



OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM MR. CUNNINGHAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half of the autumn term has flown by in a flurry of hard work and great activity.

Very well done to all the pupils for making such a great start to the year; everyone is definitely in need of a well-earned rest this half-term holiday! Special thanks must go to colleagues who took Year 5 pupils away for a 2 night residential at the Sustainability Centre in Clanfield, and Year 6 pupils to Fairthorne Manor for a 4 night residential. These were both new places for St Peter's to visit, thus requiring even more hard work in planning and preparing for the visit than usual, and the staff involved really went that extra mile to provide such a great experience for the pupils.

This half-term break sees a selection of staff changes at St Peter's, which will take effect from Monday 29th October. Mrs. Light (formerly Miss Moncreaff) will be leaving St Peter's after four years of teaching in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Mrs. Light brings great enthusiasm to her classroom each day, and she will take this forward to her new post with a Year 1 class in Locks Heath.

Mrs. Atkins started her maternity leave during September, and was delighted to announce the birth of her daughter Aubrey in mid-October. Not to be outdone, Mrs. Atkins' partner teacher for the past two years, Mrs. Pike, begins her maternity leave at the end of October. We wish them both well for the exciting months ahead, and look forward to meeting their new arrivals in due course.

To this effect, we welcome Mrs. K Deacon to the Early Years teaching team, and Mrs. S Wilson to the Year 5 team, who will replace Mrs. Light and Mrs. Pike respectively. We also welcome onto the Learning Support team Mrs. J Kift (Year 5), Mrs. K Lavery (Year 4), Mrs. A. Osmond and Mrs. A. Cass (both Year R) who will take up part time roles at St Peter's. We are looking forward to these colleagues joining our staff team, and I know you will join with me in welcoming them to the St Peter's school community.

Mr. R. Cunningham, Headteacher

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Whole school attendance is currently at 98.1%. Our attendance target this year is 97.5% and so we are off to an excellent start. Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to support School by promoting good attendance and punctuality. Can I politely remind parents and carers that should they need to request a leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances, they should 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 at all possible.

Well done to Year 1 who have been the most punctual so far this half-term, ready for learning on time and have had the least number of lates recorded. Let's see if any other year group can catch them up!

Mrs. P. Pelling, Child & Family Support Worker

OTHER NEWS FROM MRS. PELLING

HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES:

Please see the Child and Family Blog on the school website for interesting articles and information about half-term activities in the area. As well as having a great time this half-term, please make sure that the children also have a bit of a rest before coming back to school, so that they are not too exhausted and are feeling ready to embark on the next half-term of learning opportunities. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures; even a simple trip to the park has a story!

CYCLING SAFELY

If your child is cycling to school please ensure that they are wearing a safety helmet and cycle in to the school via the safe pathways and not through the school car parks.

Christmas Day



I know it's a bit early to be talking about it but Park Community School are very excited about their MUNCH event. They warmly invite any family to join them for a traditional Christmas lunch at Park Community School, on Christmas Day between 11am - 4pm. Any donation towards the cost of lunch and volunteer help is always welcome. The tables will be brimming with a traditional, freshly prepared Christmas meal. There will be inflatables and games for the children and newspapers and chat for those who want company on the day. Booking in advance is essential because the elves need to prepare a sumptuous feast and let Father Christmas know where everyone is.

For booking your place please contact Lorraine Daughtrey on 02392489807. Their address is Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Leigh Park, Havant, PO9 4BU. This information can also be found on the Child and Family Support blog on the school website and on posters in the school reception area.

Mrs. P. Pelling, Child & Family Support Worker
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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

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:

- Thursday 1st November (9.30-11.30 am)
- Tuesday 6th November (9.30-11.30 am)
- Tuesday 20th November (6-7 pm)

School Office

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018/19

St. Edmund's in Horndean are hoping to start their First Holy Communion programme in November 2018.

If your child is aged 7 before June 2019, and you wish for them to do their First Communion, please contact Katie Parker on 07503 173920 for an application form. Completed forms need to be returned by 11th November 2018.

St. Edmund's, Horndean

GOVERNOR NEWS

This half term seems to have flown by very quickly!

We are still seeking to recruit a Parent Governor, so if you or someone you know would be interested in joining us as a Parent Governor, please get in touch with Liz Holford, Chair of Governors, via the school office to find out more about this role.

On behalf of the Governing body we would like to wish everyone an enjoyable half term holiday to rest up and recharge ready for the busy run up to Christmas.

Liz Holford, Chair of Governors

WATER BOTTLES

We have received a supply of water bottle lids from Portsmouth Water.

If your child's water bottle lid needs replacing, please come in to the School Office and ask for a spare lid (20p each). Due to global concerns relating to plastic waste, the school was limited on the number of water bottles we could purchase, so please encourage the children to look after their bottles and only replace when necessary.

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PARENT'S CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Our autumn term parent's consultation meetings at St Peter's will be on Tuesday 27th November from 4pm to 7pm and Wednesday 28th November from 3.45 to 6.15 pm.

Booking is via our Scopay online system so please ensure that you have a Scopay login. The booking system will go live on Thursday 1st November at 7 am.

School Office

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. Cars obstructing the pavement cause difficulties for wheelchairs and parents with buggies.

The police will be doing regular checks of the areas.

Please park on local roads considerately and responsibly. Do not park in private spaces.
Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr R Cunningham, Headteacher

FRIENDS OF ST. PETER'S

KS1 Christmas Party Friday 7th December (5.30 – 7.30pm)

Tickets will be on sale after the half term, at a cost of £5.00 per child (pre-school siblings are free).

Father Christmas has confirmed that he will be making an appearance again this year, with a present for all those children who have been good.

There will be lots of refreshments to purchase on the night: Hot Dogs, Chips, Sweets, Tea & Coffee.

Friends of St Peter's Committee vacancies

For those of you that are not aware, it is with deep sadness that Lucy Hatch and I (Angela McLaughlin) will be standing down from our positions after Christmas. We both feel it is time for a new team to bring fresh ideas to the Friends of St. Peter's committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have helped out, over the past three years that Lucy and I have been involved in running the PTA for St Peter's School. Without these volunteers giving up their valuable time, none of the events could have taken place. We all know how much the children of St Peter's enjoy having these events.

If you are interested or would like to know more about the vacancies on the committee, please contact myself or Lucy Hatch, and we will be more than happy to answer any of your questions. If we are unable to fill these vacancies before Christmas, then we will have no option but to close the Friends of St. Peter's down. I am sure nobody wants to see this happen and for the children of St Peter's, please consider offering your time where possible. Maybe a few parents/carers could get together and work as a team to keep this PTA going?

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

GOLDEN KEYS

Week beginning 1st October 2018

RL	-	RJ	-
1L	Riya Sebi	1S	Jazmin Browne
2A	Payton Pressley	2OK	Sidney Martin
3SS	Nikolas Baker	3H	Callum Dougherty
4B	Charlie Wright	4S	Roberta Ouatu
5E	Ben Lymer	5PC	Isla Challis
6P	Alicia Richards	6L	Nathan Jose

Week beginning 8th October 2018

RL	-	RJ	-
1L	Zachary Jupp	1S	Jasmin Huxley
2A	Caitlin-Marie Black	2OK	Lola Meagher
3SS	Henry Perkins	3H	Ethan Jordan
4B	Tilly Horton	4S	Oliver Cook
5E	Jacob Best	5PC	
6P	Hollie Nightingale	6L	Jack Jordan

Week beginning 15th October 2018

RL	-	RJ	-
1L	Bella Byju	1S	Madeleine Swandell
2A	Julia Tomala	2OK	Lloyd Moseley
3SS	Lucy Mason	3H	Maxime Heard-Laureote
4B	Daniel Tan	4S	Reuben Jose
5E	Carl Huxley	5PC	Glens Joshy
6P	-	6L	-

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

NOVEMBER 2018

1st	Open Day for Prospective Parents (9.30 – 11.30am)
5th	Year R Liturgy (10-10.30am)
5 th	Year 5 & 6 Author Visit – Guy Bass
6 th – 15 th	Pupil Progress Meetings
6 th	Open Day for Prospective Parents (9.30 – 11.30am)
9th	Remembrance Assembly (9am)
9th	Year R to Oaklands Chapel (10-11am)
13th	Year 6 Hants Fire & Rescue
13th	Year 3 & 4 Mass at Church (10.30 – 11.30am)
16th	Year 6 to Fort Purbrook (am)
20th	Year 5 & 6 Mass at Church (10.30 – 11.30am)
20th	Early Years Phonics Meeting (3.15-4pm)
20th	Open Evening for Prospective Parents (6 – 7pm)
21st	Early Years Library Visit (9.30-11.30am)
22nd	Year 5 & 6 Trip to Fort Nelson
27th	Parental Consultation Meetings (4-7pm)
28th	Parental Consultation Meetings (3.45-6.10pm)
30th	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils

DECEMBER 2018

4 th	Whole School Advent Service at Church (10.30-11.30am)
5 th	Year R Nativity (1.30 – 2.30pm)
7th	KS1 Christmas Party
10 th	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance (10 – 11am)
11th	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance (1.30 – 2.30pm)
12th	KS2 Carol Service (6-7pm)
18th	Christmas Lunch
19 th	Pantomime - “Robin Hood” (am)
20th	Christmas Movie (Whole School) (1-2pm)
20th	Mrs. Knight’s Crazy Christmas Karaoke (2 – 2.30pm)
20th	Last day of Autumn term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15pm
21st	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
24 th Dec – 4 Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – School closed for pupils

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

JANUARY 2019

7th	Spring Term – School reopens for pupils at 8.50am
10th	Years 5 and 6 to Winchester Museum
22nd	Years 3 and 4 – Mass (in School)
24th	Year 2 trip to Sea City Museum
29th	Year R (Seahorse) Trip to Pizza Express
29th	Years 5 and 6 – Mass (in School)

FEBRUARY 2019

18-22 nd	Spring Half term – School closed for pupils
25 th	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am

APRIL 2019

5 th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
8-19 th	EASTER HOLIDAYS – School closed for pupils
22nd	Easter Monday – Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils
23rd	Summer term - School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am

MAY 2019

6 th	May Bank Holiday – School closed for pupils
27-31 st	SUMMER HALF TERM – School closed for pupils

JUNE 2019

3 rd	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
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JULY 2019

23 rd	Last day of summer term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15pm
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SEPTEMBER 2019

4 th	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
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(further dates for 2019/2020 can be found on the school website:
<https://www.stpeterswaterlooville.co.uk/index.php/key-information/term-dates>)