



MAY 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you, as you read this newsletter, will also be receiving your child's end of year report at about the same time. Year R and Year 6 reports will be issued in the second half of the summer term to allow for the fullest possible content of progress and attainment data, but for a good 300 of our pupils, the written report is complete. However, this by no means indicates that the end of the school year is upon us, as there are still more than seven weeks of learning to be done over June and July. Whilst the summer term will bring a change in atmosphere with longer nights for after-school activities and special events such as sports day and the Year 6 show, the daily routine of learning and making progress remains. There is no such thing as 'down time' in education, and the higher standards imposed by the most recent curriculum changes make that ever more so the case. To that end, I would like to reinforce two key messages. The first is that, right through until the end of the school year on Tuesday 25th July, please continue to encourage your children to work as hard as they can in school in all of their subjects so as to continue the excellent progress made since September. And secondly, this progress will only be truly maintained with the highest possible rate of attendance, so please do not be tempted to take your children out of school for an early summer break during term time. Sadly, school years really do fly by in a heartbeat, so we all need to help our children to make the most of every opportunity afforded to them whilst they are with us here at St Peter's.

Mid-term breaks sometimes bring staffing changes, and so it is that we have said goodbye and thank you to Mrs Claire Pearson who returned from an extended and exotic honeymoon in the Far East during the autumn term to work specifically with Year 6 from January until May to help them prepare for their SATs. We also bid farewell to one of our Learning Support Assistants, Miss Hannah-Louise Rayson, who moves on in June to start an exciting work and training programme in the Early Years section of a school in Southsea. Our best wishes also go to Mrs Emma Merriam who worked as an afternoon receptionist in the school. She has moved on to take up a receptionist post at an orthodontic practice in Chichester. I would also like to pass on the best wishes of the St Peter's family to our most newly formed family, congratulating Mrs Stewart and her husband on the birth of their little girl Caitlin May on Friday, 12th May.

I do hope that you all have a restful and restorative half-term break, making the most of every opportunity to get the children out of doors and burning off all their excess energy on scooters, bikes or feet, if only to get them to put down those fidget spinners for just 5 minutes!

Mr R Cunningham
Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality:

At St Peter's we want all children to have a positive experience of school life and be able to reach their full potential. Hampshire County Council tells us that one way to gain this is by ensuring that children attend school every day. Parents can often feel that more time is spent at school than at home. By completing a quick and easy sum we can see just how many days children attend school;

- There are **365 days** in the year and **190 days** in the school year.
- If we take the days in school away from the days in the year, we see that for **175 days** children are at home with their parents; $365 - 190 = 175$.
- If a child takes leave of absence during term time, **10 school days**, attendance starts to fall to only **180 days** in school.
- If the child is **then ill for 5 or more days** in a year, they start to be at home more than they are in school.

Please see the link below for HCC's leaflet 'Good School Attendance Guide-Helping your child to make the most out of school.'

http://www3.hants.gov.uk/school_attendance_leaflet_hcc.pdf

This week we have congratulated over 300 children who have achieved 100% attendance for this half term. We also have over 70 children who have 100% attendance since the beginning of the academic year. We would like to see this number increase by the end of the year; there is still time. Thank you to all those parents and carers who continue to get their children to school on time and therefore give their child the best chance of reaching their goals in life.

Attendance not 100%?

We understand that absence due to illness is not always avoidable. If there is no sickness, diarrhoea, or high temperature, then please send your child in to school and we will always contact you if we feel they are unable to learn. Please refer to our Attendance Policy on the school website for more information and follow the link below for types of illness, NHS recommendations for how long to be kept off school and advice on how to avoid illness in the first place;

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/HIAS/Everydaycounts.pdf>

Possible Penalties for Non-attendance

As stated in HCC's Code of Conduct regarding unauthorised absence, once you have registered your child at a school, regular and punctual attendance is a legal requirement as well as essential if your child is to maximise educational opportunities. If a parent/carer fails to make sure that he/she attends regularly and punctually, the Local Authority has a statutory duty to consider legal action to enforce school attendance.

There are a number of legal measures that the Local Authority can pursue, these include:

- being issued a voluntary parenting contract
- being included in the fast track system which means you will be given 12 weeks to improve your child's attendance
- receiving a penalty notice. This is a fine of £60 per parent/carer for periods of unauthorised absence such as truancy, holidays in term time, lateness, unauthorised absence during formal exams, schools assessment or testing, or poor patterns of attendance/punctuality
- being prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court. This means you could receive a community order, a fine of up to £2,500 per parent/carer, or a custodial sentence
- your child being issued with an education supervision order. This is an order where the child attends court and certain measures are put in place regarding attendance at school.

(Where absence warrants the issuing of a Penalty Notice, *each individual parent/carer* can be issued with one Penalty Notice for *each of their children* with unauthorised absence.)

Please follow the link below for more advice and information for parents and carers on penalty notices for non-attendance;

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/HIAS/InformationonPenaltyNoticesfornon-attendanceatschool-advicetoparentsandcarersleaflet-Nov2015revised.pdf>

(NB: Only schools, not the parent/carer, have the power to authorise a leave of absence. There are currently no changes regarding school absence following the Isle of Wight v Jon Platt case.)

Prevent Strategy

What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people supporting extremist causes. The Prevent strategy covers all types of extremism, including political and religious extremism.

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect. The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children involved. From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views, in the same way we protect them from the other aspects of modern society that may be a danger to our children. Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues so that they better understand how to protect themselves. We will give children the skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy. These include;

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy.

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014 and this will continue to be part of our response to the Prevent strategy. British values include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty and mutual respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school. If you are interested in reading the Government's full document, this can be accessed using the link below;

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97976/prevent-strategy-review.pdf

Free School Meals

Is your child currently in Year 2? If so, they have been entitled to universal free school meals up to now. From Year 3 onwards you will have to start paying unless you qualify for free school meals. Please follow the link below to find out whether you are eligible;

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers/hc3S/freeschoolmeals.htm>

It only takes a few minutes to complete this check and it could save you a significant amount of money each year. If you are unsure, your work circumstances change, or your child is in any year group in school (even in Rec, Y1 & Y2 where school meals are free), it is worth checking, as you could make savings in the future and St Peter's will receive important funding that will help your child get the best out of school. Please contact school if you need any help with this process, or do not have access to a computer and we can help you.

For more information please see the 'Free School Meals' section under 'Parents' on the school website, or telephone Sue Martin from Hampshire County Council Catering Services on 023 80627738.

Please keep an eye on the school blogs found on our website to keep up to date with what is going on in school. The Child and Family Support blog is continually updated with useful information to help you support your child in school. Please take a look for links to activities for you to enjoy over half-term.

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CAFOD

"CAFOD would like to thank the students, staff and parents for their generosity in raising £220.82 to help provide food for those in urgent need in East Africa due to many months of drought. Thank you for your support and prayers. To find out about CAFOD's work please go to cafod.org.uk."

Jo Lewry
Community Participation Coordinator - CAFOD
CAFOD Arundel and Brighton, and Portsmouth Volunteer Centres

Inspirations Week at St Peter's:

On Monday, 22nd May, Amanda Newton led an assembly to launch Inspirations week at St. Peter's. This week the children will be thinking about people and journeys that inspire them to challenge themselves. Amanda astounded friends and family with her bravery after sharing a smiling photo from her hospital bed after she broke her back in a cycling accident. Amanda has not let this event stop her from skydiving, running marathons or even horse riding. Amanda's positivity and tips for overcoming challenges was truly inspirational. You can read all about Amanda's accident by following this link: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-3200765/Woman-neck-brace-posts-inspirational-selfie-hospital-bed-breaking-cycling-accident.html>

School Uniform – Summer Ordering through Brigade

Please note that uniform orders must be placed with Brigade at the latest by **MONDAY, 7TH AUGUST** for delivery before the start of the new academic year. (Brigade recommend that parents place their orders as early as possible to allow sufficient time to re-order if necessary).

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

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.

School Meal Price Increase

School meal prices increased 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

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

OPEN MORNINGS FOR YEAR 5 PARENTS

Oaklands are holding a number of Open Mornings on **Tuesday, 13 June and Thursday, 22 June from 11.40 a.m. - 13.40 p.m.** All Year 5 parents are invited to come and visit the school. If you are interested, please email admissions@oaklandscatholicschool.org to book a place.

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 also need our old rugs, tarpaulin, buckets, small children's suitcases and baskets, old dolls buggies, cars, and children's umbrellas. I know it's a long list but obviously a cheap way of resourcing us if the parents can help! 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.

BAE Systems Visit:

On 9th May we were lucky enough to have the talented BAE Systems visit our school. They taught us about how the computers and drones work. They brought in a robot to show, it had amazing tricks, such as tai chi.

BAE systems split the showcase into three parts: drones, computing (hardware, software and binary code) and robots. In our opinion, computing was the best because we learnt about the binary code that works bits and bytes.

In the drones section of the show, we got shown a number of drones such as non-commissioned planes (soon passenger aircraft will be non-commissioned), planes that don't need a pilot and spy drones. We also got taught that drones don't have to be four-propeller flying electronics. They can also be controlled without a remote control.

The part of the show that most people seemed to enjoy was when they brought in the robot. This robot could talk, interact and also follow commands.

We thank BAE systems for coming to our school and inspiring our students to become electronic engineers in the future. This was an amazing visit for our students and we thoroughly enjoyed it. We give credit to all the hard work put into this show.

Matthew Evans, Class 5E and Jonathan Smith, Class 5F

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.

Lost Property:

There is a lot of lost property not being claimed. If it is named, the office staff will take it down to your child's classroom. **Any unnamed items which have not been claimed at the end of each half term will now be disposed of.** If your child inadvertently brings home an item which does not belong to them please return this to the school office. We know this can easily happen when the children are all changing together but would appreciate the items being returned, particularly if they are named as we can then ensure they are returned to the correct child. We have had several issues with this recently and know it can be very frustrating for parents who have done all they can to ensure their child does not lose their belongings. Lost Property will be displayed outside the front Reception office at the bottom of the ramp on **Friday, 16th June** at the end of school day. Any items not collected between 3.15 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on this date will be disposed of.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Library clubs and opening times.

Due to high demand, we have introduced another story-time club on Wednesdays for year 2 children. This does mean however, that the library is now only open to parents and children on Thursdays and Fridays. Please take a look at the opening times on the table below.

<i>Monday</i>	Book club – Year 5/6	3.15pm – 4.00pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	Story-time club – Reception and Year 1	3.15pm – 4.00pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	Story-time club – Year 2	3.15pm – 4.00pm
<i>Thursday</i>	Open to parents and children	3.15pm – 4.00pm
<i>Friday</i>	Open to parents and children	3.15pm – 4.00pm

Year 4 & 5 book review challenge

We are currently running a book review challenge for all Year 4 and Year 5 children. All they have to do is complete 3, 6 or 12 book reviews (on current books that they are borrowing from the school library) and at each stage, they will receive a certificate and a reward. The competition will run until Monday, 5th June.

Year 3 writing competition

We have been running a writing competition for all year 3 children. They were asked to write a short story or a poem about dragons on the competition sheets provided. The competition has now finished and winners will be announced in assembly after half term.

Sue Domblides, School Librarian

GOVERNOR NEWS:

Please could we thank you all for the fantastic response rate to the parents questionnaire at the parents evenings that took place in March - we take your feedback very seriously and will ensure we take your comments and suggestions forward.

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

We are again coming to the end of this academic year, where has the time gone?

Well, I am sure you can agree with me, we have had lots of fun with all the events that the Friends of St Peter's have organised for the children and without all the volunteers, who help out at these events, we couldn't run any of them. Thank you all for giving up your time to help make St Peter's the best school parents/carers could ask for. We are always so proud of how people at St Peter's make each event bigger and better than the last one. I would also like to thank the teachers and other staff of St Peter's for all the help and support that they give us.

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Friends of St Peter's *continued...*

Now let's talk about what we still have to come:

Summer Fest - Friday, 9th June 5.30 – 8.00 p.m. Taylor Swift Wild West Theme

Attractions:

Steam Train	Tin Can Alley	Bouncy Castle	Slide
Drop the Disk	Lasso the Cactus	'Wanted' Photo Booth	

There will be a BBQ and a beer tent for the grown-ups, themed items for the children, cowboy hats, sheriff badges and lots more.

This year we have lots of things to keep the children busy for the whole evening:

Face Painting	Hair Braids	Glitter Tattoos	Wrist Tattoos
Sweet Shop	Biff Bats	Friendship Bracelets	Bandannas

Please come along and join us for a fab fun night. Tickets are on sale now, just return your request form to the school. Adults £5.00 each, Children £4.00 each, Pre-School children are free.

We would advise that if you have small children that you ask for a wrist band at the gate and write your mobile number on it and attach it to your child. There will be a control tent which will also run as a lost child point. If you have put a contact number on your child it will make it a lot easier for us to reunite you all.

Monster Ball Karaoke KS2 - Friday, 20th October 5.30 – 7.30 p.m. Tickets £4.00 per child

This event is going to be great fun. Karaoke, plus fancy dress, what more could you ask for? After the last Karaoke that we ran I just know your children won't want to miss this event. Keep an eye out in your child's book bag as the flyers will be out in September.

Christmas Cards - We will be running the Christmas cards again this year as it is so popular with the children of St Peter's. The template will be issued to all children in September, so if you would like your child to design their own Christmas card to send to friends/family, get your picture in before the deadline.

Christmas Party KS1 - Friday 8th December Tickets £5.00 per child

The Christmas party is always a great hit with the KS1 children. We are going to have a disco with entertainment, hot dogs and, of course, a visit from Father Christmas with every child receiving a gift. Flyers will be sent out via book bags during November, please return them back to the school ASAP.

Can I take this opportunity to thank everybody for the support that you give to St Peter's. Remember all profits that we make, with your help by attending these events, go back into the school, so that the school can then purchase items that they feel will be beneficial for your child's education. Thank you.

Friends of St. Peters
Angela McLaughlin, Chair

400 Club: March 2017

1 st prize	£66.75	No.337	Mrs L Jones
2 nd prize	£40.05	No. 151	Mrs G Jordan
3 rd prize	£13.35	No. 351	Mrs Garvey
4 th prize	£13.35	No. 96	Mrs Unitt

400 Club: April 2017

1st prize	£66.75	No. 37	Mrs Cunningham
2nd prize	£40.05	No. 354	Mrs Garvey
3rd prize	£13.35	No. 136	Mrs Parker
4th prize	£13.35	No. 9	Mrs McGannan

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 27.03.17

RM Edith Swandell	RP Abigail Penwarden
1OK Noah Hatch	1S Tommy Cook
2A Arabella Willis	2L Joseph Lyon
3A Joshua Pereira	3H Tilly Groves
4HA Frankie Horton	4S Patrick Healy
5E Zane Lockyer	5F Alex Aquino
6S Luca Leoni-Peters	6T

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 03.04.17

RM Connie Bignell	RP Olivia Briley
1OK Caleb Dunaway	1S Darcy Haughan
2A Lenny Tucker	2L Jacob Chapman

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 01.05.17

No KS1 Golden Leaves

3A Eva Ng	3H Charlie Henderson
4HA Hollie Nightingale	4S Joseph Tyler
5E Matthew Evans	5F
6S Rosie Hills	6T Anna Harper

NO GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 08.05.17

Dates for your Diary:

MAY

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.**

5 Jun Year 5 Chance to Shine Cricket 1.00 p.m.

5 Jun Class 2L Music Concert 11.00 a.m. – Parents Welcome

5 Jun **NEW** Year R Parents' Meeting 6.00 p.m.

School email: adminoffice@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk

Tel: 023 92262 599

JUNE continued...

7 Jun Year 6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
9 Jun **Summer Fest/Pop & Proms – 5.30 – 8.00 p.m.**
12 Jun Year 5 Chance to Shine Cricket 1.00 p.m.

Please note: The Year 1 Liturgy due to take place on 13 June has been cancelled.

14 Jun Year 6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
16 Jun Class 5E Science afternoon at Oaklands
20 Jun Year 5/Year 6 Mass at Church 10.20 a.m.
21 Jun Year 6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
23 Jun NED Show for whole school
27 Jun **Sports Day**
29 Jun St Peter and St Paul's Day Mass 10.20 a.m.
30 Jun **INSET DAY – School closed for pupils**

JULY

4 Jul Year 2 Liturgy 10.20 a.m.
5 Jul Year 6 14 pupils to Streetspeare at Purbrook Park
10 Jul **NEW** Year R Parents' Meeting 6.00 p.m.
11 Jul Leavers' Mass followed by cream tea 1.30 p.m.
14 Jul Year 6 Induction Day at Oaklands
14 Jul Year 4 Camping Experience on school field overnight
18 Jul Reserve Sports Day (*if 27 June wet*)
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.**
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**