

Welcome Back

September 2024

It has been lovely to see all the children return to school and settle into their new classes. We welcome especially Mrs Mannering who is in charge of our Early Years classes and will be supporting me as Assistant Headteacher. Miss Bates got married over the summer break and has come back as Mrs Carter. I thought through this letter I would let you know a few of our plans for the year ahead.

Aims for the Year

Maths	English	Other
Help the pupils to solve word problems, reasoning questions and problems with more than one step.	To use our good grammar knowledge in our longer pieces of writing.	To carry on with our myHappyMinds programme to help children build self-esteem and manage their emotions.



We are looking forward to joining the Key Educational Trust at the end of this year or early 2025. The process has been delayed as the DfE have been working on a bid for us to improve the conditions of the building and we are waiting on that process. You may have noticed that over the summer work was undertaken on flat roof over the corridors and Reception and Nursery classrooms was completed following a successful bid we put into the Diocese.

After School Clubs

This year we will have the following after school clubs on offer throughout the year.

ASM—Football	Book Club
History Club	ASM gymnastics
Christmas craft	Dance
Athletics	Lego
Cricket	Rounders
SATs preparation (Y6 only)	

Concerts / Assemblies / Services

EYFS/KS1—Christmas Play
EYFS—Mothers Day Service
Y1—Sunflower Assembly
Y2—Victorian Assembly
Pia—Harvest Festival / Electricity Assembly
Ingmar—Easter Service / Egyptian Assembly
Rowan—Leavers Service /
KS2 - End of Year Concert

Trips and Visits

We have also planned in a number of visits and trips to give the children a range of experiences and to support the learning in school.

Y3-6 Stone Age overnight trip
EYFS & KS1 Santa visit
KS2 Theatre Trip to the New Vic
Y1/2 Tatton Park
KS2 National Space Centre

Open Afternoons

We love it when families come into school and work with the class on an activity. So far ...

Y1/2 Wacky Races
Pia (Y3/4) —Sandwich making
Ingmar (Y4/5) - Light up Christmas Decorations
Rowan (Y5/6) - Egyptians
KS2 Stone Age Dress Up

PTA Events

We had a productive meeting at the end of last year to talk about future fundraising events for this academic year. We would really like to push the boat out this year so if anyone has a great idea to raise money for the school please let us know no matter how out of the box!

We have currently pencilled in:-

Bingo, Toy sale, Raffle, Breakfast with Santa, Film Night, Chocolate Raffle, May or Christmas Fair, Disco. These will be included on the date list coming out next week.

Tesco Blue Counters

One of our parents has applied on our behalf to Tesco Stronger Starts and been successful. Our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week in October 2024 until Mid January 2025. Our project is to develop our wooded outdoor area as Forest Schools enhances children's development by fostering creativity, independence, a love for nature through outdoor exploration and immersive outdoor activities.

The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500.

Class Dojo

Our trial last year of Class Dojo was a success and parents gave positive feedback about the App. So this year we have developed a clear strategy about how we will use it which will be in a number of ways.

Firstly, we will add all upcoming events with reminders to the whole school or class specific calendar. Secondly, we will send messages for the whole school or from class teachers to specific classes or just individual children. Keep an eye out for the red notification on the message tab.

Additionally, Children will gain positive points for completing task or activities such as read 5 times a week or scored better on a test. Parents will be notified that children have won the points.

We will continue to develop how it is used as we become more fluent with the programme. We know children can upload photos of activities at home which we would love to see. Homework can also be set using the programme.

POINTS TO NOTE

Please still use attendance@st-peters-caverswall.staffs.sch for absences.

Please still email or call those office for queries over parent pay, lunches—the non academic or headteacher@st-peters-caverswall.staffs.sch.uk if you have something to discuss.

Please note I have asked staff to turn off notifications to them after 5:30pm and before 8am so we can't guarantee the 10pm messages will be read until the next day.

In future we will no longer use the notification email system and all information will come through Class Dojo.



We have been let down at the beginning of this year by companies who work for us. There have been many glitches to parent pay that have been ironed out and our learning journals are not yet printed. This will be sorted soon.

Thanks for your patience.

Looking forward to the year ahead!

