

“Working together to achieve our best”

Our theme for worship this half term is **Serve One Another In Love**

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Attendance %	93.98	98.35%	96.9%	98.44%	97.57%
Whole School Attendance		97.06%	+.69% difference from last week		1NP
Attendance Superstars for last week		Well done to 1NP with 99.67% attendance!			

Green (97.0% and above). Orange (between 95.5% and 96.99%). Red (95.49% or below).

Attendance Superstars—Every week we will publish the attendance for year groups and the whole school for the previous week.

Please note any COVID related absence will not be reflected in these figures.

Mrs O’Keeffe-Pullan’s end of term message

I would like to thank all of our children and their families for embracing and supporting the measures put in place to keep us safe and to keep school a happy and thriving community this term. I know we have faced challenges along the way, but we have worked well together to overcome them. I know that this Christmas holiday will be somewhat different for many people. Whatever your plans, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 🌿

Reporting positive COVID cases to school over the Christmas period

We need to ensure that we continue to monitor confirmed cases of Covid-19 during the Christmas break. If your child receives a positive Covid-19 test result on or before Friday 24th December, you must inform us at covid@riverscofe.co.uk so that we can notify other families of a confirmed case in school, if needed. For any Covid related absence on Friday 25th December or after, please email spoffice@riverscofe.co.uk and this will be dealt with on our return Monday 4th January, thank you.

Christmas Services (children only)

- EYFS—Thursday 17th December
- Years 1-4 Friday 18th December

If you would like to donate to the collection plate, all monies will be used to support the maintenance of the church, many thanks.

Christmas Party Days



EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 — Wednesday 16th December

Year 3 & 4—Thursday 17th December

Children are invited to wear party clothes (children will still have outdoor play so please ensure they wrap up). Santa will be visiting school on both party days! Please note there will be no forest school on Wednesday 16th December and no PE kits are required on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Thank you and a very Merry Christmas

To all the people associated with our school and local community who help us during the year. John, our new lollipop man, our local traffic warden and the community support officer. Reverend Laura, our local vicar, assisted by Mrs Rean. The St Peter’s bell ringers who have been missed this term. Our lunchtime staff who support our children each day, our school volunteers for reading and forest school, our PTA and our School Improvement Board.



Homework for the holidays

We recognise that children have worked hard during this term in school and have been impressed with their focus and enthusiasm for learning. We appreciate that most families will be socialising less and spending more time at home than usual during this Christmas break. With this in mind, we would like to suggest some learning opportunities.

- 1) Each year group will send home a slip with children before Friday, to outline the topics and learning planned for next term. Please encourage children to research and find out about these areas of learning if possible, so that they are raring to go in January.

- 2) 3 Book Challenge. We would like to encourage every child to read at least 3 books over the holiday (being able to read, unlocks learning in all areas).

They can be any genre, fiction/non fiction. If they'd like to write reviews, draw pictures etc they are most welcome to bring them in to share with their class in January. If parents/carers could sign reading diaries to confirm that at least 3 full books have been read, a house point will be awarded. Remember, every house point counts!

- 3) Website learning activities....have a mooch! We have left all of the learning activities from lockdown on our website. If children want to have a mooch through their own or any other year group, we feel sure there will be something of interest. All the usual resources are available, for example Floppy's Phonics and Times Tables Rockstars. In addition some of the BBC and Oak Academy resources/videos are really engaging. Any learning is useful so feel free to let the children have a look at any topics that interest them.

Please note that I have asked teachers to have a break from Seesaw during the Christmas holidays, so activities will not be set on Seesaw and pupils/parents posts will not be responded to. Teachers will of course look forward to hearing about and seeing any learning activities from the children when they return in January.

Social Distancing

Please ensure that you continue to maintain space, wear face coverings and observe the one way systems in place on the school premises. Please try to avoid congregating whenever possible, this includes at the bottom gates near the car park, outside the main gates or on public footpaths. We know that school contact between parents/carers is a lovely part of belonging to a school community, however we all need to work hard together to avoid crowds gathering and congestion to keep us all safe—thank you.

PE After Christmas

We would like children to continue to come to school dressed in their PE kits on their designated PE day for the spring term. This supports our ongoing aim to reduce the amount of additional items being brought into school each week.

Monday 4th Friday 8th January—Activity Week

At the start of term, children will be joining in with activity week based around the theme of books and in particular illustrators. We have lots of lovely activities planned 😊 Children should wear their school uniform during this week, but may bring in a named art smock/overall/old large t-shirt or shirt for them to wear during art activities.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who donated, we raised a total of £219 for Save the Children.



Jumpers and Cardigans

The ordering system will open on Friday 8th January 2021 for the ordering of jumpers and cardigans through ParentPay. A reminder will be sent out in the New Year.

100% Attendance

100% certificates will be going out Friday, this does not include any Covid related absence. We will be drawing one lucky winner to receive a book token.

End of Term PTA Newsletter—please see attached

PTA Christmas Raffle

Today is the last chance for you to buy your tickets for this year's PTA Christmas Raffle. Tickets are available until 8pm tonight at <http://www.trybooking.co.uk/WMU> with the draw scheduled for 1pm tomorrow. Over the past few weeks we have been showcasing the prizes you could win on our Facebook page. They have been generously donated from local organisations and businesses. So please take a look at our page at <http://fb.me/stpetersdroitwichpta> and buy your tickets before it's too late.

As mentioned the draw will be streamed live on our Facebook page from 1pm on Wednesday. Details of how it will be conducted can be found on Facebook and via our page on the school website at <https://www.stpetersdroitwichcofe.co.uk/parent-teacher-association-pta/> prior to the draw.

PTA Meeting

For those of you who may be interested in finding out more about us and may want to join or merely give some of your time to helping at events, the next PTA meeting will be on Microsoft Teams at 7.15pm on Tuesday 12th January. A link will be published on our TIOT entry when the school returns after Christmas.

Finally from all of us on the PTA, may we take this opportunity in wishing you all a Merry Christmas and here's hoping 2021 will be far kinder to us all than 2020.

St. Peter's PTA

Switch Off Fortnight Winners!



A huge well done to all the children for becoming more aware of how important it is to not waste energy and look after our planet. There have been an impressive 541 recorded switches being turned off and this will have made a huge difference to the amount of electricity we use in school. A big Eco thumbs-up to everyone, especially our winners:

EYFS- Class RHW

KS1- Class 2LS

KS2- Class 3NT

Your golden light bulbs and a yummy reward will be making their way to you today. We hope you have enjoyed taking part at home too and remember- every switch off helps!

Your Eco Council



Droitwich Spa Lawn Tennis Club 2021 Junior Tennis Coaching on Monday's and Tuesday's

The 2021 Start date is Monday 4th January and Tuesday 5th January. 3 weeks are owed due to missed sessions. No payment is required. Have a Happy Christmas from Droitwich Tennis Club.

Local Christmas Events

We have been notified of local Christmas events being held by Droitwich Rugby Club, Droitwich Spa Heritage & Information Centre and Wychavon District Council (please see our noticeboard for further details).

