



MARCH 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The spring term in a school year can often be compared to what is known in the music industry as the 'Difficult Second Album Syndrome'. The enthusiasm of the return to school in September and the crescendo to Christmas are both gone, and the long hot days of the summer term when the pupils are feeling more mature as their minds drift ahead to the holidays and the next year up in the school system are not yet upon us. And so we are left with the middle spring term, a bit like a seven week long Boxing Day if you will. However, it need not, and thankfully is not, like that at St Peter's. Since January, we have embraced the opportunities and challenges that this middle term brings. All the pupils have been working exceptionally hard to build upon their learning and extend their understanding as they really start to grow and flourish in their current year groups. The school grounds have returned to life, heralded by the bursting of daffodils but also shown in the greater use of outdoor areas for learning such as the Secret Garden and the school field. Then, to round it all off, the children in Year R have experienced the wonderment of hatching chicks in their classroom. To paraphrase Master Chef, *'Learning doesn't get any more spring like than that!'*

The funny thing is, though, that even though we know all of these things are going to happen, it is hard to remember in the depth of January that they are just around the corner. In a sense, the parallels with the challenges of Lent in preparation for the celebration of Easter are easy to spot in the way that the spring term can sometimes feel. Since Ash Wednesday, our worship in school has never lost sight of the hope, promise and joy that God has in store for each and every one of us. All we have to do in return is have faith in His redeeming mercy and eternal love. Easy, just like Lent! Well, maybe not, but through their RE work on Lent, whole school and class based worship, and special CAFOD projects to prepare for Easter, the children at St Peter's are continuing their personal journey towards a fuller faith in God and a fulfilling life within His creation.

The end of a school term often brings some changes in staffing, and we bid a temporary farewell to Mrs Stewart in Year 4 as she takes maternity leave from Friday, 7th April. We send to her and her husband our very best wishes in anticipation of their exciting new arrival. Furthermore, Mrs James, who has been working with Year R Starfish class since mid-September, is finishing her work with that class on Wednesday, 5th April. We thank her for all of her hard work in Early Years since the start of the school year. In Year 4, Mr Pratley will take over from Mrs Stewart, and Mrs Jonas will take on the Year R Starfish class full-time, both with effect from Monday, 24th April. In the early weeks of the new term, arrangements will be made for parents and carers of children in these classes to meet with our new colleagues, and I am sure that everyone in the St Peter's community will make them feel especially welcome.

Wishing you all a safe, restful and refreshing Easter.

Mr Richard Cunningham
Headteacher

Staff Vacancy at St Peter's:

St Peter's will shortly be advertising for a new lunchtime assistant to join our friendly team. The role involves supervising the children in the lunch hall and the playground. Hours are 11.50 a.m. to 1.10 p.m., Monday to Friday, term time only. If you are interested in joining the St Peter's team, please ask at the office for an information pack.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Would all Parents please note: There will be **NO** teacher led after school clubs next week (Monday, 3rd – Friday, 7th April) as it is the last week of term. The **only** clubs running will be those hosted by outside providers and the general St Peter's after school care club.

School Meal Price Increase

School meal prices will increase to £2.15 with effect from 1st April 2017. The increase of five pence is being introduced, in line with other Hampshire schools, to meet the rising cost of providing school meals, but we believe this continues to represent good value for money for a two course, freshly cooked school meal.

Lunchboxes in School:

Would you please ensure that you send your child's lunch into school in a sealed, named container. Please **DO NOT** send your child's lunch into school in a plastic bag or carrier bag. Thank you.

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. 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 and Punctuality:

Whole school attendance is currently at 97.4%.

At St Peter's we recognise that attending school regularly and on time has a positive impact on learning and progress. Excellent attendance and punctuality is the key for your child's success. On my last check 319 children, (73% of St Peter's) had 100% attendance this half term. Well done to all of you and maybe you could give us some tips about how to keep fit, happy and healthy all year round.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have kept us informed when their child is ill, or is unable to come in to school due to other circumstances. We will follow up absence by 10 a.m. that same day if we do not hear from you, for safeguarding reasons. Please note that even if you contact the office, not all absences will be authorised. Attendance percentages are not like examination results, for example, 90% is a good exam result but not a good attendance rate. Attendance percentage needs to be in the high 90s before it can be considered good. Consider the following:



*This is Simon. He is in Year 6. His attendance is 90%. His parents think that is fairly high, however... 90% means that he is absent from lessons for the equivalent of **one half day every week.***

*If his attendance stays at 90% in Year 6 he will miss the equivalent of **four whole weeks.***

*If Simon continues the pattern over five years he will miss the equivalent of about **one half of a school year.** Imagine how much learning is missed.*

Family Forces Club:

I had the pleasure of running Family Forces Club recently and spent a wonderful time with a small group of children with parents in service. These children spoke openly and honestly about their feelings and shared their thoughts, as well as the biscuits, drinks and toys! Please see Mrs D in the school library if you would like to borrow any books to share with your child around the themes of separation, saying goodbye, or the Services in general.

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on the Child and Family Support Blog on the school website, due to re-launch soon.
wonderful Easter holiday.

Tricia Pelling, Pastoral Leader
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Travelling Book Fair:

The Travelling Book Fair is now in school. It will be leaving on Wednesday, 5th April. The books will be on display in the Office Reception foyer after school. There will be many new children's books for you to browse through and buy. With over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from and with prices from only £2.99, there is sure to be a book for everyone. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library.

Mrs L Moore

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Tel: 023 92262 599

Naming of School Uniform:

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM IS CLEARLY LABELLED. We would ask that you regularly check whether the name that you have written on items of your child's school uniform is still legible. Over time and washing, the ink can wear off or the labels can come unstuck. In order that we can make sure that lost uniform is returned to the correct child it is important that we can clearly see who it belongs to. Thank you for your help.

Boxes for Junk Modelling and Old Sheets/Duvet Covers:

Can you help please? The Reception year groups are in need of cardboard boxes for junk modelling. They would be grateful for **any** kind of boxes **except** egg boxes or medicine boxes. They are also in need of any old clean, sheets, duvet covers, curtains or even tarpaulins that you no longer need at home. Thank you.

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.

History Competition:

Before the end of term, I am launching a History competition for all year groups to take part in. The children will need to choose a male or female who has made a change to Great Britain. They then need to design and make an item which has a connection with this person and then write a set of clues that help the children in their class guess who the person is that they have chosen.

There will be a winner from each year group and they will be chosen for being the most creative with their ideas. When the children have made their item along with their list of clues, they can bring it into school, share it with their class and see if they can guess. Then they need to bring their item to Elephant class (Class 2A) in a named bag. Closing date for all entries will be **Friday, 5th May**.

Have lots of fun learning about people who have made an influence to Great Britain. Many thanks.

Miss Allen, Year 2 Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS:

New library blog

You can now see all the library news on our library blog. This month you can read all about World Book Day and our author visits.

Hampshire Picture Book Awards

Year 1 children have been taking part in the Hampshire Picture Book Awards (HPBA). They have spent 6 weeks looking at 4 short listed picture books and voted for their favourite. This year's winner was Hoot Owl written by Sean Taylor.

Hampshire Information Book Awards

Year 4 children have been taking part in the Hampshire Information Book Awards (HInBA). They spent 6 weeks looking at 5 short listed information books and voted for their favourite. This year's winner was The Epic Book of Epicness written by Adam Frost.

Easter Books

We have a lovely selection of books in our library especially for Easter. Some are fiction stories books about chicks, rabbits, lambs etc. but we also have a selection of non-fiction books about Easter including the Easter story, festival cooking and craft books.

Sue Domblides, School Librarian

GOVERNOR NEWS:

Each month the school's governing body meets to focus on helping in the school by positively challenging the school over its vision for school improvement.

In the previous month the governing body has discussed health and safety considerations around the school. We also highlighted possible improvements that could continue to be made to the school grounds.

As ever, the governors would like to thank everyone at St. Peter's who work tirelessly to keep our children happy and safe in their learning.

Sean Austin, Staff Governor

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

It's that time again to let you all know what has been going on over the past month, and to inform you of what events are happening for the children in the near future.

Mother's Day Sale:

The Mother's Day Sale that took place on the 16th and 17th March was a big success, all of the children enjoyed being able to purchase a present for their Mummy and most of them knew exactly what they wanted, it was so overwhelming to see great big smiles on their faces. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'thank you' from the Friends of St Peters to all the Parents/Carers for supporting the children with this event.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, 1st April 2017 1.00 – 4.00 p.m.:

This coming Saturday, 1st April 2017 we are running the Easter Egg Hunt for all the children at St Peters School and their siblings. The Egg Hunt starts at 1.00 p.m. from the School Hall at a cost of £6.00 per ticket on the day. Once the children have completed the Egg Hunt they will receive an Easter Egg, and we have lots of Easter crafts for them to choose from.

Thanks to many local companies donating, we have lots of raffle prizes for Mummy and Daddy, Gran and Grandad to purchase and some very good prizes this year.

We are holding an Easter Bonnet Parade and Father Vitalis from St Edmund's Church, Horndean, is popping in to judge the best girl and boy bonnets later in the afternoon. A prize will be awarded to these children.

There will be lots of refreshments available to purchase at a small cost, and we have an offer on for a free cake **if** you purchase a hot drink.

There will be lots of other items for the children to purchase such as clip-in hair braids, glitter tattoos and much more. Hope to see you all there.

Karaoke Night KS2 Friday, 12th May 2017 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.:

We are arranging a Karaoke night for all KS2 children on Friday, 12th May 2017 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. Tickets will cost £4.00 per child or £5.00 on the night at the door. The children can do a solo act or form a band with their friends and a prize will be awarded to the best act at the end of the evening. As always refreshments will be available for the children to purchase on the night. Please look out for the flyer in your child's book bag after the Easter holidays with more information and the ticket request form.

Summer Fest – Friday, 9th July 2017 5.30 – 8.00 p.m.:

The flyers detailing how to book your tickets for the Summer Fest will be coming out in the book bags in the near future. The cost will be £5.00 per ticket per person. More information will be given regarding this event in the next Newsletter, so keep an eye open for it, as you do not want to miss this one!

As always none of these events could take place without all the volunteers who give up their time to help out. We are always in need of more parents/carers to help us because, without you, we at the Friends of St Peter's, could not do what we do. Please, please, if you think you could give up just an hour of your time to help out, it could make a big difference as to whether we are able to hold an event or not. If you think you could help then please email: **Friendsofsaintpeters@hotmail.com** and one of the team will contact you to discuss how you can help.

We are also looking for a new Secretary for the Friends of St Peters. If you think you would like to hear more about this post, please email us at the address above and one of us will contact you with more details.

Once again, can I say a big thank you to all our volunteers for all the help and time that you give to help us organize these events for the children.

Regards,

Angela McLaughlin, Friends of St Peter's

400 Club: February 2017

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| 1st prize | £65.50 | No. 332 | Mrs S Johnson |
| 2nd prize | £39.30 | No. 41 | Mrs J Veal |
| 3rd prize | £13.10 | No. 396 | Mrs E Baines |
| 4th prize | £13.10 | No. 158 | Mr M Moncreaff |

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 6.3.17

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| RM Malakai Asante | RP Max Straw |
| 1OK Abigail Osborne | 1S Emelia Pereira |
| 2A Eva Hirmiz | 2L Ruby Browne |
| 3A Eva Ng | 3H Joe Bennett |
| 4HA Dominic Lethbridge | 4S Anna-Louise Heathcote |
| 5E Lucie Phillips | 5F Jeffrey Mamman-Mathew |
| 6S Sienna Garbutt | 6T Elliott Jones |

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 13.03.17

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| RM Bella Barber-Ford | RP Sidney Martin |
| 1OK Emily Benn | 1S Reggie Tucker |
| 2A Sabrina McGannan | 2L Louie Hart |
| 3A Harry Lawson-Barnes | 3H Sihanua Sumba |
| 4HA Fraya-Mai Humphrey | 4S Elea De Vos |
| 5E Freddie Dunaway | 5F Blake Morgan |
| 6S Lois Tooes | 6T Elliott Jones |

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 20.03.17

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| RM Quentin Hogan | RP William Hayward |
| 1OK Callum Redshaw | 1S Ethan Jordan |
| 2A Stanley Perriman | 2L Amelie Booth |
| 3A Evie Moseley | 3H Amelia Morris |
| 4HA Sienna Tooes | 4S Joshua Masson |
| 5E Lee Huxley | 5F Kaitlyn Wingate |
| 6S Oliver Chapman | 6T Onalia Sam |

Dates for your Diary:**APRIL**

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| 1 Apr | Easter Egg Hunt 1.00 – 4.00 p.m. |
| 3 Apr | Class 2A Music Concert 11.00 a.m. in classroom. Parents welcome. |
| 3 Apr | Yr 4 Ukulele Concert for Parents 2.15 p.m. (No parking on site) |
| 4 Apr | 10.00 a.m. Yr 5 Computing Lesson at Oaklands |
| 4 Apr | Informal Parent drop-in session – come and see your child’s learning 3.30 p.m. |
| 4 Apr | Last day for Travelling Book Fair - after school in Reception Office foyer |

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| 5 Apr | Yr 6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park |
| 5 Apr | Travelling Book Fair leaves |
| 7 Apr | 6C Day |
| 7 Apr | 999 Heroes in Hall with Year R and Year 1 at 10.30 a.m. |
| 10 – 21 Apr | Easter Holidays – School closed for pupils |
| 24 Apr | Summer Term starts – school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m. |
| 24 Apr | Yr 5 Chance to Shine Cricket 1.00 – 3.00 p.m. |
| 26 Apr | Yr 4 Camping Experience Meeting for Parents 5.00 p.m. |
| 26 Apr | Yr 4 Runways End Meeting for Parents after Camping Meeting above. |
| 26 Apr | Yr 6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park |

MAY

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| 1 May | Bank Holiday – School closed for pupils |
| 2 – 5 May | Yr 2 SATS week |
| 2 May | Years 3 and 4 Mass at Church 10.30 a.m. Parents welcome. |
| 3 May | Yr 6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park |
| 3 May | 9.30 a.m. School Nurses to see Summer born Year R pupils |
| 5 May | 9.30 a.m. Dental checks for selected Year R/Year 1 pupils |
| 8 May | Yr 5 Chance to Shine Cricket 1.00 – 3.00 p.m. |
| 8 – 12 May | Yr 6 SATS week |
| 10 May | Yr 6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park |
| 12 May | KS2 Karaoke Night 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. |
| 15 May | Yr 5 Chance to Shine Cricket 1.00 – 3.00 p.m. |
| 17 May | Yr 6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park |
| 22 - 26 May | “Bring your parent to share their occupation” week |
| 22 May | Yr 5 Chance to Shine Cricket 1.00 – 3.00 p.m. |
| 23 May | Yr R Liturgy 10.20 a.m. Parents welcome. |
| 24 May | Yr 6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park |
| 29 May – 2 June | Half term – School closed for pupils |

JUNE

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

JULY

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| 9 Jul | St Peter’s Summer Fest 5.30 – 8.00 p.m. |
| 14 Jul | Yr 4 Camping Experience on school field overnight |
| 25 Jul | Last day of summer term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15 p.m. |

HOLIDAY DATES – NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 2018

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| 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 |

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

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