



St. Peter's Academy Newsletter
22/03/2024

Welcome



Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon! It was great to welcome the Year 6 children and staff team back from their residential at The Beacon in north Devon. It sounds like they had a fabulous time but are looking forward to their own beds tonight!

Please can we remind you to supervise your children before and after school, particular on the church green at the front of school - the bush/tree has been damaged by children breaking off branches over the last few weeks. Thank you for your help in ensuring we keep good relations with our church neighbours!

We are very much looking forward to the FOSPA Easter fun next Wednesday (see below). A huge thank you to them for these activities and all their fundraising this year; we're looking forward to seeing the outside classroom & shelter that will be arriving in April!

Just a reminder that we finish the term at 2pm next Wednesday, and there is no after school club on that day.

We hope you have a super Easter holiday if we don't see you at the Easter Assembly (Monday 9am)

Gordon Nunn and Mark Everett

Headteachers



Monday 25th March, Easter assembly



On Monday 25th March we are having our Easter Assembly with the new vicar from St Peter's Church, Rev Simon Dunn (who likes to be known as Si). Parents are very welcome - it will be held in church shortly after 9.00 am.

Wednesday 27th March, Last day of term 2pm finish



On Wednesday 27th March our last day of term, we finish at 2 pm. There will be no after-school club that day.

Endeavour, the Beacon Residential

Day 1.

Left school at 10.45, it was a good Journey down to the Beacon centre with lunch in the sunshine. On arrival at the centre, it was time for making the beds and a show around the grounds

St Peters Beacon team reporting for day 2.

The children are engaging really well with the thoughts and discussions that are brought forward in our 'Think time'. Today we spoke about our fears as we discussed how the disciples must have felt when Jesus walked on the water and asked Peter to stand with him outside of the boat. The questions the children raised were very insightful and thought-provoking.

After splitting up into our 2 groups, we began our day with one team doing the crate stack. This involved the children working in pairs by being either climbers, builders or belayers. What a terrific job they did!

The alternate group were off with Mrs Merriman to take part in archery and low ropes. They learnt some brilliant new skills as well as learnt more about each other and how to effectively work as a team in a variety of tricky low rope challenges. We then swapped after lunchtime. The children are certainly eating well, having fajitas for lunch and a curry for dinner we have seen the children trying new foods and a vast majority of them having seconds.

We had a cracking time on the egg challenge this evening, where the children scrambled to fry up a solution on how to keep the egg crack-free. Unfortunately, 4 of the 5 eggs were met with quite a tragic fate. We welcome any egg puns, it's all part of the yolk.

Day 3 at the Beacon is always a great day to follow the physical challenges of Tuesday's crate stack and low ropes - and today didn't disappoint!

A day of B's today with bacon for breakfast, Bushcraft , the beach and then the traditional Beacons Got Talent show. It's been a delight to watch the children play together without worrying about their phones and social media. We may have got a little wet at the beach but it was all great fun.

We were all thoroughly entertained with card tricks, gymnastics, jokes, singing and an act involving cups before hot chocolate and the Magic Pebble story from our bedtime book.

Day 4.

All had a great night's sleep and are ready for Orienteering and the Zipwire.

The waffles at breakfast went down a treat.

Mr Robinson and Miss Dix enjoyed the Zipwire as much as the children. Such a fun last day.

We have had a fabulous week in a very special place.

Day 5.

Last breakfast before a visit to the farm to see the lambs and the piglets.

We're on our way home - get the washing machines ready.

A magical moment- we saw twin lamb number being born.













FOSPA Easter Events, Wednesday 27th March



On the last day of term, FOSPA will organise an Easter Egg hunt during school time for reception class, year 1 and year 2 children



Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be doing an obstacle course in the afternoon during school time. The Sports and School ambassadors will be helping to set this up, thank you.

A purple-themed graphic for an Easter Smarties promotion. At the top left are yellow flowers. In the center is a 38g tube of Smarties. To the right is a grey rabbit holding a carrot. Below the tube is a text box with the following text: "FOSPA will be giving a tube of smarties to each child to enjoy over Easter, please use any spare change to fill the tubes back up and return to the office after half term." Below this text box is the text "Donations also welcome via parent pay if preferred." and "Happy Easter". At the bottom left is a purple egg with a bow, and at the bottom right is a yellow chick in a nest. A circular logo for "Friends of St. Peter's Academy" is also present.

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Donations are also welcome via ParentPay if preferred.

Happy Easter

Year 4 Swimming lessons



After Easter School Swimming will start again. This will be on a Monday at the Olympiad. This week a payment will be set up on <https://app.parentpay.com/> and the invites for consent will go out to the parents of all year 4 pupils, and year 5 and 6 pupils who were not able to finish all the swimming requirements last year.

KS1 School trip



This year KS1 will be going on a joined Class Trip, we are in the middle of planning a trip for Tuesday 2nd July.

Nearer the time we will be asking for parent volunteers, and after Easter, a payment plan will be set up on <https://app.parentpay.com/>

FOSPA is looking for a Treasurer



Sadly we will have to say goodbye to Rebecca Phillips, who has been FOSPA's Treasurer for 6 years. She and her family will be very much missed.

The spot for Treasurer therefore needs to be filled for FOSPA to remain a committee. If you are interested or know of someone interested please contact fospa.stpeters@dbat.org.uk

The role of a Treasurer is to oversee the monitoring of the organisation's finances on behalf of the whole board of trustees, to report regularly on them to the board, and to make sure that money and property are properly managed. They will ensure that bookkeeping, record keeping, and budgeting are done properly.

Wraparound Care - Term 5

**ST PETER'S C OF E
ACADEMY**



Accepting Childcare Vouchers

WRAP AROUND CARE
MONDAY - FRIDAY ALL YEAR GROUPS (Ages 4-11)



Breakfast Club	After School Club Session 1	After School Club Session 2 Mon-Thurs only
7:45- 8:45 am	3:10 - 4:15pm	4:15 - 5:30pm
£6.00	£5.50	£7.50
Breakfast Included	Snack Included	Light Tea Included

**BOOK NOW THROUGH YOUR
PARENT PAY APP**

Breakfast Club now starts at 7:45 am, Monday - Friday

After-school club (Session 1) finishes at 4:15 pm, Monday - Friday

After-school club (Session 2) finishes at 5.30 pm, Monday - Thursday (no session 2 on Fridays)

The costs are:-

- Breakfast Club £6 per session
- After School Club session 1 £5.50 per session
- After School Club session 2 £7.50 per session

You can book your places on [ParentPay](#) or if you pay by School Vouchers please use this form and you will receive a confirmation with payment details [BOOKING FORM](#)

Dates for the diary



High 5 Netball Event - Monday 25th March

FOSPA Ester egg activities - Wednesday 27th March

Swimming lessons, year - Monday 22nd April

Parent Support Clinic - Friday 3rd May

School class pictures - Tuesday 21st May

KS1 School trip - Tuesday 2nd July

Term Dates

Term 4: 19/2/2024 - 27/03/2024 (Finish at 2pm - No after school club)

Term 5: 15/04/2024- 24/05/2024

Term 6: 03/06/2024- 24/07/2024 (Finish at 2pm - No after school club)

TD Days (children not in school): Thursday 28th March, Monday 1st July.

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Term 3	04 January to 09 February 2024	27 days
Term 4	19 February to 28 March 2024	29 days
Term 5	15 April to 24 May 2024	29 days
Term 6	03 June to 24 July 2024	38 days
TOTAL		195 Days

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2024 -25 **Wiltshire Council**

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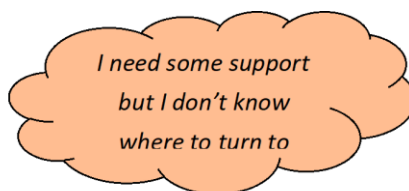
Parent Support

Lisa Foster our Parent Support Advisor will be hosting a Parent support clinic on

Friday 3rd May from 8.30-10.00.

Lisa is a non-teaching staff member whose main role is to provide parents and carers with confidential guidance and support.

she can help you with any personal concerns that you may have or any issues regarding your child.



I am here to support you because.....

Everyone needs support or advice at some time.

Bringing up children can be challenging.

So how can she help?

- By providing a listening ear for any worries or concerns you may have.
- By helping you to access support for various issues, e.g. debt, housing, relationship issues, health concerns etc.
- Supporting you with school-related concerns.
- Guidance for when your child is starting a new school.
- Signposting you to local agencies and facilities.
- Support parents in improving their child's behaviour at home and at school.

If you would like to meet with Lisa, please contact her and she will discuss your concerns/ book a 10 minute appointment

Lisa's contact details are - 07803 406 827 or email Lisa on Lisaf@therisetrust.org

Things to do for Easter



Over the Easter holidays Whitehall Garden Centre has several events on like miniature garden making, bird box painting and slime making. Book your tickets online [here](#)



Reel Cinema in Chippenham has their Move Madness on this Easter Half Term, to see what is on click [here](#)



Bowood and other venues are organising Easter events.

See [here](#) what is on in Wiltshire

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Lordsmead Pre-School

Open morning

Saturday 23rd March

From 9:30am till 11am

Come and see our amazing play spaces, find out about the additional activities we offer every week such as Forest school, Movement and dance and School preparation room.

Join us for refreshments, play and a chat about what we can offer your child and you!

Spaces available starting September or January



We accept children from 2 years old



We accept 2 year old and 3/4 year old childcare funding

Lordsmead Pre-School at St Peter's Church Hall, Lordsmead, SN14 0LL

Lordsmeadpre-schoolplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: 01249 464222

Doorway SleepOut 2024

Saturday 27th April
7pm - 7am
John Coles Park

Join us to experience a night sleeping rough and raise money for Doorway. Groups, Families, children over the age of 10 with an accompanying adult and individuals are welcome to take part in the challenge. There will be music from Meg and Junction 17

To sign up using the QR Code or visit

<https://tinyurl.com/3js3293x>



Event supported by John Coles Park Kiosk and Light Fantastic

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- Sequencing dance steps + movement memory
- Fun movement, dance + stretching games
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- Watching weeks + mini shows
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- Stimulating, interactive + engaging

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