

St Peter's NEWSLETTER

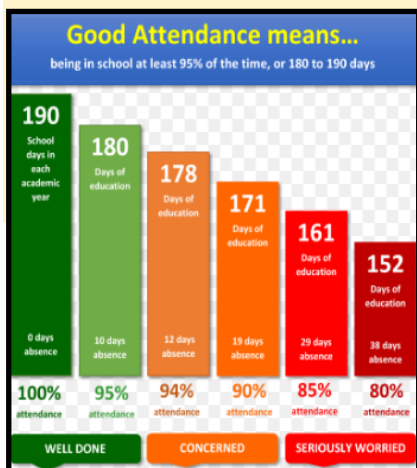
PRIMARY SCHOOL

19th January
2024

Dear families,

It has been lovely to get settled back in routines this week. Thankyou for your patience as we run some new clubs for the first time. Going forward, please do send in wellies/old trainers if your child is attending an outdoor club or if they would like to play in the muddy field areas at break and lunch. They are also welcome to bring waterproof trousers if you would like them to have them for outdoor activities.

We are slowly introducing more outdoor learning and play activities throughout the school day and look forward to making the most of the school and community sites in the warmer weather.



DATES COMING UP

(parents are welcome at events in italic bold)

Mon **U11 Sports hall**
22nd **Athletics—selected pupils**
Tues Pegasus swimming
23rd
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30th

Attendance

You may have picked up in the National Press over recent months that attendance is a big focus in schools currently. Our whole school attendance is at 97% currently. Thankyou for your support in ensuring your child is in school everyday. Attached with the newsletter is a DfE document with more details.

Training Time

Teachers do training weekly after school as part of staff meeting time and there are some times when your child's class teacher or teaching assistant (or me!) may not be in class because we are attending training. This training ensures we are compliant with legislation and also keeps our practice current and helps us achieve our aim of enabling all pupils to flourish. Some of the training accessed by staff over the term so far has been the following:



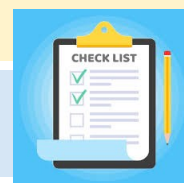
The new Spring food menus start from 19th February and will be sent out shortly for you to choose options in advance. Please complete by **2nd Feb.**

THE
SCHOOL LUNCH
COMPANY

FOSPS

Did a fantastic job of raising money for school last term and providing fun filled events for families. See the attached newsletter and posters for details of the events and enterprises coming this Spring Term that we would love your support with.

If you are a service family, look out for a form we will send home next week to help us understand the experience your child has had so far and if any changes are known for the future.



Have a lovely weekend!

Diana

WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

- Cygnus** using resources responsibly and creatively, designing rockets using recycled objects. In phonics learning digraphs 'ch' and 'sh' and tricky word 'are'.
- Tucana** using Nouns, Adjectives and Past tense in our story writing. We have also learned about landmarks in our capital city, London.
- Phoenix** about tectonic plates using biscuits and chocolate spread. In computing, we have been learning about desktop publishing and, in English, we have been looking at poetry techniques.
- Pegasus** We have been simplifying fractions in Maths, writing cinquains in English and exploring electrical circuit symbols in Science.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5YV6t6mXPE>



HOMEWORK STRATEGIES FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN

Pooky Knightsmith



Alvescot Village Association

PUBLIC MEETING

**Monday 22 January
7.00 p.m.**

St Peter's School

An opportunity to get involved in community life in Alvescot

The village's fund-raising charity which organises such fun events as the annual **FETE** is looking for new Members. Anyone living or working in the village, over the age of 16, is eligible for appointment. There are approximately five meetings a year.

If you think you could help, come along to find out more.

www.alvescot.org.uk

Hedgehog Club Half Term Activity Days at Hailey Community Wood from 9.30am -3.30pm. (Early drop off/late pick up available)

14th, 15th and 16th February

Come and enjoy a day of outdoor challenges and games including den building, fire lighting, cooking and much, much more.

We will be cooking snacks on the fire. Hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits will be available all day.

It costs £38 per child or £48 for early drop off option..

Booking is through the website www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk



Hedgehog Club Family Fun Morning.

When: Sunday 4th February 10am until 1pm.

Where: Hailey Community Wood, near Witney

What:

A morning of fun all about birds. You can make a bird hide, go exploring to see what birds you can find, make a bird feeder to take home and much, much more.

Homemade biscuits hot drinks and snacks cooked on the fire will be available

Costs: £15 per child, adults are free.

Booking is through the website www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk



Gift Amnesty

Parents, staff and friends!

Can you help us raise funds for the school this year?

If you received any gifts at Christmas or on a birthday that aren't quite to your taste (or you got two of the same) we'd love any donations that can be used as prizes or at future events.

Where to drop them off

Please bring your donations to school on Friday 12th January, at drop off or pick up. Or pass to a FOSPS Trustee.

*Long dated food and drinks items also very welcome!

Thank you!

from Friends of St Peters School Alvescot

