



OCTOBER 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the light of some strange weather in our part of the world, and some devastating weather across the globe in the past few weeks, it may seem odd that I am writing about the calm before the storm. Perhaps it would be more appropriate for me to write instead about the calm 'between the storms', as our half-term holiday will give everyone at school a much needed week of breathing space. Since the start of September, the school has welcomed a whole new intake of Year R pupils, along with pupils joining the school in other year groups, undergone a two day Ofsted inspection, and sent out children from Years 5 and 6 on residential visits. We have raised money for Cafod and been involved in a project with the Rowans hospice, with off-site learning opportunities taking place in a range of year groups. All this against a back-drop of daily teaching and learning, and we start to see the need for a week off! What makes the half-term even more valuable, though, is looking at what the second half of the autumn term will bring. I am not going to mention it here, but the supermarket shelves and advertising slots are already starting to fill up with the inevitability of December. So, I would like to encourage everyone, staff, pupils and families alike, to make the most of the October holiday to relax, spend time with friends and family, and take in all the beauty that autumn has to offer. It should not be seen as a season of post-summer decline, rather a chance to appreciate the bounty of the harvest and the colours of nature. Plus, when we return to school on Monday the 30th October, it will feel like a non-stop ride to Christmas, but of course I am not going to mention that word just yet, am I?!

Mr Richard Cunningham,
Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality:

St Peter's is off to a good start this year with regard to attendance; our whole school attendance is currently 97.8%. To date, 71% of the whole school, (306 pupils), have 100% attendance since the beginning of the school year. This achievement has been acknowledged in assemblies with special stickers awarded this week. Thank you to those parents who have significantly improved their child's attendance and have been making real efforts including changes to their morning work/home schedules, to get their children in to school on time.

Young Carers:

A young carer is someone under 18 who cares for any family member who is physically, or mentally ill, frail, elderly, disabled or misuses alcohol or substances. Do you think there may be a young carer in your family? If so, please let us know and have a look at the different independent support groups (called Young Carer Projects) who can help. They provide various levels of help, advice and information. Please have a look at the following sites for more information.

www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/supportyoungpeople/youngcarers

<https://carers.org/about-us/about-young-carers>

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The nearest Young Carers group to school is Havant Young Carers, in Leigh Park. The contact details are; Vicky Bannister, vickys@off-the-record.org.uk Tel: 02392 785999 or <http://www.off-the-record.org.uk>

Half-term activities:

Please check the Child and Family Support blog on the school website for ideas for half-term activities, including information on productions of 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and 'Stick Man' at the New Theatre Royal, Portsmouth. There are lots of free activity ideas too and sometimes the best are those spontaneous ones; building a den in the bedroom, a family 'night walk' with a torch, a teddy bear's picnic in the garden etc. I hope you have a wonderful time together and I look forward to hearing all about it on the first day back.

Tricia Pelling, Pastoral Leader
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Parentmail:

We send all communications out by Parentmail, mostly by email, with text used for urgent messages. If you are not receiving Parentmails please contact the school office immediately and we will check that your details are correct on the system.

Job Vacancy at St Peter's:

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant at St Peter's. For full details please see <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/educationjobshampshire/educationjobshome/educationjobsjobdetail.htm?id=59147&swatch=> or type Hampshire School Jobs into Google, or ask at the school office.

Mrs K Phillips, School Business Manager

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Our Breakfast Club operates every morning and is a facility for you to be able to drop your child at school from 8 a.m. every morning for the small charge of £2.00 per session – the children are provided with a choice of breakfast; including croissants, toast, bagels, cereals and juice. There is no need to book; you can use it on an ad-hoc basis.

CHANGES to Breakfast Club Payments:

After half term there will be a significant change to how you can pay for Breakfast Club. We will **no longer accept cash on the door** as you can now pay for Breakfast Club on Scopay. If you do not have a Scopay account then please contact us in the office and we will issue you with an access code, alternatively you can send the cash into the school office. Hopefully this will be helpful to you as you will no longer have to find cash to pay on the day. Breakfast Club will still operate on a drop in basis, i.e. you do not have to book in advance, and the only change is that you no longer need to send cash in with your child.

Our Scopay system is updated with the previous week's breakfast club register every Monday morning. If you have any queries please contact us in the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:

We also offer an After School Club for our children, which runs every day, every week of the school term. The children are looked after by our staff and have the opportunity to play games outside, use the school laptops, along with plenty of other activities including board games, Lego, colouring, as well as many other fun activities. You can choose to either put your children into After School Club from 3.15 – 3.45 p.m. for £2.00 per session, or the full session which is from 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. for £4.00 per session. The After School Club is bookable on a termly basis. If you would like any further details on the After School Care that we offer, please do contact the School Office.

Parent Consultation Meetings:

The Autumn term Parent Consultation Meetings will be held on Tuesday, 21st November from 4 pm to 7 pm and Wednesday, 22nd November from 3.45 to 6.15 pm. You can book your appointment using our Scopay online system. Booking opens at 5 pm on Friday 20th October and closes at noon on Monday 20th November. We ask that, if at all possible, separated parents make arrangements to see their child's teacher together. If you need a Scopay login code please contact the school office.

Parking:

If your child is entering school via the North Playground (Key Stage 2), you should use the drop off point via the left hand lane. If you are taking your Key Stage 1 child to the South Playground and need to use the central visitors' car park, please make sure that you do not block the entrance and exit, even "just for a minute". Cars should be able to move through at all times. Please do **NOT** drop off or park on the mini roundabout near the main entrance to school during the morning drop off.

Please park on local roads considerately and responsibly. Thank you for your co-operation.

Datasheets:

You should have received a copy of your child's datasheet (pink) which was sent home last week. Would you please check all the details are up to date, make any amendments necessary and return the form as soon as possible to the school office. Thank you.

SPORTS:

Year 3 had a fantastic time taking party in the Tri-Golf at Horndean Technology College on Tuesday, 17th October.

Year 2 are going to South Downs College on Wednesday 1st November for a Football Festival, when they will take part in skill based activities followed by some small sided matches.

Mrs J Spicer

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018 – ST EDMUNDS, HORNDEAN:

If you would like your child to take their 1st Holy Communion in 2018 at St Edmunds, Horndean, they are now taking applicants for preparation which will start in October 2017. The forms will be at the back of the St Edmunds Church. If you would like to discuss it please contact Michelle Crocker on 07974 689035 or Katie Parker on 07503 173920.

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. If you need to look at lost property, please go via the reception office. Do not cut through from the north playground.

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.

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.

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LIBRARY NEWS:

Author Visit

The 2 Steves (Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore) will be visiting our school on 10th November 2017. They will be spending the day with KS2 performing their show and doing workshops in the classrooms. We have been running some competitions and the lucky winners will be having lunch with the 2 Steves in the library. Children from KS2 will get the opportunity to buy a book which will be at a discounted price of £5. We will be sending out letters to all children in KS2 prior to their visit with more information. All competition entries need to be returned by Monday 30th November and winners will be announced in assembly on Thursday 2nd November.

New Library Timetable

Just a reminder about the new library timetable: Please note that I no longer work on a Friday and we have therefore changed the days that parents can visit the library with their children to Mondays and Thursdays from 3.15pm to 4.00pm. Book club has changed to Tuesdays for year 5 and 6 from 3.15pm to 4.00pm and story-time club has changed to Wednesdays for year 1 and 2 from 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Sue Domblides, School Librarian

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

Hello and welcome to Friends of St Peters, I would like to thank all of the new Parents/Carers that attended our last meeting, it was nice to see some new faces and it was good to have some new input as to what they think. We are always happy to see new faces at our meetings, so if you would like to come along to any of our meetings and help, you are more than welcome. Our meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 3.30 pm in Miss Moncreaff's classroom.

Friday 20th October 2017 - KS2 Monster Ball 5.30 pm – 8.00 pm

Come in fancy dress and scare all your friends, there is a trophy for the best fancy dress and for the best Karaoke singer. Tickets sales are closed now, but you can still buy a ticket on the door at a cost of £6.00 which includes a hot dog and a drink.

Christmas cards

Please return your child's template if you would like to have them turned into fabulous personalised Christmas cards. Each pack costs £5.50 for 12, and I am sure that your family and friends would love to receive a handmade cards from your child/children. The final deadline for return of orders (with the picture attached, please) is Monday, 30 October.

Oaklands Christmas Craft Fair

Friends of St Peters have booked a stall at Oaklands Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, 18th November 2017 which is at 12.00 – 3.00 pm. Please come along and support us. We will be selling handmade Christmas cards, sweet trees and gift tags, and knitted Naughty Elves to raise money for St Peters. Can I say a big thank you to all the members of Friends of St Peters who gave up all their spare time to help make the beautiful Christmas cards, sweet trees and gift tags over the past few weeks. I am sure you have noticed them at the school gates, they will be the ones covered in glitter.

Friday 8th December 2017 - KS1 Christmas Party 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Come along and join us for the KS1 Christmas Party, lots of fun for all the children, with a disco and games to play. Father Christmas will be paying us a visit and each child will receive a small present. Tickets will cost £4.00 if you pre-book or £5.00 on the night at the door. Flyers will be in the book bags after the half term, please look out for them and return them with payment quickly.

400 Club

As a recent winner of the monthly 400 club draw I can only recommend it. It's simple – for a small fee of £5 a month you will be entered in a monthly draw with all profits going directly to help St Peter's. Please see Emma Pope or ask at the school office for more information.

Friends of St Peters, Chair Angela McLaughlin
salonak@hotmail.co.uk

GOVERNOR NEWS:

Governors have enjoyed getting to know some new faces and welcoming new members of the school as the term has got underway. We have been continuing to learn about our school in many ways, including by looking at last year's outcomes and the results of those pupils who took tests. This has allowed us to ask questions which help challenge and support the school's leadership in carrying out their important work. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in assisting us and becoming a governor please do get in touch.

It has been a privilege for us recently to meet with subject leaders and to have shared the work that children and teachers have been doing, following up questions from our summer visits. It never fails to impress us the amount of hard work and inspiration that goes on daily at St Peters Catholic School.

Autumn term is a particularly busy term, none more so than this year. As governors we are very grateful for the effort and dedication shown by our support staff, teachers and leaders, as well as the children themselves.

Jennifer North, Governor

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 02.10.17

1L Ava Atkins	1S Laia-Lucia Broderick
2A Felicity Crocker	2OK Emi Hurst
3CL Benjamin Ford	3H Louie Hart
4F Glens Joshy	4HA Jack Nightingale
5E Liam Tomkins	5T Tia Abbinnett
6P Tyler Maplesden	6S Alexander Jones

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 09.10.17

RJ Bella Byju	RM Ella Hope
1L Aimee Best	1S Luca Dalmut-Rudd
2A Lucy Mason	2OK Ruby Martin
3CL Bradley-Ray Polley	3H Francisco Joshy
4F Kian Marples	4HA Isla Brown
5E Ethan Baker	5T <i>out on school trip</i>
6P Aimee Tindal	6S Kieran Chapman

DIARY DATES:

OCTOBER

20 Oct	KS2 (Yrs 3 – 6) Karaoke and Monsters Ball 5.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
23 – 27 Oct	Autumn Half term
30 Oct	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
31 Oct	Fraser Portraits – individual and sibling photos 9.00 a.m.

NOVEMBER

2 Nov	1.15 p.m. Open Day for Prospective Parents for Reception Sept 2018
3 Nov	History Day
10 Nov	Author Visit for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 all day
13 Nov	Yr R Liturgy 10.30 a.m.
14 Nov	9.30 a.m. Open Day for Prospective Parents for Reception Sept 2018
17 Nov	Y3 Bronze Age Visitor in the afternoon
20 Nov	6.00 p.m. Open Evening for Prospective Parents for Reception Sept 2018
21 Nov	Y5 and Y6 Church Workshop and Mass 10.20 a.m.
21 Nov	Parents Consultations 4.00 – 7.00 p.m.
22 Nov	Parents Consultations 3.45 – 6.15 p.m.
24 Nov	NO HIP HOP AFTER SCHOOL

DECEMBER

5 Dec	Advent Service – Whole School at Church 10.20 a.m.
6 Dec	YR Nativity at 10.00 a.m.
6 Dec	Nasal Flu Vaccination in School – Yrs R, 1, 2, 3 and 4
8 Dec	Friends Christmas Party 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.
11 Dec	Y1 and Y2 Nativity at 1.30 p.m.
12 Dec	Y1 and Y2 Nativity at 9.30 a.m.
13 Dec	KS2 Carol Service at 6.00 p.m.
15 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
19 Dec	Christmas Lunch for pupils in School Hall
21 Dec	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
22 Dec 2017 - 3 Jan 2018	Christmas Holiday

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DIARY DATES *continued:*

JANUARY 2018

4 Jan 2018 Spring Term 2018 starts – school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
8 Jan Y2 Sea City visit
16 Jan Y3 and Y4 Mass in School at 10.20 a.m.
30 Jan Y5 and Y6 Mass in School at 10.20 a.m.

FEBRUARY

6 Feb Y1 Liturgy at 10.20 a.m.
12 – 16 Feb 2018 Spring Half term
19 Feb School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

MARCH

30 Mar Good Friday - School closed for pupils

APRIL

2 – 13 April 2018 Easter Holiday
16 Apr Summer Term 2018 starts - school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

MAY

7 May 2018

28 May – 1 June

Early May Bank Holiday - School closed for pupils

Summer Half term

JUNE

4 June

School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

JULY

19 July 2018

20 July

Last day of summer term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15 p.m.

INSET DAY – School closed for pupils