



SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new school year has started with some long awaited good news.

After several years of fundraising, and a lot of work behind the scenes, planning permission has been granted to construct a new multi-use building on St Peter's site. The new building will be situated next to the north playground, on the land where we currently have the very old (and sadly beyond repair) rope course. The building will house an open learning space for class and year group activities, a kitchenette to allow for pupil cooking lesson, and additional office space for teacher planning, preparation and assessment work.

My great thanks goes to the Friends of St Peter's who have worked tirelessly to raise money to support this project, delivering the portion of finance that we are required to provide in addition to Diocesan funding. I must therefore thank all the families who have supported these fundraising drives over the past several years, as this really is a whole team effort by the St Peter's community. The Governing Body have been relentless in their efforts to improve St Peter's provision through additional building space, and the work they did to support the planning application process was invaluable. Thank you finally to Mrs. Philips, the school Business Manager, who has brought this project to fruition. She will be donning her hard hat in time for the ground works to start shortly, with a hope of completion by mid-December.

Mr R Cunningham
Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target for this academic year is 97.5%.

We are currently off to an excellent start to the Autumn Term with whole school attendance at 97.8%. I would like to thank all parents and carers for their early support in maintaining good attendance. Attendance last year was slightly below our target and so to ensure that our children are given the best opportunity to participate in all that St Peter's has to offer, we need to aim for 100% attendance and punctuality.

Should any parent/carer need to request leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances, please complete a form that is available from the school office. We understand that parents are unable to change certain medical appointments but request that dental and other non-urgent appointments are made outside school hours if possible. A copy of your child's medical appointment should be given to the school office for their attendance record.

Mrs. P Pelling

Punctuality

Regular monitoring of attendance and punctuality takes place from the first morning on the first day of a new school year.

Is your child getting to school on time?
Why is punctuality so important?

- Children that arrive late are likely to have missed the start of the lesson which makes it more difficult for them to learn as the lesson progresses.
- Late arrivals distract classmates and interrupt the teacher's lesson.
- Children that arrive late are likely to feel unsettled and are embarrassed to walk into assembly once it has started.
- Children that arrive late are developing bad habits for the future whether it be at secondary school, college or work. They could lose their place or job, if they think it is acceptable to be late.

The school day starts promptly at 8.50am. The register is taken twice a day; once at the start of the morning session and once at the start of the afternoon session. Children will receive a late mark if they arrive after 8.50am. School is open from 8.00am for Breakfast club and the playgrounds are open from 8.30am. Please allow plenty of time for your journey so that your child arrives at school feeling relaxed and prepared for learning.

Free School Meals

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children automatically receive free school meals in school. Hampshire County Council Catering Services (HC3S) operates an online service so parents can check themselves whether their child is eligible for free school meals. All parents and carers from Rec-Year 6 please try this, as the school will receive additional funding to help support your child and others in school. This self-service option is available at: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers/hc3S/freeschoolmeals.htm>

All you need to do is enter your name, National Insurance number/asylum number, your address and your child's details. Press 'submit' and you will find out if you are eligible. If your result comes back 'found', this means your child is eligible for free school meals and the system automatically tells your school.

For more information, check out the web address above, or phone Sue Martin on 023 80627738 who will help you.

Child and Family Support Blog

Please take time to look at the various blogs on the website. The Child and Family Support blog has new articles regarding healthy sleep tips for children, considering whether you have a young carer in the family and all about getting to school on time. There are constant updates and postings, so please keep an eye open.

Mrs. P Pelling

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Library News

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to everyone that completed the Summer Reading Challenge and thank you for bringing in your certificates and medals to show me. Pencils were handed out in assembly to over 50 children. Well done!

Important Note to Parents

Could I please remind all parents that a drinks bottle should not be kept in children's book bags. We have had books returned that have been damaged from water that has leaked from bottles into their book bags. Once the books are wet it's almost impossible to salvage them so please leave the bottles out of the bags.

Outstanding Library Books

There are still a number of library books that were borrowed before the summer holidays but have not yet been returned. Could you please search thoroughly at home and return any outstanding library books as soon as possible. Please feel free to come and speak to me regarding any lost/missing books on a Monday or Thursday between 3.15pm and 4.00pm.

Mrs. D, Librarian

Sports

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Our pupils have had superb opportunities at School and have been able to participate in various sports activities with other schools.

St. Peter's did amazingly well and we were awarded the SILVER Games Mark, which is a huge achievement and reflects the commitment of staff and pupils of our school.

Mrs. J Spicer

Celebration of pupil achievements at St Peter's

Each week at St Peter's, we host a separate Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly. This year, closer to the spirit of our patron saint St Peter, children who show the spirit of the school mission statement in their behaviour and conduct will receive a Golden Key (rather than Golden Leaf) for display in the hall. Children who put great effort and attention into their written work will be celebrated with the award of Showstopper Writer, with a copy of their work displayed in the hall. Both of these are awarded on a weekly basis, with one child per class receiving the award and a letter of congratulations being sent home from Mr. Cunningham.

On a monthly basis, class teachers also award a Monthly Mathemagician accolade to the pupil who has persevered or made the greatest progress in their maths work. Again, an example of a child's work is displayed in the hall, a letter of congratulation is sent home from Mr. Cunningham.

Mr R Cunningham, Headteacher

School Bags

In Early Years and Key Stage 1 we recommend and request that children only use their purple school book bags. If your child does need a backpack for a specific after school club, please provide a very small one.

For Key Stage 2 children, please be aware that we have VERY limited cloakroom space, so please make sure that bags are a reasonable size and that any after school kit is brought in the same bag.

Thank you for your help with this

Morning drop off and parking:

If your child is entering school via the North Playground gate you should use the **drop off point** via the left hand lane, **NOT** the central visitors' car park. The central visitor's car park is for parents who need to walk their Key Stage 1 child to the South Playground. When using the drop off please have your children ready to leave the car **quickly and safely**. Children can exit from any of the cars which are in the **drop off** zone; there is a clearly marked pedestrian walkway along the low wall for this. You do not need to wait until you are at the front, that way we can prevent a tailback of cars onto Stakes Hill Road. Cars should be able to move through at all times. *(If the gate is **not open**, please do not park at the drop off point waiting for the gate to be opened).*

Key Stage 1 parents using the car park should make sure that they do **not** block the entrance and exit, even "just for a minute". If there is no room you may need to go around the circuit one more time. The staff car parks are strictly for staff cars only. **The best way for a calm start to the school day is to park offsite and walk in.**

Please do **NOT** drop off or park on the mini roundabout near the main entrance to school during drop off/collection.

Anyone walking or coming to school on a scooter should use the pedestrian path through the playing fields. We would be grateful if parents could leave the site by this route too so we can keep pedestrians and cars separate. In addition, we would like to remind all parents when picking up children from after school activities to park in a safe manner on the school site. Please do **not** join a queue of cars that will cause it to extend out onto the main road at the end of day and cause a danger to other road users. If there is a queue forming, please park off-site and walk into the school to pick up your child.

Parking close to St Peter's

Please do NOT park across the pavement across from the school. We have had a call from a very distressed lady who was forced to take her wheelchair into the road because two cars were obstructing the pavement. Parking of this nature would also affect mothers walking with double buggies. The police have been informed and will be doing regular checks of this area. Likewise, only park at the Fox & Hounds pub if you have a permit to do so. If you do have a permit for the pub car park, please be mindful that this is a privilege and the needs of the pub and its customers must always come first.

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

Mr R Cunningham, Headteacher

First Holy Communion 2019 at Sacred Heart Church

Please contact the Presbytery by noon on Friday 12th October if you would like your child to be included in next year's programme. Children are required to be in Year 3 or above and throughout the duration of the programme it is expected that families attend the Sunday 10.30am Mass together after each session.

The sessions will begin on Sunday 6th January with First Reconciliation on Saturday 27th April and the First Holy Communion will be on Saturday 6th and 13th July, so please make sure your commitments allow you to be in attendance at these important dates.

Sacred Heart Church

Job Vacancy at St. Peter's

We are currently advertising for a Midday Meals Supervisor at St. Peter's.

For further details , please see the St. Peter's school website

(<https://www.stpeterswaterlooville.co.uk/index.php/our-school/work-at-st-peter-s>) or ask at the School Office.

School Open Days

We will shortly be having open days for prospective parents.

Please pass on the dates to any parents of children who are due to start school next September.

The dates are:

- Wednesday 3rd October (1.15 - 2.45 pm)
- Thursday 1st November (9.30-11.30 am)
- Tuesday 6th November (9.30-11.30 am)
- Tuesday 20th November (6-7 pm)

School Office

Musical instruments for Cuba

This October, St Peter's has been asked to support a campaign to provide musical instruments to pupils in Cuba as part of an International Solidarity project.

The Cuba Solidarity Campaign are asking for donations of ANY unwanted instruments to take to Cuba as a way of overcoming a real shortage of instruments in a developing country with strong musical heritage.

If your child has given up their instrument, from recorders to cellos, donations would be very much appreciated. These can be left at the school office up to Thursday 18th October 2018

More information can be found at: <https://playforcuba.org/>

School Office

Non Uniform Day – Friday 5th October – “Wear it Bright for Harvest”

Next Friday, please can your child wear something bright and, if possible, bring in a donation for CAFOD's Harvest Campaign to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

School Office

GOVERNOR NEWS:

Welcome to all staff, pupils and families as we embark on this New School Year.

At the September Governing Body Meeting, Governors were given their areas of responsibility for subject monitoring. We looked at the plan for the academic year ahead and endorsed the school administrative policies which will remain as they are.

Governors were brought up to date on how the New Building is progressing. A big thank you to parents who have already completed a declaration and are making voluntary contributions to the Building Fund. If you have not already contributed but wish to do so, please ask at the school office for a Gift Aid form. A tax payer signing a Gift Aid form means the school can claim from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs an extra 25p for every pound given.

The Governing Body wishes a successful and rewarding year to all.

Imelda Howell, Foundation Governor

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

I would like to start this newsletter by saying a big welcome to all our new parents/carers to St Peter's School, and a big welcome back to everybody else. I am sure you all had a fabulous holiday and a well-earned break. We have a fabulous year coming up with lots of events for you to put in your diaries.

Hand Made Christmas Cards

Every year all our children at St Peter's are given the opportunity to make and design their own Christmas Cards, so that you can send them out to your family and friends. Every year the children love making these and then to see their picture made into a Christmas card is very special to them. Each pack costs £5.50 which contains 12 cards with envelopes. A message will be sent out to parents soon with more information regarding this event.

Friday 9th October 2018 KS2 Karaoke Monster Ball

Our first event is for KS2 the Karaoke Monster Ball where the children can sing solo, or they can team up and form a group; there will be a trophy for the best act. This event is very popular with the children, so look out for the flyers and book your tickets.

Friday 7th December 2018 KS1 Christmas Party

This event is loved by all our young children, they get to dress up in the party clothes and dance away to their favourite songs with all their friends, and at the end of the night Father Christmas will be popping in to say hello and to give each child a small present. Flyers will be going out in the book bags, in November, so don't forget to book your tickets.

Tuesday 26th March & Wednesday 27th March 2019 Mother's Day Sale

This is the big event where your children can buy a gift for Mother's Day. They bring in their money, choose a gift which is wrapped and sent home to surprise you on Mother's Day. All the children, big or small, love this event.

Friday 28th June 2019 St Peter's Summer Fest

Details for this event are still to be confirmed, so watch this space, more details will follow.

Angela Mc Laughlin (salonak@hotmail.co.uk)
Chair, Friends of St Peter's

GOLDEN KEYS – week beginning 10.09.18

RL	-	RJ	-
1L	Halle Holden	1S	Samuel George
2A	William Haywood	2OK	Vincent Zaczek
3SS	Sophie Woodings	3H	Riya Vig
4B	Ryan Smith	4S	Promise Mndzebele
5E	Archie Abraham	5PC	Ann Eldo
6P	Liam Emery	6L	Molly Gray

GOLDEN KEYS – week beginning 17.09.18

RL	-	RJ	-
1L	Abigail Bennett	1S	Matthew Nolan
2A	Max Straw	2OK	George Burridge
3SS	Johan John	3H	Emily de la Riviere
4B	Hanna Halas	4S	Leo Veal
5E	Seren Tricker	5PC	Evie Moseley
6P	Isla Gray	6L	Aeryn Coath

GOLDEN KEYS – week beginning 24.09.18

RL	-	RJ	-
1L	Frankie Valentine	1S	Maia Borowska
2A	Abigail Penwarden	2OK	Eva Binu
3SS	Ava Dawson	3H	Amelia Jino
4B	Alfie Wingrove-Cross	4S	Ruby Browne
5E	Tilly Groves	5PC	Aki Hurst
6P	Monet Lewendon	6L	Sophie Kidd

400 Club

400 Club: May 2018

1st prize	£57.00	no. 63	A. Hobby
2nd prize	£34.20	no. 411	J. Heathcote
3rd prize	£11.40	no. 204	T. Barker
4th prize	£11.40	no. 336	S. Johnson

400 Club: June 2018

1st prize	£59.50	no. 376	J. Garvey
2nd prize	£35.70	no. 234	N. Cunningham
3rd prize	£11.90	no. 76	A. Andrews
4th prize	£11.90	no. 204	T. Barker

400 Club: July 2018

1st prize	£50.50	no. 126	A. Wilcockson
2nd prize	£30.30	no. 234	N. Cunningham
3rd prize	£10.10	no. 109	M. Crocker
4th prize	£10.10	no. 247	D. Lyon

DIARY DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

OCT 2018

3 Oct	Open Day for Prospective Parents (1.15 – 2.45pm)
4 Oct	Special Lunch Day – Italian Day
9 Oct	Year 1 Liturgy (10-10.30am)
8 – 10 Oct	5E – Trip to Sustainability Centre
10 – 12 Oct	5PC - Trip to Sustainability Centre
11 Oct	Flu vaccinations (Year R to Year 5)
15-19 Oct	Year 6 to Fairthorne Manor
19 Oct	Year 5 Monster Ball
22 - 26 Oct	Autumn Half term – School closed for pupils
29 Oct	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
30 Oct	Individual School Photographs

NOV 2018

1 Nov	Open Day for Prospective Parents (9.30 – 11.30am)
5 Nov	Year R Liturgy (10-10.30am)
5 Nov	Year 5 & 6 Author Visit – Guy Bass
6 Nov	Open Day for Prospective Parents (9.30 – 11.30am)
6 – 15 Nov	Pupil Progress Meetings
9 Nov	Remembrance Assembly (9am)
13 Nov	Year 6 Hants Fire & Rescue
13 Nov	Year 3 & 4 Mass at Church (10.30 – 11.30am)
16 Nov	Year 6 to Fort Purbrook (am)
20 Nov	Year 5 & 6 Mass at Church (10.30 – 11.30am)
20 Nov	Open Evening for Prospective Parents (6 – 7pm)
22 Nov	Year 5 & 6 Trip to Fort Nelson
27 Nov	Parental Consultation Meetings (4-7pm)
28 Nov	Parental Consultation Meetings (3.45-6.10pm)
30 Nov	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils

DEC 2018

5 Dec	Year R Nativity (1.30 – 2.30pm)
7 Dec	KS1 Christmas Party
10 Dec	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance (10 – 11am)
11 Dec	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance (1.30 – 2.30pm)
12 Dec	KS2 Carol Service (6-7pm)
18 Dec	Christmas Lunch
19 Dec	Pantomime - “Robin Hood” (am)
20 Dec	Christmas Movie (Whole School) (1-2pm)
20 Dec	Mrs. Knight’s Crazy Christmas Karaoke (2 – 2.30pm)
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.
10 Jan Years 5 & 6 to Winchester Museum
22 Jan Years 3 & 4 Mass (in School)
24 Jan Year 2 Trip to Sea City Museum
29 Jan Year R (Seahorse) Trip to Pizza Express
29 Jan Year 5 & 6 Mass (in School)

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.

SEPTEMBER 2019

4th September School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m

(further dates for 2019/2020 can be found on the school website:

<https://www.stpeterswaterlooville.co.uk/index.php/key-information/term-dates>)