



JULY 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

So, there it goes. Or rather, where's it gone? I am referring, of course, to the school year 2016-2017, which seems to have passed in the blink of an eye, regardless of the fact that I know it has been packed with learning, progress and rich activities for all of the children and staff at St Peter's. There is far too much to mention here in this newsletter, but to help your children reflect on all they have achieved since September, it would be worthwhile sitting down with your child and scrolling through the archive of their class blogs as a way of reflecting and praising their work during the year.

On behalf of all of my colleagues, I thank you for the support that has been given over the past school year, and for the many kind words, cards and gifts that have come into school to express your thanks to the hard working staff.

I must thank, in particular, the staff for rising to the challenge of my enforced absence for much of June and July, and for the good wishes for my speedy recovery which came from the entire St Peter's community.

Further to the details on staff changes that were published in the class transition letter, St Peter's also bids a fond farewell to Mrs Alison Evans. Mrs Evans has worked in learning support for 9 years, and we will miss her as she moves on to a new career.

All that remains, then, is for me to wish you all a safe, restful and fulfilling summer break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday, 5th September 2017** at the normal starting time of **8:50 a.m.**

Mr Richard Cunningham,
Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality:

The following table shows a session attendance summary for each year group for the period 5th September 2016 until 17th July 2017.

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total Average
% Attendance	97.3	97.14	97.51	97.90	97.14	98.02	96.61	97.38
% Sessions late	1.30	1.31	0.83	0.53	0.61	0.52	0.78	0.84

Congratulations to Year 5 who at time of going to print, has the highest overall attendance for this academic year and is also the most punctual year group. Well done to Year 3 who were also very punctual this year and hot on their heels. As you can see, if we round up, we have hit our whole school attendance target this year of 97.4%! Thank you to all parents/carers and children who are have made this possible. As we have high expectations in St Peter's we will raise our whole school attendance target to 97.5% next year - I think we can do it!

This half term 282 children have been recognised for 100% attendance (64.7% of the whole school). This week in special assemblies we have celebrated outstanding attendance with 136 children having at least 99% attendance all year. 58 of these celebrated 100% attendance which is quite an achievement. We will have to find out their secret for remaining fit and healthy all year long. They each received a certificate and an ice lolly/ice cream to celebrate. Well done to you all!

Lost Property

Any lost property left in school at the end of term will be disposed of over the summer holiday. If you think your child/children are missing any items of uniform, please check in Lost Property by the end of the day on 25th July.

Free School Meals

The summer holiday is a great time to check if your child is eligible for free school meals. Please follow the link below to find further information. This can also be found on our website under the 'Parents' tab. This is really important for *all* parents to check but especially for those with children finishing Year 2, as the universal free school meals come to an end. 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.

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

Alternatively, call Sue Martin at Hampshire County Council Catering Services (HC3S), on 023 80627738 to ask any questions. The government's website also has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply; <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

I hope you all have a wonderful fun-filled summer and don't forget to keep an eye on the Child and Family Support Blog (and others) on the website.

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Training for all Volunteers

There will be safeguarding sessions for volunteers on Wednesday, 20th September at 9 a.m. and Thursday, 21st September at 2.45 p.m. All parent volunteers need to attend one session. If you cannot attend on one of these dates please let Mrs Pelling know.

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. Tickets available through the school office.

BOOK BAGS

Could we please remind parents that bags brought into school by the children need to be small enough to fit in their trays in the classrooms. Please **do not** send children into school with rucksacks/backpacks as these take up too much room in the cloakroom areas.

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.

Wearing of ear-rings in school - PE/Games

If your child/children usually wear ear-rings in school, could you please ensure that they have in their book bag a roll of micropore tape (available to buy at chemists or supermarkets), in order that they can tape over their ear-rings before a PE/Games lesson for safety reasons. Alternatively, they can either take them out themselves before the lesson, if they are confident to do so, or leave their ear-rings at home when it is a PE/Games day. Please make sure that the ear-rings your child wears to school are of the small stud type. Large stud or hoop ear-rings can pose a danger to the children themselves and others during PE/Games and are not permitted in school. Thank you for your consideration.

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/>

LIBRARY NEWS:

Library Awards Assembly

On Wednesday 12th July we had an awards assembly to celebrate all of the children's achievements in our library.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to our current junior librarians; Andrew Pearson, Sophie Cunningham, Tyler Maplesden, Samuel Ford, Jeffrey Mamman Mathew, Joshua Tony, Elizabeth Moore, Harriet Withers, Lexie Mai Orley and Zane Lockyer for all of your help and dedication this year.

I would also like to congratulate our new junior librarians who will start after the summer holidays in September. Those children are; Sigciniwe Dlamini, Jack Jordan, Orla Carey, Chloe Lymer, Nicolas Renji, Freya Bijimon, Amelia Worrall, Kyle Gardner, Cecilia Crocker and Sienna Tooos.

Awards given

Best Kept Book Corner Champions - 5E and 2A

Top Class Readers Champions – 4HA and RJ

Book Borrowers Leaderboard Champions – 4HA and 2A

KS1 Top Readers 2017 – Eva Hirmiz and Alfie Wingrove-Cross

KS2 Top Readers 2017 – Emma Boateng and Kyle Gardner

Most Cheerful and Polite – Esthermaria Shibu and Joshua Renji

Most Helpful – Connor Marples and Dylan Dunaway

Most Respectful – Abigail Osborne and Rebecca Atkins

We also had a visit from Waterlooville Library explaining all about the Summer Reading Challenge. If anyone would like to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, you can sign up at your local library and start the challenge NOW. There are leaflets explaining about the summer reading challenge in the reception area.

Please remember that if a child completes the Summer Reading Challenge and would like to receive a bonus prize of a pencil and pencil topper, all they need to do is bring in their certificate in September and show it to Mrs D.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN CAN BORROW BOOKS AND KEEP THEM OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

Sue Domblides, School Librarian

GOVERNOR NEWS:

As we fast approach the end of another school year and what a year it's been!

Children, teachers and parents too have worked hard during the summer term and I think we are all now ready for a well-earned break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and indeed the entire staff of the school for all the hard work they have put in throughout the year and to show our appreciation the Governing Body has invited all staff to a thank you get together on 20 July.

During this academic year, the governing body has been continuing with the ongoing review of the school's current policies and procedures ensuring they are easily accessible through the school website or on request from the school office. This work together with the monitoring of the school improvement plan to ensure that the school is on track has also been the focus of our attention.

It was great to see Mr Cunningham at our Governors Meeting last week. He is back in school on a phased return to work following his recent appendix surgery.

Wishing you all a very pleasant and relaxing summer

Mrs Jodie Swaine, School Governor

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

What can I say, we only have a few days left of this year, and what a year it has been. We have had so much fun organizing all the events for the children of St Peters, but it is time now to take our summer break and for all of us to re-charge our batteries.

In case some of you didn't hear, the Penny War Jar was a big success, the children managed to raise £214.03. Well done to class 1OK for raising for most money £40.73 and class 4HA for collecting the most points 812 I think I can say all the children had a lot of fun with this event, so start collecting those pennies for next year. Yesterday the 2 winning classes were given some time in their lunch break on the Bouncy Castle and Slide as their prize and they all had so much fun. Well done 1OK and 4HA good effort.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the Parents/Carers and families that have volunteered to make these events possible, without you we would not be able to run any of these events. So a big big thank you for all your support and help.

We have a lot of events booked for the new academic year, so keep an eye open in your child's book bag for the next flyer.

Have a great holiday, keep safe, and we will see you all next year.

Friends of St. Peters, Angela McLaughlin, Chair

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 26.06.17

RM Edward Masson	RP
1OK Emily Benn	1S Olivia Jordan
2A Roberta Ouatu	2L Matthew Hobby
3A Joshua Pereira	3H Benjamin Lymer
4HA Dominic Lethbridge	4S/P Lillie Churcher
5E Joana Lopez de Sousa	5F Sophie Barker
6S Oscar Rawcliffe	6T Joseph Grout

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 03.07.17

RM William Burridge	RP Payton Pressley
1OK Jake Barnes	1S Emi Hurst
2A Harvey Cope	2L Tilly Horton
3A Esther Burrows	3H Charlie Henderson
4HA Kyle Gardner	4S/P Cody Stan
5E Alexander Jones	5F Sinisha Ruvidic
6S Reuben Ash	6T Megan Alexander

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 10.07.17

RM Isaac Shibu	RP Lola Meagher
1OK Sophia Gardner	1S Brayden Dewane
2A Daniel Ostrowski	2L Liberty Ricketts
3A Ann Eldo	3H Siyon Joseph
4HA Monet Lewendon	4S/P Chloe Lymer
5E Andrew Pearson	5F Sophie Cunningham
6S Owen McQuiston	6T Brandon Hussey

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 17.07.17

RM Vincent Zaczek
1OK Cody Barber-Ford
2A Benjamin Ford
3A Henry Stunt
4HA Nicolas Renji
5E Imogen Rivers
6S Maisie Godden-Hall

RP George Burrige
1S Ayva Oldland
2L Emily Long
3H Cameron McIntyre
4S/P Emma Wildman
5F Jonathan Smith
6T Katrina Buttery

Dates for your Diary:

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**