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Dear families,

Staffing update

We are delighted to inform you that we have a new assistant head teacher joining us for January. Many of you will remember Mr Lane, who left us a few years ago. He has now gained much experience, by working at another school, and shall be returning in January as Ks2 leader and Y5B teacher. Mrs Sharples is staying with us, but will have a different teaching role in school.

On a sad note however, Mrs McKenna will be leaving us at the end of term. I would like to wish Mrs McKenna all the best for the future and I trust you will join me in saying a fond farewell and thank her for all her support, dedication and loyalty over her time here at St. Peter's; her expertise and knowledge of early reading was an asset to the school.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

This will be the last newsletter of this term, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

I am aware that many of you like to give staff presents at this time of year, and they are very much appreciated. However, taking the time to send an email of thanks would be equally as well received. If you would like to thank a member of staff, our TAP to THANK app makes it very easy - [please click here](#).
"Let's sprinkle some kindness at this festive season."

EYFS and Y1 Nativity

What a wonderful performance! The full gallery of pictures can now be found on the school blog pages

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Williams & Mrs Scott

Friday 15th December 2023

Attendance this week 8.12- 14.12.23

Well done to this week's top attenders!

	This week	YTD
YRB	93.2	93.1
YRG	97.5	95.9
Year 1B	97.9	95.8
Year 1G	97.9	97.3
Year 2B	96.0	94.4
Year 2G	98.0	96.6
Year 3B	92.8	95.7
Year 3G	92.0	95.0
Year 4B	96.5	97.5
Year 4G	96.8	95.9
Year 5B	95.2	95.7
Year 5G	94.8	97.3
Year 6B	97.7	96.4
Year 6G	92.5	93.6
Whole school	95.4	95.7

Please do not book holidays in term time – the Government says holidays from school can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances!
Please don't put me in the position of needing to say no.





TAP to THANK

Thank
Somebody
Today

TAP
thankandpraise.co.uk

Next week's reverse advent calendar.

Year 5 Green	Mon 18 th Dec	Long life fruit juice
Year 5 Blue	Tues 19 th Dec	Long life milk
Year 6 Green	Wed 20 th Dec	Tinned tomatoes
Year 6 Blue	Thur 21 st Dec	Instant mashed potatoes

Spot light on reading – well done to Peighton who won our word search competition. Your £10 voucher is on its way to you!

Every week we post pictures of the children at work, showing the amazing learning opportunities that are provided



[Please take a moment to visit our class blogs.](#)

Children can wear their Christmas Jumper every day from Friday 8th December, until the end of term, instead of their school dark green jumper or cardigan.



What is happening next week?



Saturday 16th December Café Church 10am in studio
Sunday 17th December Choir to Audacious Church in Manchester

Monday 18th December Y2- Y6 Blue classes carol Service

Tuesday 19th December Y2- Y6 Green classes Carol Service

Wednesday 20th December Rock Kidz Christmas party - [see information and letter below or click here.](#)

Wednesday 20th December Bingo night 1 - tickets available on parent pay

Thursday 21st December talent show - pupil only event

Thursday 21st December Bingo night 2 - tickets available on parent pay

Friday 22nd December School closes at the usual time

Advanced notice

Monday January 8th School reopens. We have a visiting theatre company showing Christmas carol on this day.

Tuesday January 9th We will be hosting a community science show in the school hall 6pm – 7pm. All are welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available via parent pay. Please see the poster below for more information.

Menu week commencing 18th December 2023

[Click here for the weekly menu](#) - week 3

We are on the web!

www.st-peters-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk



We now have 3,273 followers – thank you!
Follow us on twitter @stpetersfarn



Advanced notice



The Royal Institution
Science Lives Here

St Peter's Primary School welcomes you to an exciting community science show!

**St Peter's Primary School
Hall**

**Tuesday 9th January
2024**

**6:00pm - 7:00pm
(arrival from 5:45pm)**

All ages welcome!



Lively! Fun! Explosive! Exciting!

**Tickets can be purchased through
Parent Pay at**

£2.50 each.

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Each attendee must have a ticket.
100 tickets are available.**



Christmas Diary of events

Our Christmas diary of events is now available and has been copied to the end of this newsletter.

Please take a moment to read it through and make a note of the events involving your child, so you can be aware of what is coming up in the next few weeks.

Alternatively you can watch this short video which runs through the calendar of events.



Please note the change of date for the Christmas dinner to Wednesday 13th December. This is to allow the children who are in the choir and attending Audacious Church to enjoy Christmas dinner with us as part of the St. Peter's family

Saturday 16th December 	Café Church This will be a Family Cafe Service held in the studio at 10am. All welcome to come along.
Sunday 17th December 	Choir to Audacious Church Christmas event The KS2 choir have been asked to perform at the BIG SING taking place at Audacious Church in Manchester. This exciting event is taking place on Sunday 17th December at 10am. The children will need bringing to the church and collecting again after the service. Please can children arrive 45 minutes before the start of the service. For this event, parents will be able to watch the performance but you are required to book a free audience ticket. Details of this will be sent out soon when we have confirmed numbers.
Monday 18th December 	Blue Carol Service This will be held in school. at 2:00pm. All children from Year 2 to Year 6 (blue classes!) will be involved and parents are warmly invited to join us. 1 adult per child as space in the hall is very limited and there will be 150 children in the performance. Please state your childs name on entry; 1 child = 1 adult entrant. This is a service and is a free event.
Tuesday 19th December 	Green Carol Service This will be held in school. at 2:00pm. All children from Year 2 to Year 6 (green classes!) will be involved and parents are warmly invited to join us. 1 adult per child as space in the hall is very limited and there will be 150 children in the performance. Please state your childs name on entry; 1 child = 1 adult entrant. This is a service and is a free event.



Wednesday 20th December 	<u>Rock Kidz Christmas party day</u> We have a special treat for the children, a party with Rock Kidz. Each year group will have their own time slot in the hall and will take part in the best Rock Party ever to celebrate the end of term! All children will get hot chocolate and biscuits today! School dinner will be party food on this day. Packed lunch children are welcome to bring party food along for their dinner.
Wednesday 20th December	<u>Bingo night 1</u> We will be holding Christmas Bingo in the school Hall, Doors open at 5.45pm. Entrance fees including your Bingo book are £2 per person, all parents and children must pay an entrance fee (under 3's go free). Each entrants name will be checked off on arrival and bingo books issued. There are 180 spaces available and will be distributed on a first come first served basis. We will let you know when these are on sale.
Thursday 21st December	<u>Bingo night 2</u> We will be holding Christmas Bingo in the school Hall, Doors open at 5.45pm. Entrance fees including your Bingo book are £2 per person, all parents and children must pay an entrance fee (under 3's go free). Each entrants name will be checked off on arrival and bingo books issued. There are 180 spaces available and will be distributed on a first come first served basis. We will let you know when these are on sale.
Thursday 21st December 	<u>Talent Show</u> A chance for some of our children to showcase the skills they have been practising to the rest of the school!
Friday 22nd December	<u>Cinema afternoon</u> This is an opportunity for the children to come to school and watch a Christmas movie with their friends whilst sharing pop corn, snacks and drinks.
Friday 22nd December	School finishes for Christmas at the usual time 
Monday 8th January 2024	Welcome back – our spring term 2024 commences. As a special treat for the children, a visiting theatre group will be performing Christmas Carol



12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

The National College



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Community Events

Early Help Parenting Drop-in

For all families with children under 18

We know that being a parent is not always easy and that families need extra support at some stage as children grow up.

Targeted Early Help Workers will be on hand to offer advice and support.

We can offer signposting to helpful services, organisations and community groups.

Poor school attendance?

Are they being excluded from school?

Are they anxious or struggling with self-esteem?

Are you struggling with your child's behaviour?

Not sure what services there are available that can help to support you?

Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat if you want any advice or information about parenting.

Drop-in sessions, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Farnworth King St Centre 20 Jan 10 Feb 2 Mar 23 Mar 20 Apr

Oxford Grove Children Centre 6 Jan 27 Jan 17 Feb 9 Mar 6 Apr 27 Apr

Tonge Children Centre 13 Jan 3 Feb 24 Feb 16 Mar 13 Apr



For more information please contact:

Targeted Early Help Tel: 01204 337390
Email: earlyhelp@bolton.gov.uk





Dear Parent/Carer,

Have you heard the news? Rock Kidz is officially coming to your child's school on the **20th December 2023** to deliver the most exciting rock 'n' roll workshops in the UK!

Throughout the school day we'll be transforming the whole school into Rockstars and inspiring them to be the best they can be. Our experienced team will be teaching one of our key messages such as self-esteem, anti-bullying, aspirations and inclusion through our unique Rock Kidz songs.

Merchandise: Wear the message, live the message!

We believe that it is more important than ever for young people to immerse themselves in positive experiences that leave a lasting effect on their wellbeing.

At the end of the workshop day our team will be outside conducting a **'Meet & Greet'** for the school community where there will be an opportunity to meet the team and purchase the **official Rock Kidz Merchandise** for your child. The merchandise features a positive message of the value we've covered in the workshop and aims to serve as an inspirational reminder of the Rock Kidz experience. All purchases can be made with **cash** or **card**. Here is what we will have on sale with prices:

T-Shirts - £12

Caps - £15

Hoodies - £20

Thank you in advance for your support of Rock Kidz. Your purchase helps us to continue our mission to inspire children nationwide.

If you'd like to learn more about our organisation and the work we do visit **www.rockkidzonline.com/ontour**

We look forward to seeing you soon!



St. Peter's Farnworth

Join us for

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SEASON!

Starts Friday
December 8th, then
wear your festive
woolly every day
until the end of term.

£1 donation via parent pay. Money will be
split between Save The Children Charity
and school Christmas fun activities.



Congratulations to last week's super learners! 8.12.23

Super Learners 8.12.23

	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Green	Abdulazeem K – Great writing Haris K – Great knowledge in police visit	Oliver G – Skyla C – Super nativity practise	Hallie G – Jasmine A – Amazing art work	Noah R – Full marks in arithmetic Calvin O – Super writing including finger spaces	Cole R – Huma A – Amazing newspaper report	Louie K – Fantastic plane design in art	Rowan C – Writing a detailed description Beaux J – Excellent answers and progress in reading
Blue	Vikaash J – Alphonsus O – Great phonics and reading	Rose Y – Piper W – Super nativity practise	Dexter B – Excellent presentation in all work Jersey J – Trying really hard in R.E. wreath making	Carter J – Excellent character description Mya B – Lovely thoughtful answers in R.E	Lincoln W – Jemima R – Fantastic P.E.	Lennon McG – Super independent working Lucas W – Amazing attitude in assessments	Logan S – Jacob C – Using expanded noun phrases

[Please visit our super learner blog for great pictures of the weekly celebration!](#)

Reverse advent calendar

Class	Date	Item		Class	Date	Item
Reception Green	Monday 4 th Dec	Packet of rice		Year 3 Blue	Wed 13 th Dec	Tea bags
Reception Blue	Tues 5 th Dec	Mince pies		Year 4 Green	Thur 14 th Dec	Selection box
Year 1 Green	Wednesday 6 th Dec	Box of biscuits/chocolates		Year 4 Blue	Fri 15 th Dec	Selection box
Year 1 Blue	Thur 7 th Dec	Box of biscuits/chocolates		Year 5 Green	Mon 18 th Dec	Long life fruit juice
Year 2 Green	Fri 8 th Dec	Tinned fish		Year 5 Blue	Tues 19 th Dec	Long life milk
Year 2 Blue	Monday 11 th Dec	Jar of jam		Year 6 Green	Wed 20 th Dec	Tinned tomatoes
Year 3 Green	Tuesday 12 th Dec	Box of cereal		Year 6 Blue	Thur 21 st Dec	Instant mashed potatoes



Holiday List - 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

School re-opens after Summer break
Half Term (One week and Two days)
Term Ends

Tues 5th September 2023
Thurs 26th October – Fri 3rd November 2023
Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Term Begins
Half Term (one week)
Term Ends

Mon 8th January 2024
Mon 19th to Fri 23th February 2024
Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Term Begins
Bank Holiday
Half Term (one week)
Term Ends

Mon 15th April 2024
Mon 6th May 2024
Mon 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024
Fri 19th July 2024

Staff training days- school closed to children

Monday 4th September 2023
Thursday 26th October 2023
Friday 27th October 2023
Friday 5th January 2024
Friday 31st May 2024

Please note that October half term is one week and two days, school will close on Wednesday 25th October until Monday 6th November. This is intended to reduce the length of the autumn term, the academic year is still 190 days.

“ Learn, Sparkle & Shine...”

Our holiday list for 24/25 is also available on our website.



Easy fund raising for school with on line shopping.



Did you know we can support our school by raising money every time we shop online? Support that means we can fund school trips – and it doesn't cost us a penny!

We're using easyfundraising, a free fundraising platform that allows us to earn money when we shop online. easyfundraising works with over 7,000 online retailers, everyone from Tesco, eBay, Sports Direct, M&S, Boots, Just Eat, Booking.com, and everything in between. Once signed up all you need to do is start your shopping journey at the easyfundraising website, use the browser extension or app (information will be provided when you register) and the retailer you shop with will send us a free donation based on how much you spend

If you are making an on line purchase anyway, by using easyfundraising you can give to us at the same time and at no additional cost to you.

So please support us if you can by registering yourself today at

[Easy fundraising St Peters Farnworth](#)

it only takes 2 minutes and all you need is your email address.

Please also share with your friends and family if they would also like to help – the more the better!

