



FEBRUARY 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The date of Easter this year, falling on Sunday 1 April 2018, means that we have two punchy half-term blocks of 6 weeks making up the Spring Term. This middle term of the year is one of transition, where the hard work of the previous year which was embedded in the autumn term has now well and truly turned into relentless progress through the current curriculum. All the staff and pupils at St Peter's are working exceptionally hard to ensure that as much progress as possible is made in learning, understanding and expertise. The Parents' Evenings on Tuesday, 6th and Wednesday, 7th March will enable you to be updated on your child's progress to date and the next steps that will be needed to ensure that the learning momentum is maintained in the second half of the year. To that end, I must remind everyone that attendance at school is essential for all pupils. As we hopefully move out of the season winter illness, I anticipate ever higher rates of attendance. Holidays taken during term time, no matter what the extenuating circumstances, do have an impact on school learning. Terms dates are regularly published, so do please avoid booking holidays during these times.

Mr R Cunningham
Headteacher

Parent Consultation Meetings:

These will be held on Tuesday, 6th March from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. and Wednesday, 7th March from 3.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 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 went live on Tuesday, 6th February.

Mrs K Phillips, School Business Manager

Attendance & Punctuality:

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

Whole school attendance is currently **below** target at 96.8% (same as last month).

54% (235 pupils) have an attendance of 98% or above (3% rise from last month).

25% (106 pupils) have 100% attendance since the start of the school year (3% drop from last month).

5.3% (23 pupils) have an attendance of below 90% and are in danger of becoming persistent absentees by the end of the year (1.8% improvement since last month).

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

Year R – 95.6 %

Year 1 – 96.2 %

Year 2 – 96.7 %

Year 3 – 97.2 %

Year 4 – 97.4 %

Year 5 – 96.2 %

Year 6 – 97.8 %

Congratulations to Years 3 & 4 who both improved their attendance this month but it still was not enough to knock Year 6 off the top spot! They are still the only year group to exceed our whole school target of 97.5 %. 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>

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Attendance & Punctuality continued...



Chinwag Coffee Mornings:

All are welcome to 'Chinwag,' our new coffee morning especially for parents and carers of St Peter's, linking school with home and the community. Held in our wonderful library in the heart of the school between 9.00 - 10.00 a.m., meet other parents and carers and find out something new from our coffee morning special guest.

Our next confirmed dates are;

- Wed. 28th February Guest: Waterlooville Library repr.
- Wed. 21st March Guest: Kris Meyer from charity 'Parent Voice'- ready to help with any questions regarding support with special needs.
- Wed. 2nd May Guest: School nurses – fussy eaters
- Wed. 13th June Guest: School Nurses – Anxiety and well-being

Please let the office/Tricia Pelling know if you would like to come, or just pop along on the day to meet others, have a coffee, nibble and a good old chinwag!

Tricia Pelling

Child and Family Support Worker

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POETRY COMPETITION:

A huge well done to every pupil who learned and performed their poem 'off by heart' just before half term and congratulations to our finalists who will now compete in our whole school poetry finals on Friday, 9th March!

Year 6:

Saoirse Lehane: The Pig

Joana Lopez De Sousa: Talking Turkey

Tom Gozukucuk: Talking Turkey

Year 5:

Nicolas Renji : The Sound Collector

Samuel Mpario: Talking Turkey

Lilli Zaczek : Matilda

Year 4:

Jacob Kuroswki: Alligator

James Riggs: Alligator

Islwyn Mainwaring: Please Mrs Butler

Year 3:

Maddison Gissing: Please Mrs Butler

Caitlin Meecham: Gran Can You Rap?

Louie Hart: Alligator

Year 2:

Dominika Plizga : Aliens From Planet Trouble

Callum Redshaw : Blast Off

Nikolas Baker: Blast Off

Year 1:

Sophie Martin: On The Ning Nang Nong

Mostyn Mainwaring: Blast Off

Julia Tomala: The Morning Rush

POETRY COMPETITION continued ...

Year R:

Rosie Anthony: Grand Old Duke Of York

Matthew Walsh: Twinkle Twinkle

Trinity Rickets: Three Blind Mice

Frankie Valentine: Little Bo Peep

Mr S Crozier,
Deputy Headteacher

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.

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.

Travelling Book Fair:

Travelling Books will be in school in March. The books will be on sale in the office/reception area from 3.15 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th until Tuesday, 19th March. There will also be an opportunity to purchase books at the Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, 17th March. There will be a large selection of books for all ages and small items of stationery at pocket money prices. Children will be able to redeem their £1.00 World Book Day Tokens on books of £2.99 and over. This is a great opportunity to raise money for our School Library as we receive commission on all books sold.

Mrs L Moore

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.

LIBRARY NEWS:

World Book Day Thursday, 1st March

Tomorrow is World Book Day and we are looking forward to seeing children and staff at St Peter's dressing up for the day. It is going to be a very cold day so could all children please wrap up warm and have clothing underneath costumes if needed.

Extreme Reading Photos

Our display board is full of fabulous photos sent in of children (and some adults/teachers) reading in extreme circumstances. There's still time to take part, so if you want to participate, please send in your photos (parents can join in too) to s.domblides@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk by Friday, 2nd March.

The display will be up for a little while so please feel free to come and have a look on Mondays or Thursday between 3.15 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS continued...

Year 2 Book Review Challenge

Just a reminder that we are still running the Year 2 book review challenge which will continue until Friday, 23rd March 2018.

Have a happy World Book Day.

Mrs S Domblides, School Librarian

SPARE CLOTHING:

Can you help please? We are in urgent need of spare pairs of pants and grey tights for our younger girls in KS1 – ages 4 up to 7. If you have any at home that you no longer require, could you please bring them into school. We would be most grateful. Thank you.

GOVERNOR NEWS:

The full governing body meets once a month to focus on different aspects of the school's plan for improvement.

It is our role to positively challenge Mr Cunningham and the senior team to ensure that St Peter's Catholic Primary School has a clear vision for the future and that appropriate plans are in place. Working together as a team to ensure that every single pupil at St Peter's feels happy and secure and receives the best education possible.

During our February meeting, we discussed at length a number of reports and policies ensuring progress is being made against the current plan for the Spring term.

Governors are very much looking forward to meeting parents at the March parents evening and will be issuing questionnaires.

Jodie Swaine, Foundation Governor

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all our parents, carers, staff, children and local businesses for supporting us in all our fund raising activities so far this year. To our wonderful volunteers, we would like to extend a special thank you for all the hard work that you do. None of the events for our children could take place without all your hard work time and effort.

Planned Events for 2018:

Mother's Day Sale Tuesday, 27th February & Wednesday, 28th February

Our annual Mother's Day sale is being held on Tuesday, 27th February and Wednesday, 28th February 2018. The cost is £3.00 per child. I'd like to say that the volunteers who have donated and purchased the presents have done a fabulous job, we have lots of wonderful presents this year.

Easter Eggstravaganza Saturday, 17th March 12.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

The ever popular Easter Eggstravaganza is just around the corner, Saturday, 17th March 12.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, so if you haven't ordered your tickets yet, then hurry before it's too late. Pre-booked tickets are on sale for £5.00 and tickets bought on the door will cost £6.00.

There is lots for the children to do on the day - we have an Easter Egg Hunt, which all parents/carers are encouraged to take part in, who knows you may enjoy it too.

We have lots of crafts for the children, and the traditional Easter Bonnet Parade, and not forgetting the cute little fluffy chicks which will be there again this year.

Refreshments will be on sale, Tea, Coffee, also Hot Dogs, Chips, Cakes and various sweets. So hurry and purchase your tickets now.

Summer Fest Friday, 29th June 5.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

This year we are having a beach theme Summer Fest, so dig out those loud shirts, flip-flops and your bright coloured shorts. Bring a deck chair and, with a cold beer, sit and chill out, while the children have hours of fun and games. More information will be sent out in the book bags soon.

400 Club

In case you are not aware, Friends of St Peter's run a Lottery for all Parents/Carers to join, it doesn't cost much. The Lottery is drawn every month, and although it won't pay off your mortgage, it is a nice surprise when that cheque comes through your letter box. All profit from the lottery goes back into your child's school, so why not ask at the office for an entry form, fill it in and return it back to the school now, who knows you could be next month's winner. As they say, you have to be in it to win it!

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

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 29.01.18

RM Maci Cole	RJ Jamie Meechan
1L Payton Pressley	1S Ryan McQuiston
2A Ayva Oldland	2OK Dominika Plizga
3CL Isabel Thomas	3H Amelie Booth
4F Kieran Cheung	4HA Freyja Smith
5E John Mawanda	5T Kyle Gardner
6P Sophie Barker	6S Sandy Hardie

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 05.02.18

RJ Rosie Anthony	RM Olivia Durbin
1L Edward Masson	1S Mostyn Mainwaring
2A Jake Barnes	2OK Emily Benn
3CL Charlie Wright	3H James Watson
4F Annie Woodings	4HA Jeremy Lea
5E Elea De Vos	5T Isla Gray
6P George Crocker	6S Isabelle Kosoko

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 12.02.18

RJ Olivia Durbin	RM Dexie Conlane
1L William Haywood	1S Lloyd Moseley
2A Henry Perkins	2OK Darcy Haughan
3CL Faith Martin	3H Francisco Joshy
4F Christopher Smith	4HA Alexia George
5E Alicia Lea	5T Fraya-Mai Humphrey
6P Mia Dazley	6S Jonathan Smith

DIARY DATES:

MARCH

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.

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13 Mar	Y1 Racket Skills Festival 9.30 a.m. at HTC
14 Mar	YR Visit to Staunton 9.30 a.m.
14 Mar	Y1 Phonics Workshop 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.
14 Mar	Travelling Book Fair arrives in school
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.
21 Mar	Chinwag Coffee Morning 9.00 a.m. in School Library
21 Mar	Travelling Book Fair leaves school
22 Mar	Class 5T Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
26 Mar	Y2 SATs Meeting for parents
27 Mar	Y2 Tag Rugby Festival
29 Mar	Class 5T Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
30 Mar	Good Friday - School closed for pupils

APRIL

2 – 13 April	Easter Holiday – School closed for pupils
16 Apr	Summer Term starts - school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
20 Apr	Growth Mindset and 6C Day
27 Apr	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop

MAY

1 May	Y5 & 6 Mass at Church 10.20 a.m.
2 May	Chinwag Coffee Morning 9.00 a.m. in School Library
7 May	Early May Bank Holiday - School closed for pupils
8 May	Y1 Liturgy at 10.20 a.m.
11 May	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
14 May	KS2 SATs Week
22 May	Class Photographs 9.00 a.m. in School Hall
25 May	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
28 May – 1 June	Summer Half term

JUNE

4 June	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
8 June	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
12 June	YR Liturgy at 10.20 a.m.
13 June	Chinwag Coffee Morning 9.00 a.m. in School Library
19 June	Y3 & 4 Mass at Church 10.20 a.m.
20 June	SPORTS DAY
22 June	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
25 June	Y6 Bikeability all week
29 June	St Peter & St Paul Mass at 10.20 a.m.
29 June	Summer Fest 5.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m.

JULY

3 July	Y2 Liturgy at 10.20 a.m.
4 July	Reserve SPORTS DAY
6 July	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
6 July	Year 4 Camping on School Field

JULY continued...

11 July	Y6 Show 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
13 July	Y6 to Oaklands for Y7 Induction Day
17 July	Leavers' Mass at 1.30 p.m.
18 July	Y6 Fun Day
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	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.
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JULY 2019

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