



St Peter's  
C.E. Academy

# Principal's Post



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23rd September 2022

## Principal's Message...



Welcome to our first newsletter of the term. It has been an unusual start to the beginning of the term, particularly with the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The children have taken this news in their stride and have shared prayers and reflections during the period of mourning. As a church school we are thankful for her 70 years of service to our nation and will continue to support King Charles III in his new role.

One of the best bits of my role is to visit classes and to see the learning in action on a daily basis. The children have made an excellent start to the new year and have demonstrated our new school rules on a consistent basis. If you would like to find out more about our learning, please see our curriculum section on the website [here](#). Each class has their own 'curriculum sequence on a page' document.

Last week, we elected our new pupil leadership team for the school. We had lots of interest across all year groups and we voted democratically for almost all positions. Further information about the successful applicants can be found on the next few pages.

## Calendar Dates

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival at the church; 9:30am start, parents welcome to attend
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Peterborough Cathedral Service of Thanksgiving
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	World's Biggest Coffee Morning – 2pm in the school hall – parents' welcome
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Trip to West Stow
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Film Night – Friends of St. Peter's Fundraiser
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos (individual ones and siblings)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Training Day – School closed
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School opens – Term 2 starts
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	New Year 3 Parent tours
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' evening – booking information will be sent out in October
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	New Year 3 Parent tours
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' evening – booking information will be sent out in October
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance service – 2:00pm at St. Peter's church – parents' welcome
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	New Year 3 Parent tours
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – mufti day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Sportshall Athletics competition at Manor School
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	NHS Flu Vaccinations – more details to follow
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco - Friends of St. Peter's Fundraiser
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day and Year 6 Pantomime trip
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle service – 2:00pm at St. Peter's church – parents' welcome
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and Year 4 Pantomime trip
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Pantomime Trip
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner – to be confirmed
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2



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## Harvest Festival



On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival at St. Peter's church. We have chosen to support Raunds Food Bank again.

Please bring any donations on this day and the children will take them to the service. Thank you.

## Value for this term

### FRIENDSHIP



'Encourage one another and build each other up' – Thessalonians 5.11

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## Our School Vision

### 'Let Your Light Shine'

#### Matthew 5:16

Our vision is to welcome, nurture and enable all to flourish and develop as unique individuals who share their gifts and talents with each other and the wider world. We provide an environment where pupils are challenged and supported to achieve their full potential guided by Christian values.

#### Our school motto is,

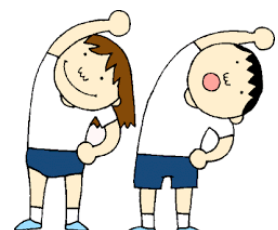
*'Nurturing all to flourish and grow'*

## PE Uniform and PE Days

The majority of our children arrived in school in the correct PE uniform on the right days.

As a reminder, our PE uniform consists of:

- \* Plain NAVY jogging bottoms or leggings or shorts
- \* Plain NAVY hoodie (school branded) or zip up top
- \* Plain WHITE PE t-shirt (can be branded)
- \* Trainers



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS WEARING THE CORRECT KIT AND COLOUR. THANK YOU.



### **Updated Relationship (behaviour) Policy**

We are often commended by visitors to our school for our excellent behaviour. Our children are very good at upholding our Christian values and following our code of conduct.

This year, we have updated our behaviour policy in line with the [Nene Education Trust's Relationship Policy](#).

### **3 Simple Behaviour Rules**

We have 3 simple behaviour rules for all children and adults to follow.

These are:

- **Ready**
- **Respectful**
- **Safe**

### **4-Step Sanctions**

We follow 4 simple sanctions when a pupil demonstrates unacceptable behaviour.

Step	Action
<b>Reminder</b>	A reminder of the 3 simple rules – Ready, Respectful, Safe. This reminder will be delivered privately, where possible.
<b>Caution</b>	A clear, verbal caution, making the pupil aware of their behaviour and clearly outlining the consequences if they continue. This caution will be delivered privately, where possible. Adult to use the phrase, "Think carefully about your next step."
<b>Reflection</b>	The last chance. This message is delivered privately, where possible. The class teacher will ask the pupil to stay behind after the lesson to reflect on their behaviour choices and to engage with positive behaviour. This cannot be removed, reduced or substituted.  The class teacher will speak to the pupil first. If behaviour does not improve, the adult can refer the pupil to a member of SLT, if required.
<b>Reset and Repair</b>	Time out for a short time outside of the room, or removal from the playground/field, to calm down. The student will speak to an adult, or a member of the SLT to investigate what has happened. The pupil will be encouraged to look at the situation from a different perspective and compose themselves.  A restorative conversation will take place with a member of staff or the SLT.

In the event, that a pupil's behaviour is deemed unsafe or constitutes 'serious unacceptable behaviour,' a separate process will be applied. Please see the policy on the school website (link above) for more details. Incidents of 'serious unacceptable behaviour' are rare at St. Peter's.



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## Net Aware

Keeping safe online has never been more important than now. Last year, as a school, our highest number of safeguarding concerns related to online safety.

**Cyberbullying**, or online bullying, is when someone uses the internet to bully someone else. The Cambridge dictionary defines cyberbullying as 'Someone who uses the internet to harm or frighten another person, especially by sending them unpleasant messages.'

**12%** of young people in the UK are affected by cyberbullying

As a school, we teach the children about online safety and cyberbullying regularly as part of our computing and RHE curriculum. If you would like to find out more about information about cyberbullying and best practice for parents and carers, please click on the link [here](#).

### Friends of St. Peter's – Fundraising Team

Would you like to join our fundraising team – the Friends of St. Peter's?

We are planning a series of fundraising events over the forthcoming year, to raise much needed funds for our school. Last year, we used this funding to install a new library, to fund the transport for our panto trip and other equipment in school.

Please contact the school office team if you can spare a few hours to help support with our events. Any support will be much appreciated.



### Our Local Committee (Our Governors)

St. Peter's CE Academy, has a Local Committee which offers support and challenge to the school, under the direction of the Trust Board. We have 5 members on our committee, which is made up of staff, parents and members of the local community, who work closely with members of our teaching team.

Our LAB members are:

- Tom Hatton (staff LAB member)
- Bruce Darling (parent LAB member)
- Catherine Wilson (parent LAB member)
- Rev Jon Aldwinckle (community LAB member)
- Julie Barke (foundation LAB member and chair of LAB)





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## Remembering Queen Elizabeth II by Mrs Casswell

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, I visited the Sandringham Estate in Norfolk to lay some flowers on behalf of the school.

It was a humbling and overwhelming experience and one I will remember for a long time. The scent in the air, the volume of visitors and the beautiful colours that laid to rest.



The Queen's death has brought an unusual start to the beginning of a new school year. As a church school, we have recognised the importance and value of the Queen's own faith as the 'Defender of the Church' and the part it played in her servant leadership. The children have shared their feelings and emotions, expressing what the Queen meant to them. Below is a snippet of some of their comments.

*'I will remember the Queen for her wearing bright colours. She showed us how to be kind and how we can show our differences.'*

*'I will remember the Queen doing a sketch with Paddington Bear and her fabulous sense of humour.'*

*'The Queen showed us how to be compassionate and loyal to others.'*

*'I will remember the Queen as a kind, sweet lady with a passionate heart. She showed us how to be better people.'*

*'I will never forget the Queen's kindness.'*