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LATEST NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S

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Dear families of St. Peter's,

I appreciate that I don't write newsletters very often as I prefer to send them out when I've got sufficient things to tell you about. However, today is one of those days so please read on.

The Abuse of AI

Some of you may be wondering why we've put a complete block on images of our children on the school website; I appreciate that it is a really lovely way to celebrate the great things that happen at St. Peter's but if you click on the link below, you will completely understand why we have made this decision and why the Local Authority advised us to take this approach.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2026/04/28/exposing-nudification-platforms/>

Quad Kids Athletics Competition

On a lighter note, on Friday 1st May, Hector, Sebe, George, Poppy and Arabella from Class 3 and Ava, Harper and Max from Class 2, took part in a highly competitive athletics competition at Retford Oaks Academy.

I am very proud to announce that our team came 3rd in the event, being out-classed by only St. Mary & St. Martin's at Blyth and Sparken Hill from Worksop. This is a particularly impressive result as we were the smallest school in the event! Great work, St. Peter's.

All 4 boys won their 400-metre race which significantly contributed to our success.

Ava and Harper also won the Howler throwing event with exactly the same distance - spooky! Coincidentally, identical twin boys from another local school also threw exactly the same distances as each other.

The children were magnificent ambassadors for the school and despite the over-bearing sunshine, everyone had a great time.



This is a Howler!

Parking

Apologies for resurrecting this old chestnut (see Appendix 1), but the problem with unsafe parking has reared its ugly head again. Parking on the pavement after mounting a kerb; parking too close to a junction; not leaving a pace in the line of parked cars to allow people to cross, are all things that put



our children's lives at risk. I cannot begin to imagine how anyone could possibly justify the harm of a child (or adult) as a reason to get a parking space as close to school as possible!

Putting the cones out takes time out of my day that I can ill-afford and trust me, I have more productive things to do with my time – like running our school. Please bear these things in mind when you next choose your parking spot!

Trainers versus shoes

Please note that school shoes have not been entirely replaced by trainers; they are merely an option. Trainers are a better option for children who participate in 'active' playtimes, as school shoes often have less grip and are not designed to kick footballs; usually getting damaged after a short amount of time.

As the children do not wear trainers or shoes inside the school in Key Stages 1 & 2, trainers are only being worn for 2 hours per day during playtimes and therefore, foot development is unlikely to be adversely affected.

Footwear may be worn for longer periods of time in the EYFS but shoes are still an option.



Mini-Marathon at the Playing Field

Many thanks again to those of you who supported our super mini-marathon that took place to coincide with the London Marathon. Whether you sponsored your child; came to watch or even joined in with the laps around the playing field, your support is very much appreciated.

Raising £1000 with very little effort was a real master stroke of the PTA who usually end up putting a great deal of time and effort into fund-raising events.

The new play equipment is on order but we are awaiting something called 'Landlord's Consent' from NCC, which will hopefully give us permission to install it.



This is what the new play equipment will look like, or rather should!

Key Stage Two SATs

The children in Year 6 will be sitting their SATs test next week. The children, Miss Houghton and Miss Blogg have been working very hard, especially since Christmas, to make sure that the children are as ready for the tests as they can be. However, we need to remember that these tests do not define our children and the results are used far more to make judgements about the school than the children themselves. We are sure everyone will take them in their stride!

Upcoming Residential Visits

The children in Class 2 will be travelling to Hathersage for the last 3 days of this half-term. They will be spending two nights staying at the NCC owned St. Michaels's Environmental Education Centre where the children's first task will be to put a duvet cover onto a duvet. This is always a particular highlight of the visit me although the children never seem quite so enthusiastic.



During our visit, the children will conduct a stream study; go swimming in the Hathersage open-air pool; visit Eyam – the plague village followed by a hike back to Hathersage across Eyam moor. They will sing songs and eat marshmallows round a camp-fire and take a trip to and inside Peak Cavern in Castleton.



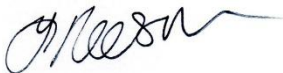
Later on in the term, Class 3 will be enjoying a long weekend at YHA Edale, taking part in lots of different outdoor adventurous activities including a night hike, abseiling, weaseling, orienteering, crate stacking, caving and canoeing.

Did someone mention weasels?



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Yvonne Reeson
Head teacher

Appendix 1:

old chestnut

An "old chestnut" is an idiom describing a joke, story, or subject that has been repeated so often it has become tedious, boring, or lost its novelty. It often refers to familiar, traditional, or hackneyed topics that people bring up repeatedly, sometimes used to gently mock a predictable story.