



# St. Peter's

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Opening doors with learning, faith and care*

FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

### WHAT A TERM!

As we approach the end of what has been a very different term in school, let us reflect and take stock of all the amazing things we have achieved as a school family, despite the difficult and challenging circumstances we have all faced.

Our learners have absolutely blown us away each and every day with their learning, their perseverance and their kindness. When we started the school year, we really didn't know the scale of the challenges we would face in terms of logistics, learning gaps and the additional mental-health and wellbeing needs of our children following the school closures. But what they have achieved has been absolutely incredible, every child has made tremendous amounts of progress this term, not just academically but socially and emotionally too. Our learners have shown us every single day that with perseverance, hard work, kindness and a smile we really can achieve anything we set our minds to. They truly are an inspiration and I am incredibly proud of all they have achieved this term.

Our whole-school family has risen to the challenge of working remotely, during the isolation periods we have experienced we were blown away by the quality of the learning happening at home which meant that not a moment of learning has been lost, and this alone is a phenomenal feat.

We have conquered Christmas, Harvest, theme days and enrichment activities in so many new and different ways as a result of all the restrictions that have been in place and I am sure that you will all agree that, despite every obstacle, our children have had a blast! I think, more than ever, we understand the value of school life beyond the academics and I can honestly say that through all this, our little village school really is the beating heart of the most wonderful community and this could not have been more evident than in the response to Look for a Light lantern display this week!

Of course, none of this is possible without the hard work and gargantuan efforts of every one of our school team. I am truly blessed to work with such an exceptional team of people, who go over and above every single day. They have risen to every challenge that has been presented to them, and given it 110% in the classroom (and online!) every single day! It really has been an amazing, rollercoaster of a term and I am so incredibly proud to have them with me on this crazy journey.

I want to thank every member of our school family for all their love, their support and their kindness this term, we really couldn't have done it without you. I wish you all a very merry, safe and restful Christmas and cannot wait to see where our adventures lead us in 2021!

*Mrs Pilkington*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

*\* Please see individual letters for more information*

21.12.20	<b>Christmas Holiday Begins</b>
04.01.21	<b>School Closed – INSET Day</b>
05.01.21	<b>Pupils Return to School</b>
15.01.21	<b>Applications for school places for September 2021 closes.</b>
27.01.21	<b>Year 5 Bikeability</b>
15.02.21	<b>February Half-Term Begins</b>
22.02.21	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
02.04.21	<b>Easter Holiday Begins</b>
19.04.21	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
03.05.21	<b>School Closed – Bank Hol</b>
10.05.21	<b>Year 6 SATs week begins</b>
31.05.21	<b>Whitsun Half-Term Begins</b>
07.06.21	<b>School Closed – INSET Day</b>

### PTFA LOTTO



Congratulations to Mrs Green who won the first draw in this year's PTFA lottery. **A prize of £25 is on its way to you!**

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

This week our learners have taken on even more community projects, to spread a little hope and joy this Christmastime.

Thank you to Class TG who have continued their social action project with the House of Bread by creating a wonderful reverse advent calendar full of much needed toiletries and Christmas treats. They accompanied this with hand-made Christmas cards to their new friends which I know will be greatly received. Well done Class TG – we are very proud of the compassion and kindness you have shown to the vulnerable and homeless this term.



Our school giving tree draws to a close today and once again we have been astounded by your generosity. We had originally set a target of raising £100-£150 for Katherine House Hospice, but I am delighted to share with you that the total raised now stands at an incredible £456.50! Thank you so much for all your donations to this brilliant cause!

Supported by the PTFA and the Hixon Community Association, all our children were involved in the local Look for a Light project and our wonderful school display, along with the children's individual lanterns were featured on the Staffordshire Look for a Light Facebook page. Well Done St. Peter's for showing tremendous community spirit!

## ST. PETER'S PTFA SPONSORS CHRISTMAS

A huge thank you must go to our wonderful PTFA who have single-handedly saved Christmas at St. Peter's this year! The PTFA have kindly funded our KS1 Christmas surprise visit from Santa and his reindeer, our KS2 Christmas Pantomime, our 'Look for a Light' project materials, a movie afternoon and even a Christmas craft activity for each class. The children have had a fantastic festive season and we really appreciate everything that you have done to support us this term.



## COVID HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

A letter has been shared on Dojo today regarding holiday arrangements for anyone who tests positive for Covid-19. Contract tracing, via the school, will remain in place over the holiday period and therefore we kindly ask that you let us know if your child tests positive for Covid-19, this means that we can support track and trace and isolate further cases to protect our community. Please send a message to Mrs Pilkington via Class Dojo as soon as you receive a positive test result.

## THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS JIGSAW



Our whole-school Christmas production is now available to view through your child's Office 365 account in Microsoft Teams. When you log into your child's class team, click on the Christmas 2020 channel from the left hand-menu (if this does not appear automatically, please click hidden channels to reveal it). The video can be viewed and downloaded within Teams, but we ask that you do not share it, in whole or in part, via social media or any other means. This is imperative to keep all of our learners safe.

## END OF TERM REMINDERS

Please be reminded that correct school uniform is mandatory for all learners at all times, this includes wearing the correct PE kit on PE Days. PE Kit tracksuits should be plain navy or black, with a plain white t-shirt, large logos or other colours are not permitted. Maintaining these high standards supports learners to engage in other learning activities appropriately on PE days too.

Finally, we have noticed that some people are driving onto the school site and using the staff car park on collection at the end of the school day, this is incredibly dangerous at this time as children are using a variety of pathways and coming and going at different times. Please let anyone who collects your child from school know that this is not permitted. If you are disabled or have mobility issues, please speak to us directly so that an alternative collection method can be agreed.

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