



# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Gathercole

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to a wonderful, sunny and fun Summer Term. It only seems like yesterday I was welcoming you back to a new year yet here we are in the summer term already! We have exciting news at St Peter's as the children have agreed the new playground markings and they will be arriving in the next couple of weeks. Don't worry Talbot First we are starting your playground marking designs next week and I am excited to see what your plans will be! Here's a sneak peek at St Peter's design-



I sincerely hope you all managed to have some quality time with loved ones in the Easter break and we were very lucky with the weather. I managed a couple of days out exploring the Welsh countryside on bikes and on foot, so feel quite refreshed and ready for a busy yet productive summer term. I know Buddy is keen to get back into work too, not that you could tell from the photograph!



Thank you once again to parents, grandparents and PTAs from both schools your support is truly appreciated and you are helping us make a great difference for your amazing children.

My very best wishes

Jason Gathercole



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### Message from FOMS

Thankyou for all your support last term! It was a busy one with lots of fundraising and projects going on in school including the Willow Dome, Play Podium and Weather Windmill all of which are set up and ready for the children to enjoy. Your continued support has allowed us to purchase many items for school including a greenhouse, cover the transport cost for trips, pay for subscriptions for art and other staff resources as well as contribute over £1400 to the school library book collection.

We raised a fantastic £150 from the Bodyshop Mothers Day fundraiser (thankyou to Becci and Cheryl for their support) and an incredible £960 from our Joules Seconds Sale including £100 from our bouquet raffle which was kindly donated from Kingstone Flower Shop.

We are really please to be able to run events in school again and hope the children enjoyed all the Easter activities and movie night.

We have lots more going on this term including the Summer Fair and Marchington 10k as well as the Forest School shelter being built and numerous applications for a school pond and an outdoor gym for the children to use. We will also hopefully see the Welly Wall taking shape over the next few weeks.

Our EGM is on Monday 23rd at 7.30pm (venue TBC) where we hope to vote on and adopt a new updated constitution .

Please make sure you join our facebook group , WhatsApp group and follow us in Instagram to keep up to date





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### WHAT IS A DIGITAL LEADER?

Digital Leaders are children with a passion for technology who want to share their knowledge with others and promote the use of all things digital throughout the school. Being a Digital Leader is a fantastic opportunity to take on responsibility, learn new skills, develop and demonstrate leadership skills and be a real help for busy teachers.

### WHAT ROLES WILL DIGITAL LEADERS HAVE?

- Meet with the Online Safety Coordinator at least once per half term.
- Complete Digital Leader challenges every half term.
- Support their peers in using technology.
- Support staff in fetching and setting up devices for lessons.
- Support staff in assemblies with technology.
- Take photographs (for example in assemblies) and download images from devices.
- Review resources and feedback about Computing across the Federation.
- Create guides for younger children to use.
- Be role models and support their peers in using technology.
- Contribute to the Online Safety Newsletter.

### HOW COULD I BECOME A DIGITAL LEADER?

Pupils will need to fill in an application form to apply to be a Digital Leader from Reception to Year 4. In each year group, there will be 2 digital leaders. As there are only 2 children from each year group who will become Digital Leaders, not every application will be successful. The Digital Leaders will receive support in their role but there are some skills needed to be considered for the role. These include:

- A good knowledge of Purple Mash.
- Confidence in using technology.
- Understanding of why online safety is important.
- Knows how to use technology safely and report any issues.
- Show an enthusiasm for learning and sharing their knowledge with others.



Is this something that you think you'd like to apply for? If so, please fill out an application form and send it to school by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. All applicants will be contacted after the following week on the outcome of their application. Good luck!



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### Handwriting Competition

Well done to the entries in the Handwriting competition, It was lovely to see the entries displayed in Tesco in Uttoxeter.

### Parent Pay

Please can you ensure your Parent pay account is in credit. We appreciate your patience while the wraparound care and preschool payments are being sorted. If you are experiencing any difficulties making a payment please speak to Mr Gathercole or Mrs Hill in confidence.

### Dates for the Diary

2nd May	Bank Holiday
16th May	Class photos
17th May	Height and Weight Check—Reception
19th May	Year 4 Transition Oldfield's
23rd—25th May	Year 4 residential to Whitemoor Lakes
25th May	Birch class theatre trip
27th May	Jubilee Day Meal
18th June	Summer Fair
11th July	Sports Day and Drop in open evening
13th July	School Performance, afternoon performance
14th July	School Play evening performance
19th July	Last day of term
20th July	Inset day.

We hope you all have a lovely long weekend and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 3rd May.