



**St Peter's C.E. (VA)
Junior School**
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever, how quickly the weeks have flown by! We have definitely now turned the corner into autumn. I am sure you will know but just in case, we turn our clocks back one hour on Sunday 30th October and Monday 31st October it is an INSET training day for staff. We look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 1st November. When we all return it will seem rather dark as the nights draw in, so, as other years we will be selling reflective flashing armbands from the school office once we are in November. Look out for a separate letter after half term.

Annual parent questionnaire:

Thank-you to everyone who returned this questionnaire back in the summer term. I am sending out the results as a separate letter after half term. As a school we are really pleased to receive so many positive responses and this is of course shared with all staff and our governing body. In each area, positive responses out weigh the negatives, which is fantastic news. However, where negative responses are higher than other areas, we will as a school strive to improve. We always welcome feedback, please look out for a simple questionnaire which will be available at our parents' evenings after half term.

Harvest Thank-you from St Peter's Church

We would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who was able to contribute gifts of food etc this harvest time. We had a fantastic amount of food, drink, toiletries etc that we were able to pass onto the Padley Centre and to Derby City Mission for them to use as it is most needed. We are very grateful to the families of St Peter's who have helped us to support these projects at this time and I know this is reflected by DCM and the Padley Centre as well. So thank you to all!

Pop connection:

Well done to all the children who performed in one of the pop connection concerts last Friday, it was a wonderful event enjoyed by all. For everyone who ordered a CD, the order has gone out today and so we will distribute these as soon as they arrive.

Have you got...? There are two items we would still like donations of in school if possible. Firstly any **comics** or **magazines** that your child has finished with as Mrs Scott is keen to use these to develop our new reading area. Secondly we are still in need of old shirts to use as painting aprons. *Thank-you.*

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Parent governor vacancy:

We have not received any nominations from parents to fill our Parent Governor vacancy, and therefore we would like to invite any parent who is interested in joining our Governing Body to either telephone the school office, or call in and speak to Mrs Yates, who is our Clerk to Governing Body, who will be able to answer any questions you may have about this role. The Governing Body meets once every half term and there is a Committee meeting held also, once every half term. The Governing Body meetings generally last for 2 hours, and the Committee meetings usually last for 1 hour. Please consider whether you are able to join our friendly Governing Body.

Dinner monies:

The dinner money for the next half term will be £74.00 for Years 3, 4 and 6 for the half term. For Year 5, dinner money will be £72.00 for the half term (£10 per week). Please make cheques payable to Derby City Council. All monies should be sent in a named envelope or purse, on Monday mornings, **in advance**. If you wish your child to change from dinners to sandwiches, or vice versa, please give 2 weeks' notice in writing and send the letter to the school office.

Mrs A Woodhouse
Headteacher

Please note that we have added some new events to our Dates list.

Dates for your information:

Tuesday, 8 November	Parents evening
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Wednesday, 16 November	Year 2 Open afternoon for parents
Friday, 18 November	Y5 class visit to Donington Le Heath Manor
Tuesday, 22 November	Y4 'open / curriculum' afternoon for parents and carers
Wednesday, 23 November	Y5 class visit to Donington Le Heath Manor
Thursday, 24 November	Y6 'open / curriculum' afternoon for parents and carers
Friday 25 November	Y4 Egyptian workshops (in school)
Thursday, 1 December	Y5 'open / curriculum' afternoon for parents and carers
Friday, 2 December	Y3 'open / curriculum' afternoon for parents
Wednesday, 7 December	Y5/6 Christmas performance 2pm and 7pm
Monday, 12 December	Y3/4 Carols around the tree 2pm
Tuesday, 13 December	Y3/4 Carols around the tree 2pm
Wednesday, 14 December	Y3 to the assembly rooms pantomime
Thursday, 15 December	Church Service
Monday, 19 December	Year 3/4 Christmas party
Tuesday, 20 December	Year 5/6 Christmas party
Wednesday, 21 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Thursday, 5 January 2012	School re-opens

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