



NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM MR. CUNNINGHAM

The second half of the Autumn term can often feel like a waiting game once November comes to an end. The novelty of the start of a new school year has worn off, but the Christmas holidays are still just too far away to be considered a reality. Thankfully, the Christian faith values the power and preciousness of waiting. The Church welcomes the season of Advent not just as a simple countdown to one day, but as a period of personal and spiritual preparation in readiness for the full *season* of Christmas. In school, the children's study in RE will focus on the meaning of Advent and the challenge for us all that comes with preparing for the birth of Christ the Saviour of the World. Equally, events such as nativity plays, Advent services and Carol services play a vital part in helping our children to recognise the significance of the Advent season and the true meaning of Christmas. Dates and times for all of these events can be found at the back of the newsletter.

As the Autumn has brought in darker mornings and worse weather for the morning school run, I ask please that parents allow extra time to make sure children are able to get to school on time each day. A punctual arrival makes for a swift and, most importantly, calm start to the school day for your children. Winter mornings are never fun to tackle, but we can help to keep our children safe and settled by arriving carefully and in good time for each school day.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the coming festive celebrations. I am sure you will join with me in praising the children for their efforts, and thanking the staff for their hard work in enabling these events to happen to such a very high standard.

Mr. R. Cunningham, Headteacher

DRIVING WHILST ON MOBILE PHONE

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are using their mobile phone whilst driving on school grounds. Please be reminded that it is an offence to drive whilst using your mobile phone, please drive considerately and safely whilst on school grounds. Thank you.

School Office

"To walk hand in hand with God, loving Him, loving each other and loving ourselves, doing our best with the gifts He gave us to make the world a better place"

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

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Our current whole school attendance is excellent at **98.1%**. Thank you to all those families who have been making that extra effort to improve punctuality and attendance this half term. 288 children celebrated 100% attendance for the first half term (Autumn 1). This is 66% of the whole school.

We now need to work on our punctuality; 132 pupils have been late to class at some point since the beginning of the academic year. These late arrivals have totalled to 343 lates in the register. Children need to be in class by 8.50am. School is open from 8am for Breakfast club and the playgrounds are open from 8.30am for drop off. Thank you to all families who get their children to school on time, this gives them the best start to their day. Well done to Year 1 who are once again the most punctual year group in school!

Penalty Notices

Hampshire County Council has served 10 penalty notices (monetary fines) to parents and carers of St Peter's since the start of this academic year. Penalty notices are served for unauthorised absence and consistent lateness. Please note that if there continues to be periods of unauthorised absence and/or lateness after penalty notices have been paid (so not having effected an improvement), Hampshire can decide to take further action and refer to the Attendance Legal Panel. Please avoid booking term time holidays and complete a leave of absence form available from the school office if you know that your child is going to be off school, even if it is for 1 day.

Mrs. P. Pelling, Child & Family Support Worker

OTHER NEWS FROM MRS. PELLING

Internet Safety

Please see the Child and Family Support Blog on the school website for lots of articles and information to help support you at home. Please see the links below for information from the Safer Internet Centre and the excellent NSPCC on how to protect children from on-line abuse.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-tiktok-looking-latest-lip-syncing-app

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/campaigns/flaw-law/>

OTHER NEWS FROM MRS. PELLING (cntd)

Community Links

It was lovely to welcome PCSO Carl Boxall to school to spend time talking to the children and getting to know them. He was invited to eat lunch with the children and he really enjoyed listening to them chatting about what their interests were and what they were learning about in school. He will be popping in at least once a half-term to build links between school/home and the community.

Family Support

Don't forget 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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"JOURNEY OF THE MAGI" @ OAKLANDS

Oaklands Catholic School and the Springs Dance Company will be presenting a fantastic Christmas show "Journey of the Magi", on Tuesday 4th December 2018 from 7-9pm (doors open 6.30pm).

The show is inspired by the poem by T. S. Eliot, and helps audiences to reflect on not only the famous journey the wise men made following the star to Jesus, but also the "journey" each of us makes every year in preparing for Christmas Day. "Journey of the Magi" is an ingenious mix of dance and theatre, enjoyed by children and adults alike.

Tickets are priced at £4 each and are available from Oaklands Finance Office, or from the Oaklands website www.oaklandscatholicsschool.org (via the Tucasi link on the Parents page, or via the Ticket Tailor link).

School Office

FRIENDS OF ST. PETER'S

Well, Christmas is just around the corner, the nights are getting darker and very cold, and the end of term is only a few weeks away. I am sure I don't need to remind everybody that we have an Inset day on Friday 30th November, and then our long awaited 2 week Christmas holiday! (starts on Friday 21st December 2018 - school re-opens on Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.50am)

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Enjoy this special time with your family, but please stay safe. Now let's talk about what is ahead for the month of December for us all.

KS1 Christmas Party (Friday 7th December 4.30 – 6.00pm)

Tickets are still available to order for Years R, 1 and 2 at a cost of £4.00 per ticket, pre-school children go free. We are still looking for volunteers for the night, so if you would like to help with selling a few raffle tickets or helping Father Christmas give out his gifts, please ask for Lucy Hatch or myself when you arrive. Even if you can only give half an hour of your time, this will be a big help. If spare time is something you don't have, perhaps you can make some cakes to donate for this event - don't worry if baking is not your strong point, we are always happy to accept shop bought cakes. All you need to do is drop them off at the School Office on the Friday morning of the Christmas Party. If you are putting them in a container that you wish to have returned to you, please can you mark the name of your child and their class clearly on the container. We will have hotdogs, chips, cakes, sweets and lots more on sale at the kitchen. There will also be festive glitter tattoos and glow sticks for the children to purchase.

Friends of St Peter's Christmas Raffle

Friends of St Peter's Christmas raffle tickets are currently on sale at 50p each or £2.50 a book. If you haven't already purchased your tickets there is still time to get them; the School Office have spare tickets, or you can request some books from your child's teacher. We have got some fabulous prizes this year and a small sample are on show at the School Office. These are not to be missed, so HURRY get your tickets now - they will also be on sale at the KS1 Christmas Party. The draw will take place on Friday 14th December. Make sure you have put your contact details on your tickets so that we are able to contact you if you are one of the lucky winners. If anybody out there has any unwanted gifts sitting at home that they would like to donate to the raffle, we would be more than happy to take them off your hands; please drop them off to the School Office.

Vacancies in the PTA Committee

The current PTA Committee have been in their positions for a number of years, and are standing down in the New Year. There are roles available for Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer on the Friends of St. Peter's PTA committee.

If you are interested in one of these roles, please contact Angela McLaughlin or Lucy Hatch via the school office to discuss what is involved or for an informal chat about the roles.

If we don't get new volunteers, it is most likely that the PTA will close early in the New Year. Volunteers are needed to keep the PTA open, so if you want the events and the fundraising to continue, please make yourself known before it's too late.

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

CAKE SALE – MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Eco Club invites you to a cake sale to raise money for a fair trade stall. The sale will be on Monday 10th December at 3.15 pm in the North (Key Stage 2) Playground. Please support us and fair trade!

Eco Club

NEW SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICER

We have a new "lollipop man" at the Fox and Hounds Crossing. Mr. Bill Ray started work this week so please say hello to him.

School Office

BRIO TRAIN SET

Does anyone have any Brio or similar trains or train tracks etc that they no longer use? If so, After School Club would greatly appreciate them. Thank you.

School Office

SPARE CLOTHING REQUEST

We are in urgent need of the following for our medical room:

- girls' pants (from age 6 upwards),
- girls' socks (all sizes)
- tights (smaller sizes up to age 7)
- boys' trousers (smaller sizes up to age 7)

If you have any that you can donate to the school, please bring them to the School Office. Thank you. *School Office*

EARLY ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL

Would parents please note that the school is **not** responsible for the behaviour or safety of children left unaccompanied outside Breakfast Club before 8 am or outside the North Playground (KS2) gate before 8.30 am.

Breakfast Club starts at 8 am and staff are on duty at the North Playground gate from 8.30 am.

Thank you for your co-operation.

School Office

SACRED HEART CHILDREN'S MASS

Sacred Heart Church will be having their next children's Mass on the 16th of December. All are very welcome to attend this wonderful celebration with the youth of the Sacred Heart.

J. McCormack, Sacred Heart Church

NEW LIBRARIAN

We will be saying farewell to Mrs D at the end of term as she leaves to spend more time with her family. She has transformed the library at St Peter's during her six years at the school and we are all grateful to her for inspiring so many children in their reading.

In January we welcome Mrs Porter to the post. She will be working from Tuesday to Friday and so, although Book Club and Storytime Club will remain on the same days, the library will now be open to parents and children after school from 3.15 until 4 pm on **Thursdays and Fridays**.

School Office

GOVERNOR NEWS

I am sure you will all have noticed the fabulous poppy display on the green outside school that was created to honour Remembrance Day. The display is a credit to both pupils, staff and of course, Mrs. Pearson who managed the project.

As mentioned in the October newsletter, we are still looking to recruit two parent governors. If you feel you can contribute your time and energy to this role, please do get in touch with Liz Holford via the School Office.

Liz Holford, Chair of Governors

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

We were recently asked a question about the Spaghetti Bolognese we make: "Do you serve any vegetables with this dinner?". The answer is "No", because there are six hidden vegetables in the sauce we make. If you have any questions about school dinners, please ask and we will try to answer them from you.

We have recently stopped using disposable plastic cups at lunchtime, and are asking children to bring their water bottles with them. We have reduced the amount of plastic cups we have thrown away by 7000 a month! We now have reusable cups for children who forget their bottle. Well done for the small steps we are making to help our environment!

Kitchen Staff

GOLDEN KEYS

Week beginning 29th October 2018

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| RD | - | RJ | - |
| 1L | Madeleine Clark | 1S | Luke Williams |
| 2A | Sophie Cooper | 2OK | Pheobe Howes |
| 3SS | Leo Duthie | 3H | Diyona Biju |
| 4B | Edie Phillips | 4S | Benjamin Ford |
| 5E | Harry Woolston | 5CW | - |
| 6P | Harrison Meadows | 6L | John Mawanda |

Week beginning 5th November 2018

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| RD | - | RJ | - |
| 1L | Rosie Anthony | 1S | Ruby Green |
| 2A | Sophia Martin | 2OK | Brayden Fletcher-Payne |
| 3SS | Noah Hatch | 3H | Dominika Plizga |
| 4B | Daniella Pacheco | 4S | Chloe Brown |
| 5E | Siyon Joseph | 5CW | Christopher Smith |
| 6P | Dominic Lethbridge | 6L | Chloe Lymer |

Week beginning 12th November 2018

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| RD | - | RJ | - |
| 1L | Adam Kirby | 1S | Jorgia Chapman |
| 2A | Edith Swandell | 2OK | Edward Gaspar |
| 3SS | Felicity Crocker | 3H | Tommy Cook |
| 4B | Phoebe Churcher | 4S | Liberty Ricketts |
| 5E | Marissa Moreton-Pedrosa | 5CW | Tyris Asante |
| 6P | Millie Worrall | 6L | Lillie Churcher |

Week beginning 19th November 2018

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| RD | - | RJ | - |
| 1L | Lyla Ingram | 1S | Catherine Jordan |
| 2A | Teddy Butterworth | 2OK | Edward Gaspar |
| 3SS | Samuel Mohsen | 3H | Emily Hoang |
| 4B | Aston Lewenden | 4S | Amelie Booth |
| 5E | - | 5CW | - |
| 6P | Yohan Jossy | 6L | Ethan Baker |

400 CLUB WINNERS

AUGUST 2018

| | Amount | Winning Number | Winning Name |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st Prize | £49.00 | 13 | Alison Owens |
| 2 nd Prize | £29.40 | 45 | Helen Hogg |
| 3 rd Prize | £9.80 | 28 | Aaron Cook |
| 4 th Prize | £9.80 | 137 | Katie Parker |

SEPTEMBER 2018

| | Amount | Winning Number | Winning Name |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st Prize | £47.75 | 47 | Helen Hogg |
| 2 nd Prize | £28.65 | 241 | Jeffery Stewart |
| 3 rd Prize | £9.55 | 70 | Ken Ng |
| 4 th Prize | £9.55 | 383 | Jo Garvey |

OCTOBER 2018

| | Amount | Winning Number | Winning Name |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st Prize | £49.25 | 153 | Anna Richardson |
| 2 nd Prize | £29.55 | 375 | Traci Perkins |
| 3 rd Prize | £9.85 | 233 | Nicola Cunningham |
| 4 th Prize | £9.85 | 429 | Imelda Howell |
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 2018

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| 4 th | Whole School Advent Service at Church (10.30-11.30am) – for pupils only |
| 5 th | Years 4 and 5 Optional Dance Workshop at Oaklands School |
| 5 th | Year R Nativity (1.30 – 2.30pm) |
| 7 th | KS1 Christmas Party (4.30-6pm) |
| 10 th | Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance (10 – 11am) |
| 11 th | Choir to The Rowans Hospice (11am – 12pm) |
| 11 th | Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance (1.30 – 2.30pm) |
| 12 th | KS2 Carol Service (6-7pm) |
| 17 th | Class 2A Music Concert (11.15am – 12pm) |
| 17 th | Year 4 Music Concert (2 – 3pm) |
| 18 th | Christmas Lunch |
| 19 th | Pantomime - “Robin Hood” (am) |
| 20 th | Christmas Movie (Whole School) (1-2pm) |
| 20 th | Mrs. Knight’s Crazy Christmas Karaoke (2 – 2.30pm) |
| 20 th | Last day of Autumn term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15pm |
| 21 st | INSET DAY – School closed for pupils |
| 24 th Dec – 4 Jan | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – School closed for pupils |

JANUARY 2019

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

FEBRUARY 2019

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| 5 th | Year R (Starfish) Trip to Pizza Express |
| 5 th | Year 1 Liturgy (10 – 10.30am) |
| 12 th | Year R Liturgy (10 – 10.30am) |
| 18-22 nd | Spring Half term – School closed for pupils |
| 25 th | School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am |

MARCH 2019

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| 5 th & 6 th | Parental Consultation Meetings |
| 12 th | Year 2 Liturgy |
| 19 th | Perform for Schools KS1 Drama |
| 26 th – 28 th | Mothers' Day Sale (TBC) |
| 30 th | Easter Eggstravaganza (TBC) |

APRIL 2019

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| 2 nd | KS2 Penitential Service |
| 5 th | INSET DAY - School closed to pupils |
| 8-19 th | EASTER HOLIDAYS – School closed for pupils |
| 22 nd | Easter Monday – Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils |
| 23 rd | Summer term - School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am |

MAY 2019

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

JUNE 2019

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

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

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| 4 th | School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am |
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