



St Peter's C of E Junior School
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INFORM



Wednesday 11th September 2024

CURRICULUM FLYERS

We have an exciting half term ahead of us with lots of interesting learning planned across our broad and balanced curriculum. For a full overview of what your child will be learning, please access our Curriculum Flyers for 'Autumn 1' here:

<https://www.stpetersjunior.org.uk/curriculum-flyers/>.

For further information, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.



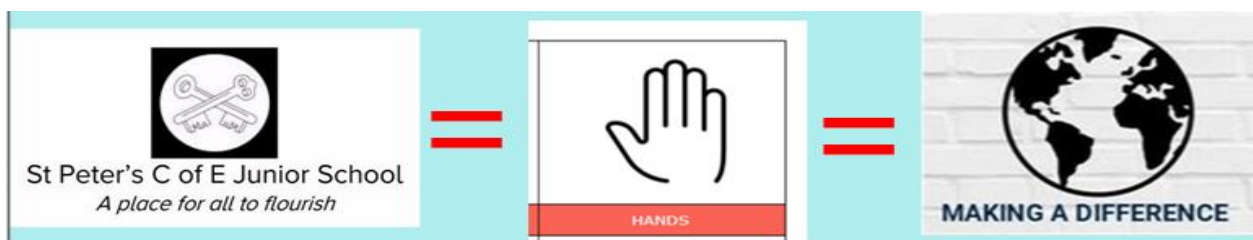
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Once again, we will be supporting the Friary (a local charity that helps homeless, long-term unemployed and vulnerable adults) in their Harvest Appeal. The Friary are asking for help with harvest contributions that are relied upon to stock their shelves for the coming year. All types of food can be re-distributed. The types of food that are most needed can be seen in this picture.



All donations make a real difference to people's lives. Your support is really appreciated - please feel free to bring any donations into school, which we be kept in our hall until our Harvest Festival assembly on 9th October 2024.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP



This year there will be an enhanced emphasis on Pupil Leadership opportunities within school. On Monday I led a whole school assembly on 'HANDS – 'making a difference' – 'contributing to the life of school!' The firm message was that each pupil has qualities within them that would make them an amazing leader, that they all have something to offer, that before leaving St Peter's they should contribute and make a difference to life at our school.

Applications for pupil leadership roles will take place over the next 3 weeks. Roles to be announced for 24/25 in assembly on Monday 30th September!



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- Green Team
- Sports Leaders
- Diversity Defenders
- Language Ambassadors
- Librarians
- Mental Health Champions

NEW 24/25:

- Charity Leaders
- Music Leaders
- Amigo's
- Digital Esafety Leaders
- Pupil Chaplains
- Change Makers/
Class Ministers

- **Green Team** = the forest, run Christmas campfire, walk to school week, great big bird watch
- **Sports Leaders** = specialist training, lead sports day, sports captains, referees, lead playground games,
- **Diversity Defenders** = Anti-bullying, Racism the red card, Homelessness day, Pride march, Equality for all
- **Language Ambassadors** = International Day Culture
- **Mental Health Champions** = Have a buddy in school, special privileges, lead mental health week
- **Librarians** = exciting new 'top secret' event, hear readers, organise World Book Day, tidy libraries
- **Music Leaders** = lead singing assembly, create/ teach actions for songs, Harvest, Carols, Music Showcase, Play/Inspire when walking into assembly
- **Charity Leaders** = Mustard Seeds walk, organise and run 3 Charity events for the whole school
- **Digital Esafety Leaders** = computer leaders, E-safety day design, pupil/parent online safety leads
- **Pupil Chaplains** = design/create a new room in school for pupil to reflect, feel calm, to be spiritual
- **Class Minister** = represent your classes voice on Pupil Parliament (school council/change maker)
- **Amigo's** = All Y5's paired with a Y3

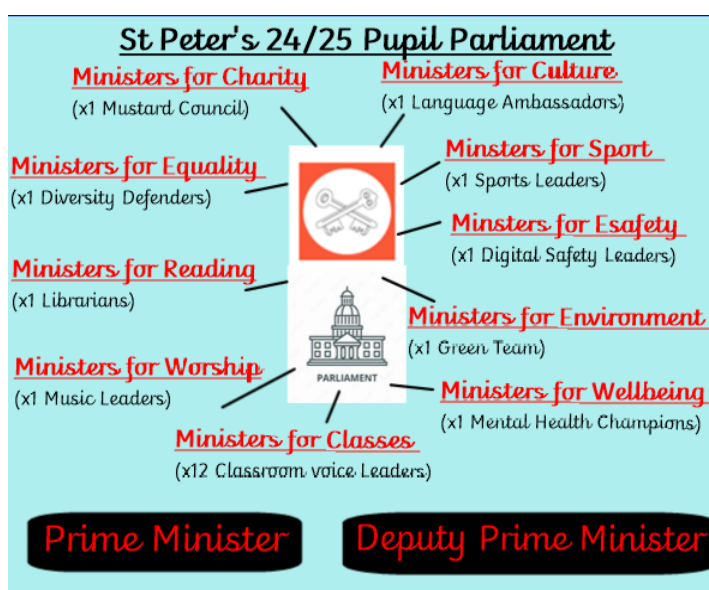
THERE ARE OVER 250 LEADERSHIP ROLES!

YES YOU CAN!

To the left is a brief overview of the leadership opportunities available that were discussed within the assembly. We'd love for parents/carers to talk to, encourage and support your child in believing in themselves and applying for a role. (There are naturally more opportunities for our older Y5/6 pupils at this point in time – however, we do actively encourage Y4 and in time Y3 pupils to apply for leadership roles also.)

We also have a very exciting, brand new St Peter's Pupil Parliament for 2024/2025!

Its members will consist of 1 'chair' from each of the pupil leadership roles – each 'chair' will be given the role of 'Minister of' (please see below) and then '1 student' from each class will also be a member of Parliament as 'Minister of



PUPIL LEADERSHIP (CONT'D)

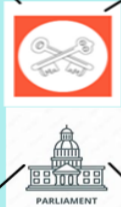
St Peter's 24/25 Pupil Parliament

Ministers for Classes

(x12 Classroom voice Leaders)

Year 3 Class Ministers

- x1 Minister of Florence Nightingale class
- x1 Minister of David Attenborough class
- x1 Minister of Harriet Tubman class



Year 4 Class Ministers

- x1 Minister of Charles Darwin class
- x1 Minister of Leonardo Da Vinci class
- x1 Minister of Malala Yousafzai class

Year 5 Class Ministers

- x1 Minister of William Shakespeare class
- x1 Minister of Emily Pankhurst class
- x1 Minister of Mae Jemison class

Year 6 Class Ministers

- x1 Minister of Martin Luther King class
- x1 Minister of Rosa Parks class
- x1 Minister of Ruby Bridges class



Staff that are running each pupil leadership group will pop into classrooms this week to explain their specific application process.

Here is an overview for you as parents of the how the children can apply for each of the leadership roles. (Pupils may of course apply for multiple roles.)

HOW TO APPLY

- **Green Team ALL YEARS** = Tuesday lunchtime Y4/5/6 pop into see **Mr O'Donnell** in his classroom for expressions of interests. (Y3 Tuesday assembly)
- **Sports Leaders Y5/6 only** - expressions of interest to **Mr Jallard** and a short application form. Mr Jallard will pop into each class to discuss/share.
- **Diversity Defenders Y4/5/6** = Tuesday assembly meet **Mrs Adlington** in the dining if interested. Small discussion groups to be invited at set times for group (chats) interviews. (Y3 after February half term)
- **Language Ambassadors** = Y6 pupils will be spoken to by **Mrs Grey** in their Spanish lesson on Wednesday; expressions of interest will be shared.
- **Mental Health Champions Y5/6** = 3 existing MHC **and Mrs Alcock** to share information with all Y5/6 classes. Application forms shared with those interested. The form is accessible to all (options of multiple choice answers or drawing instead of paragraphs.) Applications to be followed by a 'chat' (interview) in a small group.
- **Librarians** = Y5/6 Interested children to write a short letter or draw pictures with written sentence below to **Mrs Houghton** explaining why they would make a good librarian.
- **Music Leaders Y4/5/6** = Tuesday singing assembly, come to the front and have a go for the next 3 weeks with **Mrs Bennett**. (Y3 from February half term)
- **Charity Leaders Y6** = Letter of application, sentences or bullet points - hand in to **Miss Wilson**
- **Digital Esafety Leaders Y4/Y5/Y6** = Letter of application sentences, picture design or bullet points - hand in to **Miss Conaghan** (Becca will talk to all pupils in IT)
- **Pupil Chaplains Y4/5/6** = Wednesday lunchtime 12:10 in the hall expressions of interest. Next Wednesday lunchtime small group interview (chat) and collective discussion. **Andrew & Mrs Shaw**
- **Member of Parliament Y3/4/5/6** = Make a 2 minute speech or create a 2 minute video at home sharing why you would be a good person to represent the voice of your class in our new pupil parliament. (**Mrs Shaw and Mr Bradley**)
- **Amigo's Y5 only** = All Y5's will be paired with a Y3 Amigo (**Mrs Shaw**)

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I've also attached the PowerPoint that I shared in assembly to this newsletter, to allow children be to aspirational and know they have attributes within them that we would highly value within a leadership role.

You may want to play it with them again at home. (2-3 minutes long.)

Mrs Shaw – Hands Lead – St Peter's Junior School.

CATERING MANAGER WANTED

Salary: Grade 4, Points 8 – 14, £24,702 – £27,334 pro rata, pay award pending.

Work pattern: 30 hours, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Closing date: Midday on Wednesday 18th September 2024

Starting date: October 2024

Are you passionate about children eating fresh, nutritious and tasty food? Do you possess the energy and enthusiasm to excite our pupils about food so that they are eager to eat healthily? Do you believe that serving up incredible food can boost attainment, well-being and child health? If so, this could be the job for you!

Following the retirement of our long-serving catering manager, we are seeking a dynamic and inspirational individual, to lead, manage and develop our school kitchen at St Peter's Junior school.

Our kitchen team has a long-established reputation for excellence and the food we provide for pupils is held in high regard by the school community. Our kitchen is independently run and provides high quality, freshly prepared hot dinners for two hundred fantastic pupils per day.

The successful applicant will ideally be trained to level 3 Food Safety or equivalent. They must have experience of working in a kitchen environment and will be responsible for planning a balanced, nutritious menu; organising theme days; ordering; stock and budget management; lead, manage and motivate a team of kitchen staff and ensure compliance with food standards and food hygiene regulations. They will be innovative, creative and passionate, ensuring our children have the best experience of healthy eating from a young age.

St Peter's is a very popular Junior School located in the borough of Rushcliffe; 5 miles south of Nottingham and within a few miles of the Leicestershire border.

Our school offers:

- A beautiful site with spacious indoor and outdoor learning environments
- A commitment to pupils' academic achievement, welfare and wellbeing
- A supportive school community and appreciative parents
- Committed, supportive and welcoming staff
- Governors who understand the pressures on schools
- Delightful pupils with fantastic attitudes to learning
- Excellent training within a culture of continual improvement.

To apply, please download the documents found on our website using the following link:

<https://stpetersjunior.secure-primariesite.net/catering-manager/>

and return the completed application form to office@stpetersjunior.org.uk.

Please contact the school if you would like to visit or discuss the role further.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Please ensure that dinner money and payments for Casper's before and/or after school care are **made in advance** via ParentPay.

ParentPay can also be used to pay for school uniform, trips, wider-opportunities clubs, and music tuition.



SOUTH WOLDS ACADEMY OPEN DAY

Years 5 and 6 Parents:

Please take a look at the letter attached to this newsletter email if you would be interested in attending an upcoming open evening for the South Wolds Academy.

Event date: Thursday 19th September 2024

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR WANTED

To start as soon as possible – £11.59 per hour

We are seeking a caring, friendly and enthusiastic person to join our team of midday supervisors. The successful candidate will assist with the supervision of the children during their lunchtime break, caring for their health, safety and welfare in the dining hall and outside in our extensive grounds.

The ideal candidate must enjoy working with children and as part of a team and be willing to undergo any training as necessary.

Hours of work are Monday to Friday, from 11.55am to 13.20pm. This is a permanent, term time only post either part time or full time.

An application form and further details for these posts are available from Judy Noble at office@stpetersjunior.org.uk

GARDENING CLUB – DONATIONS WANTED

School Gardening Club



Having a summer garage clear out?? We need:- seeds | plant markers | forks and...



shovel



rake



spade



wheel barrow



lopper



watering can



gloves



hoe



hand rake



hand trowel

Donations needed thank you

~ please leave with the school office

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may qualify for free school meals if your child attends a Nottinghamshire County Council School or Nursery full time (in line with the school's published admission arrangements) and you receive one of one or more of the following qualifying benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Check if you are eligible – Nottinghamshire County Council uses the Department for Education's free school meals eligibility checking system to determine eligibility. To apply, you will need to register and provide:

- your **National Insurance Number** or **National Asylum Support Service Reference Number**
- your **last name**
- your **date of birth**

If your entitlement to free school meals cannot be assessed through the eligibility checking system, Nottingham County Council will let you know. If you think you are eligible to the benefits listed below you can provide Nottingham County Council with more details for a manual assessment. You can apply for free school meals online or by contacting us on 0300 500 80 80. Alternatively you can complete an application form.

More information about free school meals:

You can apply online and will need:

- your personal details (including national insurance number and date of birth of the parent/carer)
- child's details in full, including their date of birth and the school they attend.

EARRINGS

Please ensure that children remove or bring tape for their earrings on the days that they come to school in their PE kits. For health and safety reasons, no jewellery should be worn during PE lessons.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Donations Wanted:

If you have any school uniform that your child has now outgrown, please consider donating to our pre-loved uniform rail. It's a massive help.

Pre-loved uniform items will be on display outside the school office every Monday morning during term time (weather permitting). All items cost £1.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

As always, our Catering Manager, Mrs Hilton, and her team have worked hard to ensure all meals are healthy, nutritious and delicious!

The menus for this term can be found here:

<https://www.stpetersjunior.org.uk/school-meals/>

Please check the dates for the correct week located at the top of each menu.



INSET DAYS

Our inset days have been confirmed for this academic year. They will be as follows:

- ❖ 2nd June 2025
- ❖ 28th July 2025
- ❖ 29th July 2025



General term dates can be found on our school website: <https://www.stpetersjunior.org.uk/term-dates/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 11 th September 2024	Guitar Tuition Starts
Wednesday 11 th September 2024	FOS AGM 6.30pm in school
Thursday 12 th September 2024	Drumming Tuition Starts
Friday 13 th September 2024	Keyboard Tuition Starts
Saturday 14 th September 2024	Boys' Football Tournament at St Peter's
Monday 16 th September 2024	Individual School Photographs
Monday 16 th September 2024	Tag Rugby Club Starts
Tuesday 17 th September 2024	Hockey Club Starts
Wednesday 18 th September 2024	Drumba and Art & Crafts Clubs Start
Thursday 19 th September 2024	Rushcliffe Spencer Academy Open Evening
Thursday 19 th September 2024	South Wolds Open Evening
Thursday 19 th September 2024	Girls' and Boys' Football Clubs Start
Saturday 21 st September 2024	Girls' Football Tournament at St Peter's
Monday 23 rd September 2024	Y3 Fieldwork Walk to Ruddington
Monday 30 th September – Wednesday 2 nd October 2024	Year 6 Class Bread Baking
Wednesday 2 nd October 2024	Year 3 Black History Month Project Day
Week Commencing Monday 7 th October 2024	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 9 th October 2024	Harvest Festival
Thursday 10 th October 2024	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11 th October 2024	FOS Bake Sale 3:30pm
Week Commencing Monday 14 th October 2024	Recycling Week
Friday 18 th October 2024	Last Day of Half-Term
Monday 21 st October – Friday 1 st November 2024	Half-Term Holiday – SITE CLOSED
Monday 4 th November 2024	Start of 2 nd Autumn Term – Site open to pupils.

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Friends of St Peter's Junior School Ruddington

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

FREE drinks and nibbles!

6.30pm

In the
staffroom

SEPTEMBER

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6 Reasons why your School's PTA (FOS charity) really matters...



"I love to see my mum in school helping at the fun events the PTA run for us."



1. For the kids

Being active in the PTA not only improves your child's school but makes you an excellent role model. Research confirms what we've always known: when children see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.



"It felt great when the head teacher asked the PTA for our views on the new school uniform policy. It made me feel listened to."



4. It gives you a voice

Many PTAs already act as a consultative group for the school leaders and governors. So whether it's deciding on where PTA funds are spent or getting parent views on wraparound care, you can make sure parents have a voice in how your school operates.



"Through being a part of the PTA I've really got to know the school"



2. It builds trust

Becoming part of the PTA is a great way to get to know other parents and teachers while gaining an insight into the workings of the school. With parents and teachers striving towards the same goals, the parent group is instrumental in making a real difference in the school life of all children.



"We've been able to really grow the scale of the PTA with some great local contacts."



5. It forges connections beyond the school gates

PTAs are brilliant for building relationships with the local community, from events, sponsorships from local businesses, and mentions in local press. Some Parentkind members have worked with local employees to run career fairs.



"It's great that we finally have some decent kit at school for a change."



3. It raises welcome funds

Whether it's creating an outdoor classroom, stocking the science lab with new Bunsen burners or arranging a visit from a top author, the funds raised from your activities impact massively on the opportunities and experiences of all the children at school.



"I've been able to use my design skills to help the school, it feels great to be able to make a difference."



6. It's good for you!

Every parent has plenty to offer a PTA, and whether it's being on the committee, helping out at events or organising meetings, your talents will be put to good use. As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence and learn new skills too.

Find out more about the Friends of School (FOS) www.stpetersjunior.org.uk/topic/fos

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