



NEWS FROM MR. CUNNINGHAM

And so, finally, we come to the end of the autumn term of the 2018-2019 academic year. It has been a busy 15 school weeks since the start of September, with the pupils achieving great amounts in all areas of the curriculum, and the school receiving the very positive affirmation of an Ofsted monitoring visit to recognise the progress we have made.

As always in school, we have put a great deal of effort in helping the children to see the importance of Advent as a season in itself, and not just a daily chocolate fix during December. Through services, liturgies and worships, all supplemented by RE lessons, pupils have reflected on how they can prepare themselves to welcome the new-born Christ into their lives. It is increasingly difficult to find the quietness of the miracle of Jesus' birth in a modern Christmas, but I hope that each family makes the most of opportunities to do just that in our local churches during this coming holiday.

Within the St Peter's staff body, congratulations go to Mrs Pike and her husband on the safe arrival of their son Oliver on 29th November. At the end of this term, we say a sad farewell to Mrs Domblides, the school librarian. Mrs D has been with us for six years, and has spread the joy of reading to countless children of all ages in that time. Through competitions, projects and captivating storytelling, Mrs D has helped set the foundations of successful learning through literacy for many pupils in St Peter's. She will be sorely missed, and we wish her well for her new adventures in 2019. We have successfully appointed a new librarian, Mrs Porter, who will start with us in the new term.

I must also thank members of the parent community who have given up much time, energy and organisational skill in recent years as leading participants in the Friends of St Peter's association. Angela McLaughlin, Lucy Hatch and Ionut Stan stand down as Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer respectively in December, and the school is extremely grateful for all of their hard work. New committee members will begin their roles in January 2019, with Angela, Lucy and Ionut continuing to provide background support to ensure a smooth transition. I look forward to the usual great commitment by the St Peter's community to help Friends' events run successfully and raise additional funds for the school.

All that remains now is for me to thank you on behalf of my colleagues for the many good wishes, kind cards and generous gifts that have arrived in school for the festive season. I wish you all a happy, holy and restful Christmas.

Mr. R. Cunningham, Headteacher

"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

Our current whole school attendance is 97.7% and although this is still above our whole school target of 97.5%, attendance levels have slipped since last month. This is largely down to the seasonal illnesses, coughs and colds. Please see the following link to NHS guidance on how to guard against 10 of the most common winter illnesses:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/10-winter-illnesses/>

See also: <https://what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>

Mrs. P. Pelling, Child & Family Support Worker

OTHER NEWS FROM MRS. PELLING

The Stress of Christmas

Even though Christmas is meant to be a joyful time of year, it can also be a stressful time for all. Please see the Child and Family Support Blog on the School website for some useful tips to help get through this busy time of year. There is also some information on there from the NHS and Family Support. For those who think they might struggle on Christmas Day, please also remember this great offer:

Park Community School 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.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to hearing all the children's stories of excitement on their return to school.

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FRIENDS OF ST. PETER'S

KS1 Christmas Party

This event was a big hit with the children and most of the Parents/Carers. "DJ Small Paul" pulled out all the stops for this event, making sure all the children were up dancing and having fun. Everybody had a fabulous time, and to top it off Father Christmas managed to squeeze in a quick visit to say hello to all the boys and girls. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help make this event such a fabulous evening. It's one I will remember for a long time, as I am sure all of the children will.

Christmas Raffle

As I am sure you are all aware, the Christmas Raffle was drawn last Friday 14th December. If you were lucky enough to be a prize winner, you will be contacted; all prizes are being held in the School Office ready for collection. The School Office also has a list of the winning numbers.

Again, I would like to thank the volunteers who went out of their way to contact local companies and collect all the fantastic prizes. Also, can I say a big thank you to everybody who donated items for this event.

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

I know we are only days away from Christmas, and already talking about Mother's Day! The PTA is always one step ahead to make sure that all our events are successful, plus do you know how long it takes to buy 420 Mother's Day presents?

Make sure you put a note in your diary for this event because the children love it!

Goodbye

As I am sure most of you know, the committee members for the past 3 years are all hanging up their hats for a long and overdue rest, but I am pleased to be able to say that Friends of St Peter's will have a brand new committee as of January 2019.

Charmaine Bennett – Chair
Charmaine Botes – Vice Chair
Natalie Do'urden – Secretary
Zoe Carpenter – Treasurer
Christian Alexander – 400 Club

I would firstly like to thank all of the new committee members for stepping up and taking on the responsibility of running the PTA. I would also like to thank all of the Parents/Carers who have given up their time over the past 3 years to run events. Without all of you lovely volunteers, the events could not take place. I'm sure that you'll continue to give the new committee the same amount of support that you gave us.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all of the children of the volunteers who have always been there to help set up and then help pack away after an event, and have had to endure long committee meetings. In particular, I'd like to thank Aoife Hatch, Noah Hatch and my own son Cian McLaughlin. Even when they have had a long day at school, nothing was too much trouble for them. Whether picking up litter or sweeping the floor, they were all more than happy to help, so from the bottom of my heart: "thank you".

Finally, I would like to thank Lucy Hatch for always being there for me, nothing was too much trouble. It has been a privilege working with you, and I have found a lifelong friend in you. **THANK YOU.**

Angela McLaughlin, Chair, Friends of St Peter's

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

NEW PARENT LITE APP COMING IN JANUARY

In January we will be rolling out the new Parent Lite App which is a convenient way for parents to electronically review and update their children's details (address, contact information, medical and dietary requirements etc.) via their phone, tablet, pc or laptop.

Further information will be sent by parent mail when we are ready to go live with the system.

School Office

SUMMER HOLIDAY DATES

When booking your summer holidays please note that the last day of the summer term for St Peter's is **Tuesday 23rd July 2019**. Note: this differs from the last day for Oaklands School.

School Office

PARKING

Please always park considerately and do not obstruct the driveways or parking spaces of our neighbours. They have a right to access their driveways at all times. Recently a neighbour had to stop on the main road with her hazard lights on to await the return of one of our parents. In cases like this the police will be alerted so please just take a little more time to find a suitable place to park, even if it means a short walk to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Office

GOVERNOR NEWS

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16).

God’s love for us, with all our flaws and deficiencies, remains the central theme as we wait patiently during Advent to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The whole-school Advent service on Tuesday 4th December at Sacred Heart was a fantastic illustration of the children's joy and anticipation of the festive season, and this is reflected in all the beautiful decorations in and around School. I am certain that the KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Service will be further opportunities for us to celebrate all that this blessed season invites us to reflect on.

It's not just in these last few weeks however that activity levels in School have been high. During the whole autumn term, teachers, parents and children have all worked very hard and can now all look forward to a very well deserved Christmas holiday with friends and family.

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the hard work you have put in throughout the year and for your support. On behalf of St Peter’s Governors, may I wish you all a joyful, peaceful and blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Karen Heard-Lauréote (Foundation Governor)

SPORTS NEWS

In the Spring term, we have some exciting forthcoming sports events where the children participate in sports activities with pupils from other school:

EVENT	VENUE	DATE	YEAR GROUP
¾ Badminton	South Downs	15 th Jan	Y3
KS1 Gymnastics	Havant College	28 th Jan	Y1
Badminton	Havant Academy	29 th Jan	Y5
Basket Ball	Portsmouth College	30 th Jan	5 & 6
KS2 Tri Golf	Horndean Tech	5 th Feb	Y6
KS1 Racket Skills	Horndean Tech	12 th March	Y2
KS2 Girls Tag Rugby	Havant College	13 th March	Y4
KS1 Tag Rugby	Havant College	26 th March	Y2

Mrs. J. Spicer

LIBRARY NEWS

Goodbye! As you all know I am leaving St Peters at Christmas and the new librarian will be starting on Tuesday 8th January. Mrs Porter will be working Tuesday to Friday in the afternoons and all day Wednesday. This will mean that the library will no longer be open to children and parents on Mondays after school, but will be open to children and parents to visit after school on Thursdays and Fridays between 3.15 and 4pm.

I’ve been working here at St Peters for 6 years, and it has been an absolute pleasure to work with such wonderful children and staff. My aim when I first started was to show children that reading could be more than just reading, more than just picking up a book and reading it because they have to. I wanted to show children that they could learn to love reading and with the help of the school we have managed to change the attitudes of the children and now reading for pleasure is a part of daily life at St Peters and this will continue with the help of Mrs Porter.

I believe that once a child can learn to love a book and love to read, they will carry that through life and this will help them in so many ways, not just in their learning.

Thank you to all of the children, parents and staff for making my job such a pleasurable one, and for making it so hard for me to leave. You may see me around the school from time to time so for now, this is farewell, not goodbye

Mrs. D, Librarian

SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE

(For children born between 1/9/14 and 31/8/15)

The closing date for applications for a school place for children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 is **15th January 2019.**

Applications must be made via the Hampshire County Council website:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR>

If you know of anyone who has a child in this age group please strongly encourage them to register their child. The deadline is very strictly enforced and any late applicants are put to the bottom of the admissions list.

School Office

CAFOD DONATIONS

St.Peter’s Catholic Primary School has recently raised the sum of £428.79 to help people build a brighter future through CAFOD’s projects around the world. Thank you!

School Office

GOLDEN KEYS

Week beginning 26th November 2018

RD	-	RJ	-
1L	Jamie Meechan	1S	Ollie Humphrey
2A	Jack Tigg	2OK	George Vaccaro
3SS	Kieron Blofield	3H	Darcy Booth
4B	Hanna Halas	4S	Fern Layton
5E	Alexia George	5CW	Sophie Lictaoa
6P	Emma Mpario	6L	Joseph Tyler

Week beginning 3rd December 2018

RD	-	RJ	-
1L	Alice Hatter	1S	Freya Redshaw
2A	Jovril Shefy	2OK	Mostyn Mainwaring
3SS	Nethania Eldo	3H	Aurora Andrews
4B	Tilly Horton	4S	Jacob Chapman
5E	Joseph Hatter	5CW	Esther Burrows
6P	Freya Bijumon	6L	Charlie Cripps

Week beginning 10th December 2018

RD	-	RJ	-
1L	Darcy Wedlake	1S	Tommy Dognini
2A	Patrick Masson	2OK	Jessica Jupp
3SS	Lucy Mason	3H	Maxime Heard-Laureote
4B	Daniel Tan	4S	Reuben Jose
5E	Carl Huxley	5CW	Glens Joshy
6P	-	6L	-

Week beginning 17th December 2018

RD	-	RJ	-
1L	Junior Tricker	1S	Louie Polley
2A	Ruby-Lou Nightingale	2OK	Evan Gray
3SS	Jacqueline Edwards	3H	Darcy Haughan
4B	Emily Long	4S	Nicole Chen
5E	Anne-Sophie Shaw	5CW	Sophie Lictaoa
6P	Molly Perkins	6L	Orla Carey

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (newly added dates shown with *)**

DECEMBER 2018

- 20th Christmas Movie (Whole School) (1-2pm)
20th End of Term Carols (2 – 3pm)
20th Last day of Autumn term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15pm
21st **INSET DAY** – School closed for pupils
24th Dec – 4 Jan **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS** – School closed for pupils

JANUARY 2019

- 7th Spring Term – School reopens for pupils at 8.50am
10th Year 5 to Winchester Museum
17th *** Special Lunch - American themed
17th *** Year 5/ 5CW Swimming Lessons commence (for 5 weeks)
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

- 5th Year R (Starfish) Trip to Pizza Express
5th Year 1 Liturgy (10 – 10.30am)
12th Year R Liturgy (10 – 10.30am)
18-22nd **Spring Half term** – School closed for pupils
25th School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
28th ***Year 5/ 5E Swimming Lessons commence (for 5 weeks)

MARCH 2019

- 5th & 6th Parental Consultation Meetings
6th *** Ash Wednesday Service
12th Year 2 Liturgy (10 - 10.30am)
19th Perform for Schools KS1 Drama
26th – 28th Mothers' Day Sale (TBC)
30th Easter Eggstravaganza (TBC)

APRIL 2019

- 2nd KS2 Penitential Service
4th *** Stations of the Cross (KS1 & 2)
5th **INSET DAY** - School closed to pupils
8-19th **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
7 th	*** Year R Trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park
21 st	*** Years 3 and 4 - Mass (at Church)
23 rd	*** School reports issued for Years 1, 3, 4 and 5
27-31 st	SUMMER HALF TERM – School closed for pupils

JUNE 2019

3 rd	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
4 th	*** Year 2 Liturgy (10 - 10.30am)
10 th & 11 th	*** Father's Day Sale (1 – 2pm)
11 th	*** Years 5 and 6 - Mass (at Church)
12 th	*** Sports Day
13 th	*** Reserve Date for Father's Day Sale
18 th	*** Year 1 Liturgy (10 - 10.30am)
24 th to 28 th	*** Year 6 Bikeability
25 th	*** Year R Liturgy (10 - 10.30am)
28 th	*** St. Peter's Fest (5.30 – 8pm)

JULY 2019

2 nd	*** Whole School Feast Day Mass (10.30 – 11.30am)
3 rd	*** Reserve Sports Day
3 rd	*** School reports issued for Year 2
5 th	*** Transition Morning (9.30 – 11.30am)
5 th	*** Year 4 Camping (on school field after school / overnight)
12 th	*** Year 6 Transition Day (Oaklands)
15 th	*** Oaklands new Year 7 Induction Evening
16 th	*** Year 6 Show (6.30 – 8pm)
17 th	*** School reports issued for Years R and 6
19 th	*** Year 6 Leavers Mass and Tea (1 – 3.30pm)
23 rd	Last day of summer term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15pm

SEPTEMBER 2019

4 th	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
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Further dates for 2019/2020 term can be found on the School Website:

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