Dear Parents

Welcome to the Summer Term ‘Spotlight’ edition.

It has been an extremely busy term. Your children have enjoyed learning in and outside of the school. The Spotlight celebrates the school life in words and pictures; we hope you enjoy reading all about the activities.

This term we say goodbye to Miss Inglis, who has taught the Rabbits all year. She is a creative teacher who has certainly embraced Team St. Peter’s! Special thanks to her for leading the school to achieve the Green Tree Gold Award. Miss Inglis is going to teach at Christchurch Primary School in our diocese. We truly wish her all the very best, as her teaching career continues.

Mrs. Buswell, Mrs Hodson and Mrs Dawson are leaving our Lunchtime Support Team. They will be sadly missed and we thank them for all their hard work and commitment to St. Peter’s.

Miss Padmore works here in Pre School, Little Fishes and as our Senior Cleaning Supervisor. We congratulate her on her forthcoming marriage to Mr. Barnes and wish them a very happy future.

Our Year 6 children are leaving and we wish them all the very best for Year 7. Their SATs results are the best ever! 100% achieved Level4+ in Reading, Writing and Maths! 95% scored a Level 4+ in SPAG. Many children achieved Level 5s and we saw Level 6 success too! We are very proud of them and know they will continue to achieve in their next schools.

Finally may we wish you a very happy and safe summer holiday!

Kind regards

Tracey Parton
St Peters has achieved the Gold Award from the Woodland Trust for their hard work and contributions to their woodland scheme.

To achieve the award the pupils participated in Forest School activities, den building, using nature within Art lessons and many more activities.

In class the children have used nature to inspire their Literacy, Science, Maths and Topic lessons.

The children who visited Cannock Chase explored photography from different perspectives. Photographs were taken from the views of different animals, including a squirrel, deer, mouse and an owl.

The school has also received tree and hedgerow packs to plant around school and improve the woodland facilities for the children.

We are now aiming for the Platinum Award!
Worship at St. Peter’s

St. Peter’s Day

On Monday 29th June we celebrated St. Peter’s Day in every classroom, learning about our Saint. We used the day to launch our new ‘Prayer Trees’, which are in every classroom. For St. Peter’s day we used fish templates based on ‘St Peter the Fisherman’ to write our prayers or thoughts on.

Bishop Jonathon

We were invited to produce a piece of artwork to help celebrate Bishop Jonathan’s retirement in September. The title was ‘The Goodness of God’. We decided to follow our St. Peter’s theme of ‘The Fisherman’. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons will take place next term on the below dates:

- September 10th, 17th, 24th
- October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
- November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
- December 3rd, 10th
It has been very exciting in Hedgehogs Nest this half term learning about lifecycles.

We received some very tiny and very hungry caterpillars and watched them eat and grow. We were surprised how quickly they became big fat caterpillars even though unlike the Eric Carle story they didn’t eat lollipops, chocolate cake or cherry pie. It was fascinating to watch the caterpillars spin a cocoon and then emerge several days later as beautiful butterflies.

On St Swithen’s day, Wednesday 15th July the seaside came to Stonnall. The weather was kind, a little cloud cover but no rain so as legend has it we should be in for forty dry days. The Hedgehogs and Little Fishes enjoyed feeling the sand between their toes, using the bats and balls and other sports equipment but mostly sitting in the paddling pools and using the super soakers.

St. Peter’s Little Fishes

During the summer term our little fishes have enjoyed a wide range of activities.

They took delivery of the new mud kitchens which are well used already, lots of lovely mud pies!! We have enjoyed our annual sports day, the weather was kind to us on the day.

The children have watched caterpillars turn into butterflies and then joined reception class to release them on the big field. We have had a trip to Oak Tree Farm in Stonnall, the animals are very friendly and seemed to enjoy all the attention we gave them. We have had a pirate themed day and a seaside day where we joined Mrs Hollister and the Hedgehogs on the field for a ‘day at the beach’. We had paddling pools, Punch and Judy, games and lots of fun. Looking forward to next term when our pre-reception children become Hedgehogs!!!
Phonics Check

Year 1 have had their annual Phonics Screening Check. Below is the table comparing our children to national results. The results show that the pupils at St. Peter’s are achieving well above National Levels.

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<td>National</td>
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**Early Years**

Our Early Years provision has produced 68% of Good Level of Development. This is above National Levels.

Mr. Dean (Assessment Lead and KS2 Leader.)

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**Farewells**

Myself, Miss. Inglis, Mr. Castledine and Mrs. Taylor would like to extend a warm farewell to all of the children as we break up for the summer. We are proud of all of the work that you have produced and the effort that you have put into your learning during this year. We wish you a safe, enjoyable and well deserved break. See you in the new academic year.

(All of the Key Stage 2 staff)

The children and staff from Hedgehogs Nest had a fantastic visit to Ash End House Farm. The guide was excellent teaching us about the animals, what they eat, what they provide and what the male, female and young are called. Did you know a male turkey is a stag and the young are called poults?

We had a fantastic hands on day and even had time to have a play in the adventure playground. The children were extremely well behaved and made us very proud.
Worship at St Peter’s

Pentecost
On Friday 5th June the Year 1 and Year 2 children spent the day in church learning about the festival of Pentecost. They took part on six different activities during the day including; making a ‘flame’ headband, decorating a dove, writing a prayer on some bunting, drawing around their foot and decorating it, singing a song and playing a musical instrument and thinking about sharing. Our ‘sharing’ activity was led by Sue Blackmore; our advisor for Christian Distinctiveness. We had a super day, ending with a short service to which our parents were invited. We plan to make this an annual event.

Results

SATs
The current Year 2’s and 6’s faced some daunting weeks in May…the dreaded SATs. However, our children have produced a fantastic set of results that are a testament to their hard work and the hard work of the teaching staff involved. Below is a table showing the 2015 SATs results for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

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These results are in line with the 2014 Key Stage 1 SATs results.

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<td>95%</td>
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<td>Maths</td>
<td>100%</td>
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These results are some of our best SATs results to date. Compared to last year we have had a 13% increase in Level 4+ Reading; 4% increase in Level 4+ Writing; 17% increase in Level 4+ Mathematics; and 30% increase in Level 4+ SPaG.
**Bikeability**

The children were fortunate to welcome the Bikeability organisation. There are three Bikeability levels, with each level designed to help improve their cycling skills, no matter what they know already. Levels 1, 2 and 3 take trainees on a journey from the basics of balance and control, all the way through to planning and making a journey by themselves on busier roads.

Level 1 will help new riders to control their bike before they move on to developing on-road skills at Level 2. Level 2 is usually tackled by children in Years 5 or 6, before they leave primary school. Level 3 teaches trainees how to ride in different and more challenging traffic situations.

During this year we had 38 children take part in it with a total of 71% of the children obtaining their Level 2 certificate.

The children moving into Year 6 will have the opportunity to participate again in Bikeability next year.

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**School Baptism**

On Wednesday 1st July Reverend Liz came to baptise ‘Baby Jack’ so that we could be part of the special Ceremony. Some of the Year 2 children were chosen to be the Parents and Godparents and the Reception and Year 1 children were the guests along with the remaining Year 2 children. Reverend Liz talked to us about the special clothes that she wears and explained the different parts of the Baptism Ceremony to us.
On Thursday 11th Wolseley Centre, near Rugeley. We had a fantastic day; during the morning we looked for minibeasts using nets to sweep the long grass and sheets held under branches, which we shook. We then had a picnic lunch followed by pond dipping. We all had a turn with the net which we emptied into a tray. Some groups found water scorpions!

For more information visit the following websites:

- www.sapere.org.uk
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-33464258
Philosophy for Children at St Peters

This year in St Peters we have been enjoying our Philosophy for Children (P4C) enquiries across a range of curriculum subjects. The aim of P4C is to make more of a virtue of reasonableness, both within the educational system and within society at large. P4C sessions are called Communities of Enquiry and begin with a stimulus, from which the children generate their own questions for discussions. Research shows that children who have the opportunity to engage in P4C enquiries show dramatic improvements in their reasoning and comprehension skills. This approach also has positive effects on their social, emotional and intellectual development. The emphasis in these sessions is that pupils think and speak for themselves at all times, which of course impacts positively on speaking and listening. Recently Prof Stephen Gorard, from the School of Education at Durham University, said: "Our results suggest that these philosophy sessions can have a positive impact on pupils' maths, reading and perhaps their writing skills.

Here at St Peters in a recent Enquiry session, Badgers’ were discussing “Is there anyone else like you?"
One pupil said “I think I am like my Dad, he doesn’t look like me but he helps me become the person I am on the inside” and another observed, “some people can be the same on the inside, but different on the outside”

Here are some quotes about P4C from our children.
“I like P4C because its great….to think about more stuff than I usually do in my work” (Daniel Y2)
“You can share your ideas with other people” (Nancy Y2)
“You have loads of thinking time to think about what you are going to say, and then you can make a good speech” (Ollie Y2)
“I like it because you get to find out what other people think” (Zahara Y4)
“You get a say about what is important to you” (Charlotte Y4)
“You get to experience the viewpoints of others that you wouldn’t have thought of” (Charlie Y5)

We look forward to engaging in more enquiries next year.

Wolsey Centre

On Thursday 11th June the Year 1 Squirrels visited The Wolsey Centre, near Rugeley. We had a fantastic day; during the morning we looked for minibeasts using nets to sweep the long grass and sheets held under branches, which we shook. We then had a picnic lunch followed by pond dipping. We all had a turn with the net which we emptied into a tray. Some groups found water scorpions!
Key Stage 2

This final term has been jam packed with fantastic learning opportunities and experiences. We have travelled through time for our topic work, explored a range of genres for literacy, a diverse mixture of mathematics, we have been on an overseas educational visit, Bikeability and had a set of fantastic SATs results.

France
July saw the children from Year 6 embarking on an exceptional overseas visit to France. The visit allowed the children to immerse themselves in the lifestyle, culture and language of the local inhabitants. During our visit the children visited a range of artisan businesses, where they were able to take part in the traditional methods of braiding wheat, making boiled sweets, chocolate and sampling delicious snails! The children were full of excitement, pride for the work they had created and their use of the French language. All of the staff at different business we visited commented on the excellent behaviour that our children demonstrated. At the end of visit the children were well and truly tired out but really excited to see their welcoming families at the school gates!