



Autumn 2024 - Newsletter 1

Messages From Mr Hitchcock...



Welcome back, everyone! It's great to see you the new bottle green shirts - they look smart! The excitement around the school has been amazing, and I'm especially impressed with how quickly the new children have settled in—welcome to all of you, especially our fab new reception cohort!

Thanks so much for your feedback in last term's parent survey. I used AI to summarize your comments, and here's what it highlighted:

St. Peter's is known for being a nurturing, inclusive school with a strong sense of community. Parents appreciate the broad range of activities, including Forest School, swimming, and music. The leadership team, particularly the headteacher, is praised for creating a supportive environment where children feel safe and happy.

(Side note: I didn't add the bit about the headteacher!)

This year, I'll be focusing a lot on our school mission, especially around pupil progress and reading:

At St. Peter's, we aim for outstanding academic progress, especially in reading, while nurturing pupils who are happy, spiritual, respectful, and hardworking.

To kick things off, we're emphasising the importance of being ready to learn. Being attentive and focussed is essential to learning. We've introduced 'silent stop'—a signal to stop talking and focus on the teacher—and 'STAR sitting,' which means Sitting up, Tracking the speaker, Answering questions, and showing Respect by keeping hands in your lap. This is all about creating an efficient learning environment, and I'm happy to say we're off to a great start!

A huge thanks to all the parents that helped out with the chicks over the summer holidays - we appreciate it! I also want to say a big thanks to **Becky England**, who has replaced our outdated curtains in the hall with nice new green ones. Thank you!!!

Short notices

- Don't forget to check the '**Need to Know**' page for everything that is going on in our busy school. They have been updated for this term with dates and class information on the side tabs. In two weeks time you will also get a parent information video to watch for your class to give you everything you need for a successful term. <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/class-info/>
- An important part of our back to school routine is know about **pupil allergies** in certain classes. Please be advised that the following classes can not bring in the following foods for snacks. Thank you for your understanding:
 - Apple - nuts, especially walnuts
 - Cherry - all nuts and peanuts
 - Chestnut - kiwi
 - Rowan - nuts
 - Ash - peanuts

- **Swimming and Forest School payments** are live on SchoolGateway. Full term of swimming is £25, half term is £12.50. Full term of forest school is £5, half term is £2.50. You have had emails to let you know what classes are doing what. Thanks!
- Based on the feedback from the **Doodle Maths** survey and the lower participation rates compared to the cost, we've decided not to offer Doodle Maths through the school this year. However, I know many of you find it really beneficial, so please feel free to purchase your own subscription if it works well for your child.
- **Cleaners needed!** Please let us know if you want to join the team, and spread the word!
<https://st-peters-school.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

What's Been Happening In School...



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Pupil Celebrations...

Well done to...Mia, Woody, Poppy



4 - Well done to Poppy who completed her Grade 2 Violin exam over the summer and smashed it! Awesome!



5 - Well done to Woody who completed his Grade 1 Violin exam over the summer with a Merit! Nice one!



6 - Well done to Hugo who has had a really impressive, successful tennis summer!



7 - Well done to Mia who was awarded performer of the term at her PQA group recently!



8 - Well done to Hal who took part in the 10K London Summer Walk raising £250 for Prostate Cancer UK. Amazing!

Coming Up In The School & Community...

Quick Links...

- [Need to know pages](#)
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Adverts...



TRY RUGBY
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

EXMOUTH RUGBY GIRLS SATURDAY 17th AUGUST 2024
10 am to 12 pm

- ♥ Girls age 10 to 16
- ♥ School years 5+ (Sept. 24)
- ♥ Have fun & learn new skills
- ♥ Family friendly club
- ♥ No experience necessary

with
CLAUDIA MACDONALD
EXETER CHIEFS & ENGLAND

CLIODHNA MOLONEY
EXETER CHIEFS & IRELAND

STAY FOR
EXMOUTH RUGBY WOMEN
vs
LUTTERWORTH LADIES

Pre season friendly
kick off @ 2.00 pm

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