally balanced. It is also an important part of the school day as they practise their table manners and improve their social skills.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

UIFSM is not the same as being eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), which can run throughout your child's time in school. You may be eligible if you are in receipt of certain benefits, and for an up to date list, please read the Frequently Asked Question section in this link. When your child is on the FSM register, the school is given extra funding, and this is called Pupil Premium. Pupil Premium can be used by the school in a variety of ways to help support your child, and this can extend to the school funding 'extras' such as your child's trips or music lessons. Your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, also called 'Ever 6' for six years after they are no longer on the Free School Meal register. This will more than likely mean that your child will continue to benefit in secondary school. The application process is really simple, and can be done online through this link:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

You will need to sign in using the same log in details when you applied for primary school, and after that you will just need your National Insurance number. If you are eligible, Free School Meals start from the day you applied. If you have any further queries please come to the office.



### **ParentPay PAYING FOR SCHOOL DINNERS**

Please note that if your children are not entitled to Free School Meals then you will need to pay for your child's dinner through ParentPay once they reach year three or above. Please keep your child's dinner money account in credit, as the school is not supposed to feed children where any account is in debt. Dinners are £2.34 per day or £11.70 for a full week.

In ParentPay, the easiest way to pay is by adding 'items' to the basket, which can be dinners, swimming, trips etc. There is a default amount of £6, but you can change this to what you would like to pay. Please see the following help sheet for more information. <https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-support/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/How-to-pay-for-items.pdf>

Reception and new parents will be receiving a letter about logging in to ParentPay. If you have more than one child, they can be added to the same 'family' account.

### **YEAR 6 SECONDARY APPLICATIONS**

Your child was given a secondary transfer letter and a brown envelope from St Peter's High School on Tuesday. All applications must be made by the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, preferably on line, but a paper version of the form is available on Gloucestershire County Council's website. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Harris in the school office if you have any queries.



### **VACCINATIONS**

You may know that there has been an increase in cases of measles across the country, and an estimated one in seven five year olds are not immunised against MMR. The benefits really outweigh the risks and we would encourage parents to ensure their child has had all the vaccinations they are due.

### **ARRIVING AT SCHOOL**

If you drop your children off in the mornings outside the school premises could we please ask that you do not do this before 8.30am - this is for the children's safety as they are not supervised before this time. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **INHALERS**

Many children have taken their inhalers home over the holidays - please can we ask that they come back into school. Children need a spare kept at school just in case. Many thanks.



### **PARKING**

Can we please remind parents/carers to park responsibly and be mindful of our neighbours. We have already had complaints from local residents that some of our parents are parking dangerously, on their property and are verbally abusive to them.

### **PFA CHARITY CAR PARK**

A big thank you to everyone who helped the PFA with their charity car park day over the holidays – they raised a magnificent £194.00!



### **ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THIS WEEK**

Please find below the attendance figures for your child's class – how did they do this week?

1LD	100%
1AH	97.1%
2SP	96.0%
2VM	99.2%
3EI	91.7%
3MM	94.2%
4SD	95.4%
4OB	97.4%
5HC	91.8%
5MD	97.5%
6CJ	95.7%
6YW	96.4%



### **DINNER MENU – w/c 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetable Tagine with Couscous	Jacket Potato with Beans
Tuesday	Cottage Pie	Vegetarian Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Gammon	Vegetarian Wellington	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Thursday	Chicken Tagine	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans
Friday	Fish and Chips	Red Pepper Frittata	Jacket Potato with Cheese



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y6	Winchcombe Railway Trip	Leave School at 8.30am return by end of day
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School	Mission Together – Day of Many Colours	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1	Gruffalo Trail Trip	Leave school at 8.30am return by end of day
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School	Harvest Service	9.15am – all welcome
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Y2	Assembly	9.15am and 2.30pm
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm – 8.00pm
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>INSET DAY</b>		
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>INSET DAY</b>		
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	Start of New Term	8.40am for 8.55am
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	School Photographs	During the school day
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	Remembrance Day	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Y4	Assembly	9.15am and 2.30pm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	St Andrew's Day (30/11/19)	Wear blue accessory
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Christmas Lunch	
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> December		Nativity	2.00pm and 6.00pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day	
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Family Carol Service	6.00pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Mass	9.15am
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>1.00pm Finish for the Christmas Break</b>		
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School	Start of New Term	8.40am for 8.55am

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