



JANUARY 2017

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to 2017. Well, the end of January 2017, so 1/12 of the year is done and dusted! Whilst most people end the Christmas festivities and start January wanting simply to hit the ground, at St Peter's we hit the ground running, and I do not mean with a local gym subscription that becomes a good intention rather than a regular habit by the middle of the month. Our Year 6 pupils returned to an improved classroom environment, with carpeting throughout and a dividing wall with double doors between the two classrooms. This investment has significantly improved the learning environment for the children, dramatically reducing the noise that is carried between the two classes and making for a calmer learning atmosphere undisturbed by the sound of scraping chairs and dropped equipment. Our Year 6 pupils worked hard in the autumn term to show their mature and committed approaches to learning, and we hope that their improved classroom surroundings will only add to their willingness to work hard, study well and achieve greatness.

January also saw a change in the parish priest at the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle in Waterlooville with the arrival of Monsignor Canon Jeremy Garratt. Fr Jeremy has already celebrated Mass in school with Years 3 and 4, as well as taking the opportunity to visit some of the classrooms to meet the children. We are blessed indeed to be linked with two vibrant and committed parishes in Waterlooville and Horndean, and it is a joy to see our children participate with such enthusiasm in the liturgical celebrations that form a part of their spiritual growth in school and within families. In conversation with Fr Jeremy after the Year 3 and 4 Mass, I bemoaned the phrase often issued at youth masses and in schools that 'You children are the Church of tomorrow'. I disagree. Our children and young adults are very much the Church of today, the here, the now and the present. The difference is that they have the gift and the privilege of taking today's Church into tomorrow, so it is our responsibility as teachers, parents and carers to instil in them the faith that will enable them to do this successfully and with true fulfilment. I look forward therefore to 2017 being a year when ever closer links can be forged between our school and the local Christian parishes.

Warmest regards

Mr Richard Cunningham
Headteacher

STAFFING:

Following on from my previous letter to the parents and carers of children in Year R Starfish class, we are pleased to inform you that we have appointed a new teacher, Mrs Abigail Jonas. Mrs Jonas is a very experienced early years teacher and we are delighted that she is coming to join us at St Peter's. She will begin teaching on Thursdays and Fridays after February half-term. Mrs Hilary James and Mrs Abigail Jonas will have a job share to take the class up until the end of spring term, (Mrs James will teach Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Mrs Jonas on Thursday and Friday). I would like to thank all the families who have shown patience and understanding this term. Mrs Jonas will take over the class full-time at the start of the summer term.

"Save the Children" Fund-raising:

Before Christmas, all our children were invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper into school and make a donation for the "Save the Children" charity. We wanted to let you all know that our school raised **£234.88** for "Save the Children". A big thank you to everyone who made a donation.

Parent Consultation Meetings:

Parents Consultation meetings will be held in early March. Appointment slots can be booked via Scopay from 6th February so please make sure you have a login.

For all classes (except RM and 4S), appointments will be available on Monday, 6th March from 4.00 pm to 7.20 pm and Tuesday, 7th March from 3.30 pm to 6.10 pm.

Times for RM (Seahorse) are Monday 6th March from 4.00 pm to 7.20 pm , Tuesday 7th March from 5.00 pm to 6.10 pm and Monday 13th March from 4.15 pm to 5.15 pm.

Times for 4S (Koala) are Monday 6th March from 4.00 pm to 6.20 pm, Tuesday 7th March from 3.30 pm to 6.10 pm on and Monday 13th March from 3.45 pm to 4.45 pm.

Mrs K Phillips, Business Manager

Attendance & Punctuality:

Attendance was slightly down at 97.1% at the end of the Autumn Term but I am pleased to say that it has risen again to 97.3%. Let's hope as we start to shake off the winter bugs, that we reach our target of 97.4% and overtake it.

When a child is unwell, please inform the school on the first morning of absence by 9.30 a.m., providing a reason for the absence and an approximate return to school date. For absence of longer than 3 days, the school also requires a letter on your child's return, stating the reason for absence and any medical advice that the school needs to be aware of.

Please be aware that a note or explanation from a pupil's home does not mean an absence automatically becomes authorised. The decision whether or not to authorise an absence will always rest with the school. Please follow the link below for our Attendance policy for further information;

<http://www.stpeterswaterlooville.co.uk/index.php/parents/policies/718-attendance-policy-1/file>

Morning Drop off at St Peter's:

We encourage all parents to park offsite and walk your children into school in the mornings using the path through the playing fields.

If your youngest child is in Year 3, 4 5 or 6 and you need to drive on-site, please use the North Playground drop off point. Please pull up to the give way markings by the gate. This allows two cars to off-load at the same time. It would be helpful if you could say goodbye to your child and ensure they have coat/lunchbox/bookbag ready to hand **before** you get to the drop off point so they can jump out quickly and not cause delay for other parents waiting behind you in the queue. Parents who drive and need to take a child to the South Playground (Years R, 1 or 2) please use the central car park but do not under any circumstances leave your car where it causes a blockage. If there is no room you may need to go around the circuit one more time. The best way for a calm start to the school day is to park offsite and walk in. Thank you for your on-going understanding and vigilance at this busy time of the day.

On-Line Safety:

Since Christmas we might well have some new devices in our homes. Are you finding it hard to keep up with the latest games and gadgets? It is wonderful that our children are so competent and user friendly with technology but it is also a concern that they might not be safe. Please remember to check that games/DVDs etc. are suitable for your child. This is particularly relevant when there are older children/adults in the house playing games rated '12', '15' and '18' for example. The following link may be helpful;

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/get-help/help-library/my-account/parental-controls/age-ratings-and-parental-controls/>

The NSPCC have also provided some very helpful advice regarding parental controls and how we can keep our children safe online, please see below;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

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Extra Support for Families:

The Havant School Nurse Team are offering a School Nurse Health Drop-In on Wednesday, 22nd February 2017 between 12.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m., at Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Havant, PO9 4BU.

Drop-ins can be accessed through the main school reception. This is an opportunity to give some advice and support to families and children with any health related needs. There will be two School Nurses and one Community Nursery Nurse available. They hope to provide this service during all school holidays in the future. Future dates are to be confirmed. Please feel free to go along and discuss any concerns that you have.

Tricia Pelling, Pastoral Lead, Mob: 07474692736
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Food Allergies and Packed Lunches/Snacks:

We have a number of children in school who are allergic to peanuts so would ask that absolutely **no nut products** are sent to school for snacks or lunches in order to protect these children from a reaction. We are having a few children bringing in NUTELLA spread. Please be aware that some chocolate spreads also contain traces of nuts. **Packed lunches should not contain sweets/confectionary/chocolate bars.** KS2 children may bring in a piece of fruit for their mid-morning snack.

Cakes in school:

We would like to ask parents to please **not** send in cakes for distribution to the children in school time (*or after school*), whether they require cutting up or not, unless they have organized a party lunch in school. Our lunchtime staff are always happy to cut up and serve a cake for a special birthday lunch which has been booked through the office. We are in the process of reviewing our policy for the distribution of food prepared outside of school, and will issue an update in the near future, the key issue being that of food allergies referenced above.

School Nurses Parent Workshop – Reminder:

The School Nurse team will be coming in to hold a Parent Workshop on Tuesday, 31st January between 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m., in the school hall. The theme of discussion will be 'Behaviour and Anxiety in Children.' If you are interested in attending and you have not already let me know, please contact me/school, so that I have an approximate idea of numbers - contact details below.

Pizza Delivery Role Play in Year R

The Reception year group would like to set up a 'pizza delivery' role play using the bikes to deliver their pizzas. Would anyone be able to donate any old/broken mobile phones for the children to play with? Many thanks.

Miss Moncreaff, Class Teacher

Library News:

Important – Please Read

The School Library Service will be coming to St Peter's on 7th February for a stock audit. We regularly borrow books from The SLS service and every 3 years they visit the school to complete a stock check. We therefore need all school library books to be returned by **Friday, 3rd February** in preparation of their visit. There will be no books issued to children between Monday 30th January and Tuesday 7th February. The library will be open as normal for clubs, classes and after school for parents and children but no books can be borrowed between the dates shown above. Thank you.

Story-time Club Success:

Before Christmas, the children in story-time club created a brand new Supertato story called "Classroom Chaos". We sent a copy to Sue Hendra and we have had a lovely letter from Sue and her husband Paul congratulating the children on such a wonderful story. They also sent some free books for the school library! There are copies of "Classroom Chaos" in the library for anyone to read or borrow and there is also a copy of the letter on the display board if anyone would like to read it.

Sue Domblides, School Librarian

School Council:

This term School Council has been focusing on healthy eating. We feel it is very important to eat healthily and is something we would like to introduce to our school. One of our main focuses is packed lunches. We would like to reduce the chocolate and crisps going into people's lunches but this is something we will need help from the parents with. Ensuring your child has a healthy and balanced lunch will help your child's energy and concentration levels during afternoon lessons.

By School Council (Saoirse, Tori and Aimee)

Spare Clothes – Reception Year Group:

If your child has needed to borrow spare clothes from the Reception year group in the last few weeks, would you please be kind enough to return them, washed, so that they can be used for other children. The Reception classes rely on having a stock of spare uniform for emergencies. Thank you for your help.

Spare Fabric Wanted:

We would like to make a plea for any spare fabric. We would be interested in any pashmina, sarong style material or offcuts of fabric that we can use to enhance our prayer areas which are a focal point of all our classrooms. Any kind donations to the school office please.

Mrs S Luter

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

We would just like give you a flavour of some events that are being organized this year for the children to have lots of fun and raise money for the school.

FEBRUARY:

Film night for KS1 – Friday, 17th February 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Bring your PJ's and Teddy and have a film night with all your friends.

MARCH:

Mother's Day Gift Sale – Thursday, 16th and Friday, 17th March

APRIL:

Easter Egg-Stravaganza - Saturday, 1st April 1.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Egg Hunt, Easter Crafts, Glitter Tattoos, Pocket Money Toy Stall, Raffle and much more.

MAY:

KS2 Karaoke Night - Friday, 12th May 5.30 - 7 p.m.

JUNE:

Summer Fest/Pop & Prom – Friday, 9th June 5.30 – 8.00 p.m.

Music, hot food, beer tent, face painting and lots of other fun and games still to be arranged. We are still talking about lots of other events to hold, and if anybody has any ideas of their own, please pass these on to us, as we are open to any new ideas.

Angela McLaughlin and All at Friends of St Peters

GOVERNOR NEWS

We hope that you all had a peaceful Christmas and we welcome everyone in the St Peter's community back for what is looking to be a busy spring term.

Term started for the Governing body with a day of interviewing and the subsequent appointment of Mr Cunningham as our new Head teacher. Please join us in congratulating him on his full time role with us at St Peter's, and help us in supporting him and the school in the coming year.

We also welcome Monsignor Canon Jeremy Garratt, the new parish priest at The Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle to our school. He will be celebrating mass with our KS2 pupils this half term.

Finally let me take this opportunity to wish all of you a healthy and happy new year on behalf of the St Peter's Governing body and we hope to see you at some of the events taking place at the school in the coming term.

Tonya Freeman, School Governor

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400 Club: December 2016

1st prize	£82.75	No. 9	Mrs M McGannan
2nd prize	£49.65	No. 201	Mrs T Baker
3rd prize	£16.55	No. 435	Mrs I Howell
4th prize	£16.55	No. 411	Mrs J Heathcote

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 09.01.17

RM Jessica Jupp	RP George Vaccaro
1OK Izzabella Churcher	1S Bella Jones
2A Edie Phillips	2L Oliver Cook
3A Eva Ng	3H Eniola Akintunde
4HA Harrison Meadows	4S Ethan Baker
5E Sandy Hardie	5F Thomas Gozukucuk
6S Jessica Lowe	6T Daniel Carpenter

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 16.01.17

RM Luke Lyon	RP Kiera Jackson
1OK Abigail Osborne	1S Nethania Eldo
2A Charlie Wright	2L Mikayla Black
3A	3H Archie Abraham
4HA Isla Gray	4S Charlie Cripps
5E Luke Wheatley	5F Erin Freeman
6S Hayden Gardner	6T Billy Rees

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 23.01.17

RM Ellen Deal	RP Edward Butterworth
1OK Grace Collins	1S Dexter Hall
2A Fern Layton	2L Jake Street
3A Joshua Renji	3H Joshua Smith
4HA Eva Hatch	4S Orla Carey
5E Olivia Perdu	5F Oscar Knight
6S Coral Hughes	6T Deborah Mariam James

Dates for your Diary:

JANUARY 2017

31 Jan "Behaviour and Anxiety in Children" Parent Workshop with School Nurse Team – 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.

FEBRUARY

3 Feb Y5 trip to Winchester Science Museum (Intech)
7 Feb Year 1 Liturgy 10.15 a.m.
7 Feb Y4 10 pupils to Tri Golf Festival at South Downs College
7 Feb Class RM Pizza Express Visit 9.30 a.m.
7 Feb Y6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
13 Feb Y5 12 pupils to Havant Leisure Centre p.m.

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14 Feb	Year 5/Year 6 Mass in school 10.20 a.m. with Father Jeremy – parents welcome
15 Feb	Y3 8 pupils to Havant Academy p.m.
15 Feb	Y6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
16 Feb	Year 1 Phonics Drop In session for Parents/Carers 2.15 p.m. in school hall
17 Feb	Film night for KS1 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.
20 – 24 Feb	Half term – School closed for pupils
27 Feb	Second half of Spring term starts for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

MARCH

1 Mar	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (KS2) Ash Wednesday Service in School 10.20 a.m.
1 Mar	Class RP Pizza Express Visit 9.30 a.m.
1 Mar	Y6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
2 Mar	World Book Day
3 Mar	Meet the Author Visit
6 Mar	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.20 p.m. by appointment only (<i>all classes except 4S Koala</i>)
6 Mar	Parents Evening 4.00 – 6.20 p.m. by appointment only (<i>Class 4S, Koala, only</i>)
7 Mar	Parents Evening 3.30 p.m. – 6.10 p.m. by appointment only (<i>all classes except RM Seahorse</i>)
7 Mar	Parents Evening 5.00 p.m. – 6.10 p.m. by appointment only (<i>Class RM, Seahorse, only</i>)
8 Mar	Y6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
13 Mar	Yr 4 Class 4HA Trip to Staunton Country Park a.m.
13 Mar	Parents Evening 4.15 p.m. – 5.15 p.m. by appointment only (<i>Class RM, Seahorse, only</i>)
13 Mar	Parents Evening 3.45 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. by appointment only (<i>Class 4S, Koala, only</i>)
14 Mar	Year 2 Liturgy 10.20 a.m.
16/17 Mar	Mother's Day Sale for pupils p.m. in School Hall
21 Mar	Year R Liturgy 10.20 a.m.
28 Mar	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (KS2) Penitential Service at Sacred Heart Church 10.20 a.m.
29 Mar	Travelling Book Fair in school for one week

APRIL

4 Apr	Informal Parent drop-in session – come and see your child's learning 3.30 p.m.
5 Apr	Travelling Book Fair leaves
10 – 21 Apr	Easter Holidays – School closed for pupils
24 Apr	Summer Term starts – school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

MAY

1 May	Bank Holiday – School closed for pupils
12 May	KS2 Karaoke Night 5.30 - 7 p.m.
29 May – 2 June	Half term – School closed for pupils

JUNE

5 Jun	Second half of Summer term starts for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
9 June	Summer Fest/Pop & Prom – 5.30 – 8.00 p.m.
30 Jun	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils

JULY

25 Jul	Last day of summer term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15 p.m.
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HOLIDAY DATES – NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018

1 Sept	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
4 Sept	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
5 Sept	Autumn Term 2018 starts – school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
22 September	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
23 – 27 Oct	Autumn Half term
30 Oct	school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
21 Dec	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
22 Dec 2017 - 3 Jan 2018	Christmas Holiday
4 Jan 2018	Spring Term 2018 starts – school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
12 – 16 Feb 2018	Spring Half term
19 Feb	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
30 Mar	Good Friday - School closed for pupils
2 – 13 April 2018	Easter Holiday
16 Apr	Summer Term 2018 starts - school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
7 May	Early May Bank Holiday - School closed for pupils
28 May – 1 June	Summer Half term
4 June	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
19 July	Last day of summer term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15 p.m.
20 July	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils