



JANUARY 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

January has come, and gone, and 'normal' service seems to have been resumed after the Christmas season. In the Church calendar, times such as these outside of feasts and festivals are known as Ordinary Time. That is not to say ordinary as in 'nothing special', but instead means ordinary as in 'ordered'. Patterns of life return, and we settle back into the usual routines of a working week, with afterschool activities and weekend clubs to ferry children to and from. I am convinced that my car, if set on auto-pilot, would know by itself the route between the Denmead Scout Hut and Havant Rugby Club, with stop-off points in between for swimming, Guides, Oaklands and St Peter's! The car radio would be on repeat as well, reinforcing the phrase '*No, you can't have a McDonald's*'. But in routine we find safety, security and strength, and it is no bad thing to anchor our lives on the points which we know will provide us with support and stability. And that is what we are always working to achieve at St Peter's. This month, we launched a new home learning routine, aimed at helping the children to focus on the essential building blocks in reading, spelling and maths, so that their work in school has an ever stronger foundation. In class, colleagues are working hard to promote continued independent learning by pupils throughout a task, so that they build the resilience needed to progress with multi-stage exercises that make up many of lessons in the modern curriculum. As well as valuing stability and routine, children also thrive on praise. To that end, I will be writing to the families of every child who receives a weekly Golden Leaf or Showstopper Writer award, and the newly introduced Mathemagician of the Month Award, to show how hard work and committed effort are valued by the school and home communities. Having said that, by the time you read this it will soon be the half-term holiday, where a well-earned routine of late mornings and relaxation will be the order of the day for the children.

Mr R Cunningham
Headteacher

Staffing News:

In January, we said goodbye to Mrs Anderson from the Learning Support Department, who moved on from St Peter's to take up a post in the Naval Dockyard. We welcome to St Peter's Mrs Taylor and Mrs Webster in the Learning Support Department, and Mrs Mousdale in the school office.

Congratulations to Miss Hill, who gets married on Saturday 10th February. Best wishes to her and James for a long, prosperous and happy married life together.

Parent Consultation Meetings:

These will be held on Tuesday, 6th March from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm and Wednesday, 7th March from 3.45 pm to 6.15 pm. Booking will be via your Scopay login so if you don't yet have an access code to see your child's information please ask at the office. Booking will go live on Tuesday, 6th February.

Mrs K Phillips, School Business Manager

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.

Attendance & Punctuality:

Please note that the Attendance Policy has recently been updated. This can be found on the school website under Key Information, Policies. It contains essential information and advice regarding our systems in school.

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 96.8%.

51% of all pupils have an attendance of 98% or above (223 pupils).

28% of all pupils have 100% attendance since the start of the school year (121 pupils).

7.1% of all pupils have an attendance of below 90% and are in danger of becoming persistent absentees by the end of the year (31 pupils).

In Golden Leaf assemblies we will be celebrating those pupils who have managed to achieve 100% attendance for this half term (approx. 315 pupils, 11% more than last half-term).

The following shows the attendance for each year group from the start of the academic year to date:

Year R – 95.6 %

Year 1 – 96.9 %

Year 2 – 96.8 %

Year 3 – 97 %

Year 4 – 97.3 %

Year 5 – 96.2 %

Year 6 – 98.1 %

Congratulations to Year 6 who still have the highest attendance and have been managing to keep the winter bugs at bay! They are the only year group to exceed our whole school target of 97.5 % this half-term. Please see Hampshire County Council's helpful leaflet for parents; it includes a useful table to show different illnesses and what action to take;

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

Lateness After School:

Please collect your child promptly at the end of the school day at 3.15 pm. If your child is taking part in an after-school club please be aware of the different pick-up time and ensure that they are picked up promptly. If there is space available, the school will place a child into the after-school club and provide the parent/carer with the bill.

Where late collection is persistent and/or significantly late, the school is obliged to take any uncollected pupil to a place of safety and share concerns, as necessary, with other agencies.

St Peter's Volunteers:

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 CRB), or willing to do so, via school? If the answer is "YES!" then we would love to hear from you.

St Peter's Volunteers continued...

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 are now completing safeguarding checks and inductions and introducing volunteers to their classes.

Chinwag 

'Chinwag' is our new coffee morning especially for parents and carers of St Peter's, linking school with home and the community. 'Chinwag' coffee mornings will take place throughout the year. Dates will be advertised via parent mail, newsletters and the Child and Family Support Blog on the school website. Our aim is to provide a time for meeting others and finding out something new from our coffee morning special guest. So come along and give it a go. Our first two dates are;

When: Wednesday 31st January @ 9.00-10.00 am

Where: School Library

Chinwag Guest: School Nurse, Michelle Kitcher ready to answer your questions

When: Wednesday 28th February @ 9.00-10.00 am

Where: School Library

Chinwag Guest: Waterlooville Librarian to showcase all that our local library has to offer!

Please let the office/Tricia Pelling know if you would like to come, or just pop along on the day for a drink, nibble and a chinwag!

Tricia Pelling
Child and Family Support Worker
p.pelling@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk
Tel: 02392 262599 work mobile: 07474692736

Open Rehearsal for budding musicians at Oaklands School - Saturday 17th March:

The Havant Symphony Orchestra is playing "Pictures in an Exhibition" at a concert on the evening of Saturday, 17th March and would like to invite children to a rehearsal where they will be given an insight into what a symphony orchestra looks like and how it works. They are also invited to listen to the music beforehand and to perhaps draw or paint their own pictures inspired by the music. Oaklands School have kindly agreed to supply boards so that the children's work can be displayed in the foyer of their concert hall prior to the concert. The concert takes place at 7.30 pm and the children and their parents are invited to attend the afternoon rehearsal from 2 pm onwards completely free of charge. ("Pictures at an Exhibition" will be rehearsed from approximately 3.15 pm). Children are welcome to attend the rehearsal whether they have artwork on display or not. Hand in any artwork to St Peter's School office by the previous Monday. A small prize may be given for the most thoughtful artwork.

Do you have a digital camera you no longer use?

If you have a palm-sized digital camera with charging lead that you no longer require, would you consider donating it to the school? We recommend you remove the memory card so you have your photos for safe keeping but any new or cleared cards would be welcome too - just hand in to the school office.

School Communications:

Just to let you know we are switching our school communications to Scopay, who are the same company that we use to enable you to pay for dinners, school trips etc... online, so hopefully communications will become more streamlined. You do not need to do anything, the switch will happen through our systems, however the only thing you will notice is that texts and emails will come from the following addresses...

Text: stpeterssch

Email: stpeters-hants@scopay.com

We may experience a few teething issues while the system beds in, so please bear with us and if you spot anything or have any issues with where your school communications are going to, please let us know. If you are not receiving anything from us at all and you are at all concerned please let us know in the office so we can get this sorted for you. Thank you.

Mrs Burrows, School Office

School Meals Report:

A national report has just been published on the impact of the government initiative which gives free school meals to all Key Stage 1 children. Teachers highlighted the positive effect that the initiative has had on concentration, attainment and children's health. Parents report that their child is more likely to try new foods and to eat fruit and vegetables when they have school lunches. Nationally, only 1.6% of primary children's packed lunches meet the nutritional standards set for school caterers for fat, salt and sugar content. The study also highlights the time and cost saving to parents – equal to 32 hours and £390 per year on average.

The catering staff at St Peter's produce 240 meals on an average day and this goes up to over 400 meals on a special themed day. Currently over 86% of KS1 children are having school meals at lunchtime. The School Council give feedback to Mrs Gray, our Catering Manager, termly.

Mrs K Phillips, School Business Manager

LIBRARY NEWS:

Year 2 Book Review Challenge

We are currently running a book review challenge for all Year 2 children.

All the children have to do is borrow a book from the school library and write a review on one of our review sheets. Each time they hand in a review, they will receive a sticker to put on a special bookmark. Once they have completed 3 book reviews, they will each receive a certificate and a special pencil, complete 6 book reviews and they will receive a certificate and a packet of colouring pens and if they go on to complete 12 book reviews, they will receive a certificate and a prize of their choice from my special prize box.

The children can continue to write book reviews after they have completed 12 and a prize will be given out to the child that writes the most book reviews.

The challenge ends on **Friday, 23rd March 2018.**

Mrs S Domblides, School Librarian

SPORTS:

On Tuesday, 16th January, 8 children from Year 4 took part in a Badminton Festival which was held at South Downs College. I have the privilege of accompanying most of the children to these events. It is always wonderful to see how much the children enjoy these events. They work as a team, taking care of each other and making sure everyone is getting a go at whichever activity they are taking part in. The children I took to the Badminton Festival did all of the above, as well as being impeccably well behaved. Seventeen teams from different schools took part and our teams did really well. St. Peter's boys' team came 4th and the girls' team came 7th.

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SPORTS continued...

Upcoming events Spring Term:

23 rd January	Y6 Badminton
13 th March	Y1 & 2 Racket Skills Festival
27 th March	Y2 Tag Rugby

Mrs J Spicer

GOVERNOR NEWS:

The Governors are pleased to welcome back the children and staff after the festive break and now we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that may present themselves in the coming year.

Governors were fortunate to be able to attend the excellent KS2 carol concert, advent service and KS1 nativities that all took place last month and were able to report back to the board on the wonderful behaviours and talents displayed by our pupils.

The Governing body strives to make a positive contribution to our pupil's education by working with the school and the senior leadership team to ensure that St Peter's delivers a good quality of education and also to ensure clarity of ethos and strategic direction. Governance offers a chance to not only make a difference to our children's education, but also to develop new skills and gain experience in an interesting and challenging area. We currently have a vacancy for a parent Governor to join the body. If you are interested in finding out more about what is involved please enquire at the office to arrange to speak to the Chair of Governors to discuss in more detail what it entails.

Ms C Windibank, School Governor

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Children and Volunteers,

Welcome back to school for spring term. First of all we would like to thank you for your amazing support this school year. We have some great events planned for the rest of the year which will help raise money for the school, but will be lots of fun too!

WHO WE ARE

As a Parent or Carer of a child at St Peters, you are automatically a member of The Friends of St Peters. The Friends Committee is a group of elected parents who have volunteered to organise events and initiatives to raise money.

WHAT WE DO

The main aim of the Friends of St Peters is to raise money for the school, specifically items, equipment and resources that will benefit our children. It is also a way of strengthening the school community through organised fun events.

The Friends has recently published a total net income of £9,164.90 which could not have been raised without your support at the events we run. In previous years we have purchased quiet area seating for the classrooms, various benches for the outdoor play areas and have helped fund the new Mary Garden which is a marvellous space for our children to learn, worship and play. Plans will be announced shortly for the next contribution from the Friends to the school.

With new budget cuts nationally for schools, the funds raised by The Friends are becoming essential rather than an 'extra', so it is vital that we carry on supporting the school in this way.

FACEBOOK

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for updates or sharing ideas. Look for Friends of St Peters and request to join the group.

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

Tel: 023 92262 599

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S continued...

EVENTS FOR THIS TERM

Mother's Day Sale:

KS1 Wednesday 28th February

KS2 Thursday 1st March

This is organised to take place during the school day where all gifts will be on sale for £3. Children will have the opportunity to choose a gift which will be wrapped.

Can you help out at this event, to help wrap and for the sales days? Please get in touch.

Easter Eggstravaganza: Saturday, 17TH March 12.00 pm – 3.00 pm

As well as the traditional Easter Egg hunt and variety of crafts for the children to make and take home, food and drink such as hot dogs, tea, coffee, cappuccinos and hot chocolate will be available to purchase.

There will be a raffle, which has proved popular in previous years, and we would like to appeal to you for suitable unwanted Christmas gifts for the raffle.

Again we are keen for volunteers to get involved to run one of the activities. Could you spare 30 minutes on the day to help? Please see ways of contacting us below.

Looking ahead to this year's Summer Fest on Friday, 6th July 5.30 pm - 8.00 pm, we are delighted to be hosting a beach theme. Some fresh new ideas have been put forward to run alongside the children's acts on the stage and there will be music suitable for all ears! Please look out for more information in book bags or sent out electronically, nearer the time

FEEDBACK

As a committee we are constantly self-evaluating and really value your ideas and feedback so please get in touch via friendsofstpeters@hotmail.com, through the Friends communication book held in the school office or sign up and send your thoughts to us on our Facebook group Friends of St Peters.

Better still come along to our next meeting on **Friday, 2nd February 2018 3.30 p.m. at school.**

Thanks again,
Kirsty Burrige

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

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 15.01.18

RM Katie Jordan

1L Caitlin Black

2A Abigail Osborne

3CL Caitlin Meechan

4F Callum Maplesden

5E George Gill

6P Jeffrey Mamman-Mathew

RJ James Elrick

1S Lola Meagher

2OK Tommy Cook

3H Mikayla Black

4HA Niamh Pope

5T Freya Bijumon

6S Joana Lopez de Sousa

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 22.01.18

RJ Jack Shijo
1L Sophie Cooper
2A Calin Stan
3CL Joshua Hill
4F Jacob Kurowski
5E Jack Jordan
6P Callum Vowles

RM Ruby Green
1S Thomas Cooper
2OK Isaac Gill
3H Hollie King
4HA Anne-Sophie Shaul
5T Lily Rushton
6S Jessica Woolhead

400 Club: OCTOBER 2017

1 st prize	£61.25	No. 408	Mrs Heathcote
2 nd prize	£36.75	No. 236	Mrs Cunningham
3 rd prize	£12.25	No. 19	Mrs Kelly
4 th prize	£12.25	No. 276	Mrs Wheatley

400 Club: NOVEMBER 2017

1 st prize	£59.50	No. 379	Mrs Garvey
2 nd prize	£35.70	No. 146	Mrs Stan
3 rd prize	£11.90	No. 207	Mrs Barker
4 th prize	£11.90	No. 359	Mr Landi

400 Club: DECEMBER 2017

1 st prize	£62.00	No 451	Mr Gray
2 nd prize	£37.20	No. 43	Mrs Veal
3 rd prize	£12.40	No. 254	Mrs Burrows
4 th prize	£12.40	No. 174	Mr Collins

DIARY DATES:

FEBRUARY 2018

1 Feb	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
2 Feb	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
2 Feb	3.30 p.m. Friends Meeting
5 Feb	Y2 Spelling Workshop for Parents at 5.00 p.m.

FEBURARY 2018

6 Feb	Y5 to Winchester Science Museum
6 Feb	Y1 Liturgy at 10.20 a.m.
6 Feb	1.00 p.m. Y2 Tennis Coaching
8 Feb	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
16 Feb	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop

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DIARY DATES *continued...*

12 – 16 Feb	Spring Half term
19 Feb	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
19 Feb	11.15 a.m. Class 2A Music Concert
22 Feb	Class 5T Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
28 Feb	YR – Library Visit at 10.00 a.m. and 10.45 a.m.
27 Feb	KS1 Mother’s Day Sale in Hall P.M.
28 Feb	KS2 Mother’s Day Sale in Hall P.M.

MARCH 2018

1 Mar	World Book Day
1 Mar	Class 5T Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
2 Mar	Geography Day
2 Mar	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
6 Mar	Parents Evening 4.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
7 Mar	Parents Evening 3.45 p.m. – 6.15 p.m.
8 Mar	Class 5T Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
13 Mar	Y2 Liturgy 10.20 a.m.
14 Mar	YR Visit to Staunton 9.30 a.m.
15 Mar	Class 5T Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
16 Mar	Y4 Trip to Marwell Zoo
16 Mar	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
16 Mar	Parents Drop in for Early Years 2.30 p.m.
17 Mar	Open Rehearsal for budding musicians at Oaklands School at 2.00 p.m.
17 Mar	Easter Eggstravaganza 12.00 – 3.00 p.m.
20 Mar	YR Liturgy at 10.20 a.m.
21 Mar	KS2 Penitential Service at 10.20 a.m.
22 Mar	Travelling Book Fair arrives in school
22 Mar	Class 5T Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
26 Mar	Y2 SATs Meeting for parents
29 Mar	Travelling Book Fair leaves school
29 Mar	Class 5T Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
30 Mar	Good Friday - School closed for pupils

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.
20 June	SPORTS DAY
29 June	Summer Fest 5.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m.

JULY 2018

4 July	Reserve SPORTS DAY
6 July	Year 4 Camping on School Field
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

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.

FEB 2019

18 - 22 Feb Spring Half term – School closed for pupils
25 Feb School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

APRIL 2019

5 April Inset day - School closed to pupils
8 – 19 April Easter holidays – School closed for pupils
22 April Easter Monday – Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils
23 April Summer term - School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

MAY 2019

6 May May Bank Holiday – School closed for pupils
27 May- 31 May 2019 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.