



St Peter's Catholic Primary School

*"To walk hand in hand with God, loving Him,
loving each other and loving ourselves, doing
our best with the gifts He gave us to make the
world a better place"*

DECEMBER 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

This autumn term has been exceptionally busy, and all the pupils have worked incredibly hard. As well as publicly thanking all my colleagues in school for the hard work and dedication they put into the pupils' learning and progress, I must thank all of you who do so much to work in unison with the school for the benefit of your children. I would also like to thank the Friends of St Peter's who do so much both to fundraise for the school and provide exciting events for children and families to enjoy. The Friends team are always looking for volunteers to help in any possible way, so don't hesitate to leave your name at the school office if you can help.

As is often the case in the education sector, the end of a school term brings staffing changes. At St Peter's we have been fortunate in maintaining a very stable staffing structure over the past four terms from September 2016 onwards. The end of this term does see the departure of one of our colleagues. Mr Chant, our sports coach and LSA, has secured a post in a school in Godalming from the start of January. This post will allow Mr Chant to put his PE qualifications to full use, and explore his professional interest of working with pupils with additional and specific learning needs. Thank you very much to Mr Chant for all he has brought to St Peter's in his four terms here, and we wish him well with his career development. We will be employing the services of a sports coaching company from January onwards to deliver our PE commitment to the children in the spring and summer terms.

And finally, on behalf of my colleagues, thanks you all for the many festive cards and gifts that have come into school. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mr R Cunningham
Headteacher

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2018:

Could I remind all parents who may have a child starting school in September 2018 to complete an online application form to Hampshire County Council (for Hampshire residents) and to Portsmouth City Council (for residents living outside the borough). If you are unable to complete the form online, the school office holds paper copies of the HCC form. The closing date for Reception applications is **mid-night on Monday, 15 January 2018**. At the same time, please complete a St Peter's Supplementary Information Form, available from the school office or via the school website. This needs to be supported by a baptismal certificate **or** signed by your Parish Priest if you wish your application to be considered on faith grounds. Please ensure your application forms are handed in to the school office before the deadline. Applications submitted after the above date will **not** be included in the main admission round and could jeopardise your child's chances of gaining a place in September. Thank you.

Mrs J Synyer, Admissions, School Office

THANK YOU FROM MRS MOORE:

A huge thank you for the cards, flowers and gifts and messages of love and support we have received following the loss of our daughter, Jennifer. It has been a great source of comfort to us. God Bless You All.

Mrs Moore and family



Our whole school attendance target for 2017-18 is 97.5%

Attendance data continues to be closely monitored and analysed on a daily basis.

- ✚ Whole school attendance is currently below target at 97.2%.
- ✚ 65% of all pupils have an attendance of 98% or above (282 pupils).
- ✚ 47% of all pupils have 100% attendance since the start of the school year (202 pupils).
- ✚ 6.9% of all pupils have an attendance of 90% or below and are in danger of becoming persistent absentees by the end of the year (30 pupils).
- ✚ In Golden Leaf assemblies we will be celebrating those pupils who have managed to achieve 100% attendance for this half term (approx. 268 pupils).

The following table shows the cumulative attendance for each year group and the number of sessions that children have been late for since the start of the academic year, to the end of each half term (at time of publishing newsletter):

	Sept to End of Autumn 1		Sept to End of Autumn 2	
	% Attendance	No. of late sessions	% Attendance	No of late sessions
Year R	96.8	26	95.7	50
Year 1	97.7	39	97.4	89
Year 2	96.9	41	97.1	72
Year 3	96.6	32	96.8	43
Year 4	98	21	97.5	57
Year 5	98	31	97.2	60
Year 6	98.8	22	98.6	45

A total of 416 late sessions so far this academic year means that there have also been 416 lost opportunities for learning across the school. Lateness causes disruption in class and for your child. The school day starts promptly at 8.50am and playgrounds are open from 8.30am to help with improving punctuality. Please let the Child and Family Support Worker know if you are struggling with your morning routine, so that we can try to help you improve your child's punctuality. Thank you to all those who always arrive at school in good time.

Need an idea for a New Year's Resolution?

How about being a St Peter's Parent Volunteer in 2018?

- Are you a parent/carer/grandparent of a child in St Peter's?
- Are you interested in helping children enjoy their learning?
- Would you be interested in making a real difference in a child's school day?
- Are you able to spend one hour to 90 minutes regularly each week, to hear children read, or play a Maths game to help build on essential skills?
- Have you completed the Disclosure and Barring Service check (previously CBS), or willing to do so, via school?



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If the answer is “YES!” then we would love to hear from you. Here’s what one of our parent volunteers has to say about their experience;

“I think the time spent with Year 2 is going well. What is touching is how keen they all are to come out and read to me. The gratitude from the teachers is so evident and does make me feel like I am helping. If we could get that across all year groups it would be superb.”

Caroline Tyler (Joseph Tyler Y5E & Nell Y3CL).

We really value the contribution that volunteers make in our school and want to build on this good practice by extending this support with learning. If you are interested in volunteering please feel free to ask me any questions; ring the school office, or email me on the address below. Mrs Tyler is also happy for you to catch her in the playground and ask her any questions. Thank you to all those who have already signed up; we will be in touch. Exciting times!

School Blogs:

Please check out our blogs on the School website- French, Library, RE, Headteacher, Year Groups and Child and Family Support. The latter has articles on ‘Warm Home Discount-do you qualify?’ Keeping Healthy at Christmas-NHS, The Dangers of YouTube, Fussy Eaters, Tips for talking to your child about their worries and Feeling the Pressures of Christmas? There are also suggestions on relaxation techniques from MIND and quick tips like ‘don’t forget to use your school and local library. Waterlooville Library in the Precinct is open Monday-Saturdays. A trip to the library to stock up on books before the Christmas holiday could be time very well spent. Children are allowed to take out 30 books at a time from any Hampshire library. This is a fantastic way to keep the children engaged and enjoying their reading over the holiday. You can join online, or in person at any Hampshire library and no identification is needed to join.

Tricia Pelling
Child and Family Support Worker
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Spaces in current Year 3:

At St Peter’s, when children move from KS1 to KS2, the Governors decided some years ago to increase the number of pupils on roll from 60 to 64 in the year group. This year we are in the exceptional position of being able to offer vacancies in our current Year 3 classes. If you know of any family who may like to enquire about a place in Year 3 for their child, please contact Mrs J Synyer on 023 92262599 or email to j.synyer@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk.

CHANGES to Breakfast Club Payments:

We **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.

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.

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all parents, carers, staff, children and local businesses for supporting us in all our fund raising activities this term. To our wonderful volunteers, we would like to extend a special thank you. From the monsters ball, the KS1 Christmas party and the various school Nativities, we could not have done it without your hard work, and much appreciated time and effort.

The Christmas party made a welcome return with party games, toe tapping disco music and a visit from a very special festive gentleman! It was a fabulous evening and together we raised over £500.

Planned Events for 2018:

Looking forward to 2018, we are planning our annual Mother's Day sale and the ever popular Easter Eggstravaganza, both to take place in March. More information will follow as flyers in the children's book bags and through Parentmail, nearer the time.

The next Friends meeting will take place straight after school on Friday, 12th January. This is open to everyone. As always we appreciate all the help we receive and we are always looking for more! If you'd like to get involved, or you have fundraising ideas, please get in touch, you can pick up a form from the School Office, fill it in and return it to office, and somebody from Friends will contact you, it's that simple.

We wish you all a warm, peaceful and very happy Christmas.

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

GOVERNOR NEWS:

During the autumn term, teachers, parents and children have all worked very hard and can now all look forward to a very well deserved break! The Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the hard work you have put in throughout the year and for your support - particularly around the time of the Ofsted inspection. We have recently appointed a new staff Governor - Daisy Honeywell and we are delighted to welcome Daisy to the Governing body!

On behalf of St Peter's Governors, may I wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Mrs A Bell, School Governor



GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 20.11.17

RM Chloe Doherty	RJ Adam Kirby
1L Jack Tigg	1S Quentin Hogan
2A Sophie Woodings	2OK Diyona Biju
3CL Benjamin Ford	3H Logan Pipe-Edwards
4F Toby Collins	4HA Siyon Joseph
5E Madeleine Heard-Laureote	5T Molly Perkins
6P Tori Parker	6S Lexie-Mai Orley

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 27.11.17

RJ Abigail Bennett	RM
1L Julia Tomala	1S Vincent Zaczek
2A Joshua Houghton	2OK Aurora Andrews
3CL	3H Tilly Horton
4F Aki Hurst	4HA Charlie Henderson
5E Joshua Masson	5T
6P Oscar Knight	6S Aiden Kelly

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 04.12.17

RJ No Golden Leaf - Nativity	RM No Golden Leaf - Nativity
1L Edith Swandell	1S Jasmine Heathcote
2A Sophia Gardner	2OK Emma Hirmiz
3CL Nell Tyler	3H Jake Street
4F James Riggs	4HA Phoebe De Bohan
5E Lillie Churcher	5T
6P George Crocker	6S Luke Wheatley

DIARY DATES:

JANUARY 2018

4 Jan 2018	Spring Term 2018 starts – school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
4 Jan	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
5 Jan	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
8 Jan	Y2 Sea City visit
11 Jan	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
16 Jan	Y3 and Y4 Mass in School at 10.20 a.m.
18 Jan	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
19 Jan	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
25 Jan	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
30 Jan	Y5 and Y6 Mass in School at 10.20 a.m.



FEBRUARY 2018

1 Feb	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
2 Feb	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
6 Feb	Y5 to Winchester Science Museum
6 Feb	Y1 Liturgy at 10.20 a.m.
8 Feb	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
12 – 16 Feb	Spring Half term
19 Feb	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

MARCH 2018

30 Mar	Good Friday - School closed for pupils
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APRIL 2018

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

MAY

7 May 2018	Early May Bank Holiday - School closed for pupils
28 May – 1 June	Summer Half term

JUNE 2018

4 June	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
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JULY 2018

19 July	Last day of summer term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15 p.m.
20 July	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils

DIARY DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

SEPT 2018

3 Sept	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
4 Sept	Autumn Term - School Opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
28 Sept	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils

OCT 2018

22 - 26 Oct	Autumn Half term – School closed for pupils
29 Oct	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

NOV 2018

30 Nov	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
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DEC 2018

20 Dec	Last day of Autumn term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15 p.m.
21 Dec	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
24 Dec – 4 Jan	Christmas holidays – School closed for pupils

JAN 2019

7 Jan	Spring Term - School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
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FEB 2019

18 - 22 Feb

25 Feb

Spring Half term – School closed for pupils

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

APRIL 2019

5 April

8 – 19 April

22 April

23 April

Inset day - School closed to pupils

Easter holidays – School closed for pupils

Easter Monday – Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils

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

MAY 2019

6 May

27 May- 31 May 2019

May Bank Holiday – School closed for pupils

Summer half term – School closed for pupils

JUNE 2019

3 June

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

JULY 2019

23 July

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