



JUNE 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

With June we have welcomed the summer, and in school this month we have been able to explore and reflect on the wonder that is God's creation; our world. The awe and wonder that comes from watching caterpillars turn into butterflies, from watching seeds turn into plants, from seeing flowers slowly bloom has been a learning point for many of our children and has given us all an opportunity to reflect on the power and glory of our Lord. With the sad, tragic and devastating happenings in the recent weeks, as we take time to share a thought or prayer for those affected by these events, we must also take time to reflect on the beauty and goodness that surrounds us.

The children have built up a huge wealth of knowledge and skills since September and they have been continually challenged to use these in as many different ways as possible. As we approach the last few weeks of the school year, the staff continue to work hard to ensure our pupils continue to learn and make progress until the very last day of term as we provide the children with opportunities to apply their learning independently and in a range of contexts. In addition to this, we are also busy preparing for moving up to the next year group, or for our Year 6 pupils, their next step in their educational life as they move to secondary school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Knight and Mrs Pfeiffer

Vacancy for Catering Assistant

Mrs Lydia Windebank, who works in our School Kitchen, will be leaving us at the end of term after four years at the school. As a result, we are looking for a Catering Assistant to start in the Autumn term to work in our school kitchen. This post will be term time only for two hours per day. The full advert can be seen on

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/educationjobshampshire/educationjobshome/educationjobsjobdetail.htm?id=57325&swatch=>

Vacancy for Site Manager at St Swithun's Catholic Primary School, Southsea

St Swithun's Catholic Primary School, Southsea, is keen to recruit a new Site Manager to start in August 2017. The job is for 25 hours a week, 52 weeks a year. If you would like to find out more information, please call the school office on 023.9282.9339 and ask to speak to Sarah Bond. The closing date for applications is Friday 7th July.

Attendance and Punctuality:

St Peter's is still on course for reaching our whole school target of 97.4% but let's not get complacent in the last few weeks of term; we need every child in school, every day. Thank you again to every parent/carer who continually demonstrates that they take their child's education seriously by getting to school on time.

- Build the habit of good attendance early on.
- Remember school success goes hand in hand with good attendance.
- How can you help your child succeed in school?
- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack school bags the night before.
- Make packed lunches the night before to avoid a rush in the morning.
- Leave plenty of time for the journey so that your child has a calm and punctual start to their day.
- Have a 'back-up' plan for getting to school in case something comes up unexpectedly.
- Don't keep your child off at home unnecessarily; stomach ache and headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay at home. Once in school, the staff and pastoral team will support your child. Try to speak to their teacher, or the Pastoral Leader and we will help them to feel more comfortable as quickly as possible.
- Avoid medical appointments during school hours if possible and avoid taking holidays in school time.

Free School Meals

Calling all parents and carers! Please follow the link below (also on St Peter's website under the 'Parents' tab) to find information on Free School Meals. This is really important for all parents to check but especially for those with children in Year 2, as the universal free school meals come to an end at the end of this school year. To find out if your child qualifies for further free school meals in Year 3, just enter your details in a quick and easy process. The school will also receive vital funding (pupil premium grant) to help your child and others attain their best in school. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Alternatively, call Sue Martin at Hampshire County Council Catering Services (HC3S) on 023 80627738 for a chat and to ask any questions.

Want to find out more?

A parent leaflet with more information called 'Pupil Premium and Free school Meals' can also be found in the School Reception area.

Tricia Pelling, Pastoral Leader
023 9226 2599, Mobile: 07474 692736
p.pelling@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk

Year 6 Production of High School Musical

Year 6 welcome you to come to their production of High School Musical on Monday, 24th July. Performances will be at 1.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. at Oaklands Catholic School. Ticket booking details will be sent separately.

INNER SECURITY DOOR – RECEPTION OFFICE

Could we please ask all our parents to remind their children that they should **not** reach up and release the switch for the inner security door and let themselves out in the main reception area. The security door is there to ensure the safety of **all** the children in school. School staff cannot be responsible for your child's safety if they are unaware that a child has let themselves out through the security door. Please reinforce this message with your child, reminding them that they should only leave the safety of the school building if they have spoken to a member of the school staff and that person knows they are leaving the building.

Art Trail

The children enjoyed taking part in the Waterlooville Art Trail and their work was exhibited at Fry & Kent between the 12th and the 26th June. During Friday's assembly Sophie, from Fry & Kent, came in and gave prizes out to all the children who took part in the competition. The winning house was created by Tilly Groves. Well done to Tilly and all the children who took the time to create fabulous houses.

Cows of Cowplain

Saturday 10th June was the annual 'Cows of Cowplain' event, where Mrs Pearson's art club contributed by creating six cows, which formed part of the Cow Trail in the Queen's Inclosure woods. It was a very successful event that had a high turn out of visitors. Thank you to all the talented children who helped make some very colourful and imaginative cows.

Mrs Pearson - Art Leader

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) <http://www.brigade.uk.com/>

End of Term Garden Party on the school field

We will be having a picnic lunch (weather permitting) for all the children on the school field on the last day of term, Tuesday, 25 June 2017. The school menu will be cheese or ham sandwich, yogurt or fruit, apple or orange juice and doughnuts, or of course, your children may bring in their own packed lunch.

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.

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

Tel: 023 92262 599

Lunchboxes in School:

Would you please ensure that you send your child's lunch into school in a sealed, named container and make sure it is taken home at the end of each day. Please **DO NOT** send your child's lunch into school in a plastic bag or carrier bag. We would also like to ask all our parents to please refrain from including **any** kind of sweets in your child's lunchbox. Thank you.

Mrs K Phillips, Business Manager

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.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Year 3 Dragon Writing Competition

Congratulations to Kian Marples for winning the dragon writing competition. Visit the school library blog to see who the top 10 stories/poems were written by.

Year 4/5 Book Review Challenge

Congratulations to all of the children that took part in the year 4/5 book review challenge.

A total of 71 Certificates and prizes were handed out and a huge 428 book reviews were written. This was an incredible achievement. Please visit the school library blog for the full list of children that completed the reading challenge.

Year 6 – Return of all school library books

Year 6 children will soon be moving up to secondary school and therefore all school library books will need to be returned by Friday 14th July. No more books will be issued to any child in year 6.

Summer Reading Challenge 2017 – Animal Agents

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Animal Agents, featuring characters exclusively designed by the award-winning children's illustrator, Tony Ross. It's totally free and to get started all your child has to do is sign up at the library where they will be given a collectors folder to keep a record of their Summer Reading Challenge Journey. As they read their books, each child will receive special stickers to complete their folder. Once they have collected the stickers they will be able to crack the case and catch the crook! **Starts in all Hampshire libraries on Saturday, 15th July.** This year, St Peters will also be giving a reward to every child that completes the Summer Reading Challenge. All they need to do is bring in their certificate when we return to school in September and show it to Mrs D in the library and they will be given a reward in celebration assembly.

Sue Domblides, School Librarian

GOVERNOR NEWS:

Over the past month members of the governing body have been continuing with the ongoing programme of monitoring visits, both operational policy review and subject specific. Reports provided to the body enable us to evaluate the progress and performance of the school and the school's improvement plan.

A number of the governors attended St Peter's Fest and reported how well attended the event was and how much they enjoyed it, in particular the participation of the pupils performing on stage. The governors would like to thank the Friends for organising this wonderful event and extend this appreciation to all the families that attended and supported on the day.

Finally we send our prayers and best wishes to Mr Cunningham following his recent operation and wish him a speedy recovery.

Ms C Windibank, School Governor

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

It's that time again to let you all know what events, are coming up to take us all into the summer holidays.

The Penny War Jar

This is an event that the children own and run with. There will be a jar in the Library for every class, the idea is for every child to bring in 1p and 2p's and place them in their class jar, these will be counted as points, the class with the most points win, but be careful because other classes can put 5p, 10p and 20p coins in another class's jar if they think that class is winning. For every silver coin in a jar points are deducted against that class.

There will be two prizes, the class with the most points and the one with the most money. So come on dig out all those coppers that are filling up your purse or pockets and let's get this game started!

Flyers are in the children's book bags this week.

Year 6 Fun Day

It's not long now until all our Year 6 children move on to their senior schools, and to say good bye, we have arranged a fun day for them at the school.

This is being held on Tuesday, 18th July and there will be bouncy castles, a giant slide and a lot more. Lunch will be provided by Friends of St Peters and then in the afternoon there will be a Year 6 disco in the school hall.

Make sure that day they bring a change of clothes so they can get into their best party gear and get dancing.

This event will finish at 3.00 p.m. so pick up will be the normal time of 3.15 p.m.

Also, don't forget to pack an old school shirt that day so the children can get all their friends to write messages to each other as a keepsake.

Year 6 Leavers Mass and Cream Tea – Tuesday, 11 July 1.30 p.m.

This is always a special event and we hope that as many Year 6 parents as possible will come to the last mass in school for their child. This will be followed by cream teas served by the Friends from approximately 2.30 p.m.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the Volunteers who helped out at the Summer Fest, it was such a great success, and it was so nice to see the families of St Peter's School having such a great time together. After all, that is what it is all about: taking time out from our busy lives and spending it having fun with our children.

Friends of St. Peters
Angela McLaughlin, Chair

400 Club: MAY 2017

1st prize	£66.50	No. 48	Mrs Hogg
2nd prize	£39.90	No. 160	Mrs Freeman
3rd prize	£13.30	No. 248	Mr Lyon
4th prize	£13.30	No. 346	Mrs Garvey

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 5 June 2017

RM William Burridge
1OK Emily Benn
2A Bradley Polley
3A Amelie Frost
4HA Lily Rushton
5E Lee Huxley
6S Patrick Scarborough

RP Jonah Kettell
1S Liam Kirby
2L Jacob Chapman
3H Amelia Morris
4S Kafui Djokey
5F Cerys Colley
6T Katie Jones

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 12 June 2017

No KS1 Golden Leaves this week

3A Isla Challis
4HA Cecilia Crocker
5E Samuel Ford
6S Aditya Joseph

3H Hayden Shaw
4S Alicia Lea
5F Samuel Clarke
6T Lauren Benn

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 19 June 2017

RM Jasmine Heathcote
1OK Leo Duthie
2A Enzo Migliari
3A Faith Williams
4HA Molly Perkins
5E Elizabeth Moore
6S Ann Bijumon

RP
1S Amelia Durbin
2L
3H Amelia Durbin
4S Chloe Lymer
5F Wendy Wheatley
6T William Wilkinson

Dates for your Diary:

JUNE

30 Jun **INSET DAY – School closed for pupils**

JULY

1 Jul Year 6 Streetspeare Children performing Macbeth at Butser Ancient Farm 11.00 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.
3 Jul **NEW** Year R parents Stay and Play
3 Jul – 7 Jul Taster lunches for **NEW** Reception parents
4 Jul Year 2 Liturgy 10.20 a.m.

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7 Jul	Transition morning
7 Jul	NEW Year R parents Stay and Play
10 Jul	Transition afternoon
10 Jul	NEW Year R parents Stay and Play
10 Jul	NEW Year R Parents' Meeting 6.00 p.m.
11 Jul	Leavers' Mass 1.30 p.m. followed by cream tea
14 Jul	Transition Day
14 Jul	Year 6 Induction Day at Oaklands
14 Jul	Year 4 Camping Experience on school field overnight
17 Jul	1.15 p.m. Year 4 Music Concert – parents welcome
18 Jul	Year 6 Fun Day
21 Jul	Betty Bus for Year 5 & Year 6
24 Jul	11.15 a.m. Year 2 Music Concert – parents welcome
24 Jul	Year 6 Production of High School Musical at 1.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.
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 2017 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