



JULY 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

And that, ladies and gentleman, was the school year 2017-2018. Gone like a flash! My thanks must go to all of the staff at St Peter's who have worked tirelessly day in, day out, battling extremes such as the Beast from the East and a sweltering heat wave (otherwise known as 'summer' in other countries!) to serve the pupils of the school. I must also pass on my thanks, and that of my colleagues, for the excellent support given to the school by the community of parents, grandparents, carers and friends in ways too broad and generous to detail here. Equally, the Friends of St Peter's are a constant presence at events and occasions, serving the school community and raising money for school projects, and for that I am most grateful. It is an oft said line that a school is not buildings and playgrounds, books and stationery, but the people in it. All of the above people that I have thanked are of course making their efforts for the key figures in the school, our pupils; your sons and daughters. So thank you and well done to the children of St Peter's for their hard work, great progress and super conduct throughout the year – they definitely deserve their summer break!

A massive well done to the Year 6 pupils for their amazing performance of *Annie!*, and for working so hard over the year to do so well in their SATs. We wish them all well as they prepare for new adventures in Year 7.

No sooner will we be back in September than we will bid farewell to Mrs Atkins as she takes maternity leave. We wish her and her family well as they await the arrival of a second child. We will be adding to our teaching team next September with Mrs Sumba, who will be working part time in Year 3 and teaching RE to Years 1 and 2.

I hope that you all have a restful summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming all the pupils in Years 1 to 6 back to school at **8:50 a.m. on Tuesday 4th September 2018.**

Mr R Cunningham
Headteacher

Vacancies at St Peter's:

We have a part-time vacancy for a Midday Meals Supervisor at St Peter's from September. Please pass on the information to anyone who might be interested. If you would like to have an application form or ask any questions, please contact Mrs Phillips in the school office: adminoffice@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance & Punctuality

The following table shows an attendance summary for this academic year for each year group (4th September 2017 until Friday 13th July 2018).

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
% Attendance	95.9	96.4	96.9	97.5	97.6	96.5	97.7	96.9
No. sessions late	118	216	185	141	121	148	121	1050

Congratulations to Year 6 who has the highest overall attendance for this academic year. This year group also had the highest last year when they were in Year 5 and so have been an excellent example of good attendance for the rest of the school. Well done to Year R for being the most punctual year group in school, followed closely by Years 4 & 6.

Unfortunately we have not managed to reach our whole school target of 97.5% this year. Our end of year whole school attendance is 96.9%, 0.6% below target due to a number of reasons, unauthorised holidays during term time being one of them. There have been more penalty notices than usual issued this year by the Local Authority and St Peter's urge parents and carers not to book holidays during term time. Under current government legislation, unauthorised absence is regarded as truancy and all absence figures have to be reported to the LA and the DfE and are recorded on a child's annual report.

Why is Good Attendance Important?

Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and absence below 95%.

Regular attenders

- make better progress both socially and academically
- find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with
- find learning more satisfying
- are more successful in transferring between primary school, secondary school and higher education, employment and training.

Thank you to all parents, carers and children who have worked hard this year to arrive on time to school, have achieved good attendance and not taken unauthorised holidays. As we have high expectations in St Peter's, we will keep the ambitious whole school attendance target of 97.5% for the coming academic year.

This half term 290 children have celebrated 100% attendance (67% of the whole school). Also this week, in special assemblies we have celebrated outstanding attendance for the whole year. 67 children have achieved at least 99% attendance and received a certificate. 61 children have achieved 100% attendance and received a certificate, special sticker and an ice lolly to celebrate. Well done to you all!

Attendance & Punctuality continued...

Want to improve things next year?

- ✚ Build the habit of good attendance early on.
- ✚ Remember school success goes hand in hand with good attendance.
- ✚ Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- ✚ Lay out clothes and pack school bags the night before.
- ✚ Make packed lunches the night before to avoid a rush in the morning.
- ✚ Leave plenty of time for the journey so that your child has a calm and punctual start to their day.
- ✚ Have a 'back-up' plan for getting to school in case something comes up unexpectedly.
- ✚ Don't keep your child off at home unnecessarily; stomach ache and headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay at home. Once in school, the staff and pastoral team will support your child. Try to speak to their teacher, or the Child and Family Support Worker and we will help them to feel more comfortable as quickly as possible.
- ✚ Avoid medical appointments during school hours if possible and avoid taking holidays in school time.

On-Line Safety

If your child is using an Android device, the Family Link app from Google can help you set certain digital ground rules. You can create a Google Account for your child and do things like manage apps, keep an eye on screen time and set a bedtime for your child's device.

Find out more information here: <https://families.google.com/familylink>

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 on the school website, for ideas on activities over the holidays and interesting articles. See you in September!

Tricia Pelling, Child and Family Support Worker

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Tricia Pelling

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

One-day pilgrimage to Liverpool Saturday, 8th September

Bishop Philip invites you to join him in Liverpool at the National Eucharistic Congress to be a public witness that the Church is strong, alive and growing. To share in a unique opportunity to worship Jesus Christ: crucified and risen. To deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

The day will be amazing! Pilgrims will have the opportunity to hear inspirational speakers including Cardinal Vincent Nichols, & Bishop Robert Barron, and worship with likeminded people. It will also be an opportunity for pilgrims to remove themselves from their worries for a day, and cast their desires and doubts before the Lord; to find themselves with the disciples at the Last Supper and rub shoulders with those who gaze on the sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross as the heavenly Father reveals through the pilgrims and speakers what in truth the Eucharist is for us.

To find out more and join the pilgrimage

Obtain a brochure from the parish office or email congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk The cost of the pilgrimage depends upon how you travel but will be between £40 - £110. It may be possible to obtain sponsorship to help with the cost of your conference fee and travel from the Living Our Faith Fund.

Father P J Smith, Department for Educational Chaplaincies

Soft Furniture/Bean Bags:

Can you help please? We are need of any old big bean bags (seating) or small children's soft furniture for a quiet story area? If you have anything like that at home that you no longer use, we would be grateful if you could send it into school for the Reception class area after the summer holiday. Many thanks.

Mrs A Jonas

Year 5 Enterprise Teams

Congratulations and well done to our two Year 5 enterprise teams for successfully completing their business projects and selling their items at our recent Summer Fest. Animal Savers raised £138.40 for their charity WWF (World Wildlife Fund) and raised important awareness of the plight of the Red Panda and Black Rhino. Wood Workers raised £114.00 for their charity RSPB (The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) and raised important awareness about our garden birds. Both teams should be very proud of their achievements!

Mr Crozier, Deputy Headteacher



FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

Well what can I say, where has that last year gone?

We have had so much fun, sore feet, and long days over the past year. There were the beautiful Christmas cards that the children created, the KS2 Monster Ball and the KS1 Christmas party and not forgetting the surprise appearance of Father Christmas himself.

Second-hand Uniform Sale

I would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped out at all the second-hand uniform sales this year, it's a great way of recycling while raising money for the school.

Easter-Egg Hunt

Then we had the white Easter-Egg hunt, I couldn't believe my eyes when we opened the doors to let everybody in to see them covered in snow, but we didn't let that spoil our fun, a quick phone call to Easter Bunny and he managed to get all the Easter-Eggs hidden indoors.

Mother's Day Sale

Then we had a great Mother's Day sale. Lucy Hatch and I would like to say a big thank you to Becky Jordan for sourcing all the gifts, they were fabulous and the children loved them. In June we had our first Father's Day sale which went very well, we hope all the Dads loved their presents.

Summer Fest

Then there was the big event of the year, the Summer Fest, and what an event that was. Lucy and I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped out at the event, it was a long day for a lot of us. It was a great turnout, the weather was kind to us and everybody had fun.

Year 6 Fun Day

Year 6 had a fabulous fun day this year with so many activities to keep them busy all day, I hope they all enjoyed their day.

A big thank you must go out to all the Parents and Carers for supporting Friends of St Peter's throughout the year. Without your support we could not have held the events for the children to enjoy and raise funds. Currently we have £13,049.05 in our bank account, which I am sure St Peter's will be able to put to good use.

Finally, I would like say have a fabulous holiday, stay safe and we see you all in September for more great events, sore feet and lots of fun.

Angela Mc Laughlin
Chair, Friends of St Peter's
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GOVERNOR NEWS:

As the school year draws to a close, it is time to wish our Year 6 children all the best as they move on to secondary school. It is also time to say farewell and to offer our thanks to those members of staff who are leaving the school this summer.

The school year has finished on a very positive note. The recent Section 48 Validation visit culminated in a good judgement and if you haven't already done so, I would encourage you to read the report summary which has been posted on the website. The report praises the whole school community and is testament to the hard work of the Senior Leadership Team, RE leader, school staff and children. In addition, the Year 6 SATS results are also a cause for celebration. The school test results in English and Maths at St Peter's are highest yet under the new assessment model, and compare very favourably against county and national averages. Well done to the teaching and support staff who worked so tirelessly to bring about these results.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the governing body of St Peter's to wish you all a very a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Liz Holford
Chair of Governors

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 02.07.18

RM Alfin Bino	RJ Hattie Afshar
1L Oliver Hill	1S Luca Dalmut-Rudd
2A Conor Marples	2OK Cody Barber-Ford
3CL Benjamin Ford	3H Daniel Tan
4F Harry Lawson-Barnes	4HA Joe Bennett
5E Samuel Mpario	5T Andrew Jones
6P Callum Vowles	6S Andrew Pearson

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 09.07.18

RM Maia Borowska	RJ Riya Sebi
1L Patrick Masson	1S Luke Lyon
2A Felicity Crocker	2OK Noah Lewis
3CL Chloe Brown	3H Ruby Browne
4F Amelia Ingram	4HA Max Perdu
5E Gracie Tinsley-Jones	5T Theo Jackson
6P All of Year 6	6S All of Year 6

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 16.07.18

RM Kecy Barnes	RJ Emma-Rose Cole
1L Malakai Asante	1S Mostyn Mainwaring
2A Joshua Houghton	2OK Emelia Pereira
3CL Savannah Gardner	3H Reuben Jose
4F Annie Woodings	4HA Hayden Shaw
5E Orla Carey	5T Millie Worrall
6P Erin Freeman	6S Skye Nichols

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.
14 Sept 3H Lions to Butser Ancient Farm
17 Sept 3SS Hippos to Butser Ancient Farm
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.