



FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the halfway point of the school year, the February holiday always brings with it mixed emotions. Teachers are torn between feeling good about all that has been achieved by their pupils since the sunny days of September, and feeling somewhat daunted by what still needs to be accomplished to meet those end of year targets before July. In a way, for everyone in school, the February half term is a better time to set 'Mid-Year Resolutions', rather than following the herd with January New Year resolutions. In early March we have two parents' evenings, and these then will be the perfect opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress in the year so far, and clarify with teachers the next steps required for the remainder of the year. If you have not already done so, please make an appointment to meet with staff on one of the two evenings, and if you have any difficulty with this then please do not hesitate to get in touch with school and alternative arrangements can be made. As always, close communication between home and school, and a combined approach to working for the benefit of the children's learning, will bring their rewards over time.

In the second half of the spring term, we will enter the season of Lent. Children in Key Stage 2 will mark this with an Ash Wednesday service on 1st March, and we have a range of worship, reflection and learning activities planned to help the children to focus on the significance of Lent and the journey towards the most triumphant of Christian festivals. When we return to school after half term, we welcome Mrs Abi Jonas to the Year R team. She will work on Thursdays and Fridays up until Easter in Starfish class in conjunction with Mrs James, and from Easter Mrs Jonas will take up the full time post. I am sure that everyone in the St Peter's community will make Mrs Jonas feel welcome.

However, all of that is yet to come, so for now I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term break. As ever, I hope the children use their time profitably in playing, having a lie in or two, watching a couple of decent films and recharging their batteries with family and friends.

Mr Richard Cunningham
Headteacher

Parent Consultation Meetings:

Parents Consultation meetings will be held in early March. Appointment slots can still be booked via Scopay 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 and Monday 13th March from 4.15 pm to 6.25 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

Cars at St Peter's:

Please **be patient** at the pedestrian crossing – children and adults crossing have right of way over all vehicles. Please also be considerate of our neighbours. When parking, **NEVER** park so that a driveway is blocked and be aware that the spaces opposite the school and in Lombardy Rise are for the use of residents. An unfortunate incident of antisocial behaviour has been reported to us this week. Please be aware that your children are representatives of the school while they are in uniform and we expect them to behave accordingly.

Continued overleaf.....

Cars at St Peter's continued...

In addition, we would like to remind all parents when picking up children from after school activities to park in safe manner on the school site. Please do **not** join a queue of cars that will cause it to extend out onto the main road at the end of day and cause a danger to other road users. If there is a queue forming, please park off-site and walk into the school to pick up your child. Monday is an especially busy day for after school activities and we would ask all parents to be mindful of children who will be in the car park areas around 4 p.m.

Mrs K Phillips, Business Manager

Attendance & Punctuality:

Our whole school attendance is on target at 97.4%.

This is fantastic but we strive for excellence every day at St Peter's and aim for 100% in everything we do and so I think we can overtake this target by the end of the year. Lots of families have been working hard to improve punctuality and attendance;

-131 pupils have a record of 100% attendance since they started in their new class this academic year

-269 pupils have had 100% since the beginning of the Spring Term

-419 pupils have had 100% attendance since the beginning of this week and

Well done everybody!

Letters will be sent home this week where lateness and absence is a concern. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the school website for any further information and advice.

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

School Nurse Reminder:

On Wednesday, 22nd February (in the half-term holiday), the Havant School Nurse Team will be holding a 'Drop In' at Park Community School. This is for any families who would like advice, or support in any health matters. You do not need an appointment to attend; just drop in between 12.00 – 2.00 p.m. at Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Havant, PO9 4BU.

Have a lovely half-term break!

Tricia Pelling, Pastoral Lead

LIBRARY NEWS:

World Book Day – Thursday, 2nd March 2017

We have chosen the theme "Just Imagine" for this year's World Book Day.

Children can dress up as their favourite character from a book.

There will be competitions to complete from the library (these will be available from Monday, 27th February until Friday, 3rd March) and winners will all receive a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory pencil with pencil topper. Mrs D will be reading some of her favourite stories to the children. There may be some SUPER surprises on the day.

Author Visit – Friday, 3rd March 2017

On Friday, 3rd March 2017 we are hosting a *Meet the Author* event at St Peter's which is run by the School Library Service. The **Year 6** children will see Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore, together known as the 2 Steve's. There will be an opportunity for the children to buy one of their books, signed by them both, on the day. A letter will be sent home for the Year 6 children closer to the time with the details of the event.

School Library Service Stock Check

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the children that returned their books in time for the School Library Service stock check. They were very happy with the number of books found and the condition of their books.

Sue Domblides, School Librarian

Sports News:

10 children from Year 4 went to South Downs College to participate in a Tri-Golf Festival with children from other schools in the area. They were split into teams of girls and boys. The boys came 2nd and each received a silver medal, the girls came 4th and both teams got a certificate. Fun was had by all.

GOVERNOR NEWS:

The full governing body meets once a month and there are various sub committees that also meet regularly to focus on different aspects of the school's plan for improvement. It is our role to positively challenge Mr Cunningham and the senior team to ensure that St Peter's Catholic Primary School has a clear vision for the future and that appropriate plans are in place. During the January meeting, we discussed at length progress towards the current plan and focus areas for the Spring term.

Our ultimate aim is to work together as a team to ensure that every single pupil at St Peter's feels happy and secure and receives the best education possible. The Governors would like to thank the staff who work tirelessly with the pupils every day in helping to achieve this goal.

Miriam Cope, School Governor

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

Please don't forget that the Friends will be hosting a Mother's Day sale where your child can bring in between £1-£5 to purchase a Mother's Day gift. We will be holding the sale within the school day on the afternoons of the 16th and 17th March.

Our Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, 1st April from 1.00 – 4.00 p.m. and volunteers would be much appreciated. Entry is £5.00 and siblings are very welcome.

Our current secretary will be stepping down and we would like to invite anybody who is able to give some time to contact Angela McLaughlin and enquire about the role.

Rebecca Moncreaff and All at Friends of St Peters

400 Club:	January 2017		
1st prize	£68.00	No. 240	Mr Stewart
2nd prize	£40.80	No. 242	Mr Stewart
3rd prize	£13.60	No. 416	Mrs I Howell
4th prize	£13.60	No. 449	Mr Gray

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 30.01.17	
RM Dexter Challis	RP George Burridge
1OK Johan John	1S Conor Marples
2A Esthermaria Shibu	2L Elijah Edwards
3A Ruby Garvey	3H Jeremy Lea
4HA George Banks	4S Samuel Mpario
5E Gabriel Ryan	5F Jacob Kift
6S Emma Boateng	6T <i>No Golden Leaf this week</i>

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 06.02.17

RM Jasmine Heathcote
1OK Maxime Heard-Laureote
2A Daniel Ostrowski
3A Esther Burrows
4HA Alicia Richards
5E Elizabeth Moore
6S Sienna Garbutt

RP Jack Tigg
1S Callum Dougherty
2L Aston Lewendon
3H Max Perdu
4S Ernie Purkis
5F Kieran Whittamore
6T Harriet Laybourne

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 13.02.17

RM Luca Dalmut-Rudd
1OK Nikolas Baker
2A Isabel Thomas

RP William Pal
1S Reggie Tucker
2L Nicole Chen

No Key Stage 2 Golden Leaves this week

Dates for your Diary:

FEBRUARY

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 – Year 6
6 Mar Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.20 p.m. by appointment only (*all classes **except** 4S Koala*)
6 Mar Parents Evening 4.00 – 6.20 p.m. by appointment only (*Class 4S, Koala, only*)
7 Mar Parents Evening 3.30 p.m. – 6.10 p.m. by appointment only (*all classes **except** RM Seahorse*)
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. – 6.25 p.m. by appointment only (*Class RM, Seahorse, only*)
13 Mar Parents Evening 3.45.p.m. – 4.45 p.m. by appointment only (*Class 4S, Koala, only*)
14 Mar Year 2 Liturgy 10.20 a.m.
14 Mar Yr 4 Class 4S Trip to Staunton Country Park a.m.
15 Mar Y6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
16/17 Mar Mother's Day Sale for pupils p.m. in School Hall
17 Mar Author Visit by Sue Hendra/Paul Linnett
21 Mar Year R Liturgy 10.20 a.m.
21 Mar Year 2 10 pupils to HTC for Racket skills 10.00 a.m.
21 Mar Y6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
22 Mar Y3 10 pupils to Tag Rugby 1.00 p.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
29 Mar Y6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park

APRIL

3 Apr	Yr 4 Ukulele Concert for Parents 1.00 p.m.
4 Apr	Informal Parent drop-in session – come and see your child’s learning 3.30 p.m.
5 Apr	Y6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
5 Apr	Travelling Book Fair leaves
7 Apr	6C Day
10 – 21 Apr	Easter Holidays – School closed for pupils
24 Apr	Summer Term starts – school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
26 Apr	Y6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park

MAY

1 May	Bank Holiday – School closed for pupils
2 May	Years 3 and 4 Mass at Church 10.30 a.m.
3 May	Y6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
8 May	Year 6 SATS week
10 May	Y6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
12 May	KS2 Karaoke Night 5.30 - 7 p.m.
23 May	Year R Liturgy 10.20 a.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.

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.

Continued overleaf ...

HOLIDAY DATES – NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 – 2018 *continued...*

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