



# NEWSLETTER

## July 2021

### St Peters First School



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#### Message from Mr Gathercole

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well...where to begin? What an incredible year, in all meanings of the word, it has been... I'm hoping this is the last time I will need to begin a letter like this.

We have all faced quite daunting challenges this year but on the plus side we have also learned many new skills- coping with lockdown, home learning, teaching our own children (that was a challenge for me too, it is much easier teaching other peoples' children!), coming back into school after a long time away, remote learning platforms, rebuilding friendships, computer skills, the dreaded Teams/ Zoom meetings- The list goes on and we will face more this holiday as we learn to live with less restrictions. I have been repeatedly amazed by everyone's resilience and determination to make things work, this means both children and adults and I need to thank you all for that. This year would not have been manageable without us all pulling together and supporting each other.

Thank you to all of you for making me feel so welcome joining our wonderful federation of schools, I genuinely feel like I am now 'a part of the furniture'- which is a good thing! It was definitely a challenge to get to know both you and your children as we spent most of this year in a lockdown but I think we got there in the end.

It has also been a very unsettled year for many other reasons with two interim heads and sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Wright, Miss Gould, Miss F Wright, Miss Z Wright Miss Cole and Mrs Everill. This is always a challenge as school does genuinely feel like an extended part of our families and I know a lot of you feel the same. Please join me in wishing them all the very best and thanking them for all they have done for our school community.

We have had many changes with the building too at St Peter's we needed to replace boilers, heating systems, electrics, lighting and we have a project in the pipeline to resurface the playground too- a lot of this work will be continuing throughout the school holidays. At Talbot we have had roofs replaced, a brand new eco boiler and heating system installed and we are nearly ready to have the fence replaced and a brand new canopy installed. So many developments to improve both schools and your children's experience whilst attending.

Through all of these challenges your children have coped incredibly well, accepted changes and worked incredibly hard so I need to say a big thank you and well done for all they have achieved. They have tackled every day with a smile and enthusiasm which has been infectious and has kept the staff going too. I cannot wait to see what we can achieve next year!

Speaking of next year, we have many developments planned to continue to improve the quality of education and school experience for your children. I am delighted to welcome our new SENCO Mrs Michelle Tudor from Entrust who will be visiting us on a regular basis and really developing our SEND provision.

It has been an absolute privilege to lead both the schools this year and I am extremely honoured to have been asked to lead next year too. Thanks must also go to the school governors for their challenge and support and I look forward to working with you all once more.

All that remains for me to say is, once again, a huge thank you to you all; have a wonderful and safe summer break and I look forward to an exciting (for the right reasons!) new academic year.

My very best wishes,

Mr Jason Gathercole

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### Parent Pay

Please ensure any outstanding debts are cleared off your account before the end of term, If you are struggling to make the payments please speak to the office or Mr Gathercole in confidence,

### Goodbye and Good Luck

We will be sad to see Miss Cole, Miss F Wright, Miss Z Wright and Miss Gould leave us. We wish them all the best for their futures, they will be missed. Also all our Year 4's who are moving on to the next stage of their journey, good luck, we will miss you.

### Summer Camp



**SUMMER HALF TERM AT**  
**TALBOT FIRST SCHOOL**

**Half Term Activities include:**  
Multi-Sports Games  
Team Games  
Health & Wellbeing Workshops  
Healthy Cooking Workshops

**£5 PER DAY**

**VENUE**  
TALBOT FIRST SCHOOL [ST14 8QJ]

**TIME**  
9:00AM - 5:00PM

**DATES**  
JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>,  
18<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup>, 27<sup>TH</sup>

**PRE BOOK THE SESSION ONLINE**  
[BIT.LY/PVFCOURSES](https://bit.ly/pvfccourses)



### Dates for the Diary

- 20th July Last day of term for Pupils
- 2nd Sept Pupils return to School
- 11th Sept School fair

We hope you all have a lovely Summer and get to spend time with family and friends, see you in September!