



## JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

### NEWS FROM MR. CUNNINGHAM

#### 2019 rings in New Year changes at St Peter's

We are often told in the education system that the only constant is change, and my colleagues in the teaching profession are experienced in coping with new expectations and moving goal posts year on year. Thankfully, the changes at St Peter's for January 2019 have all been positive, and herald great new things to come.

As you will have seen from the school blog and when coming onto site, ground works are well underway in readiness for an additional building to be installed at school. If all goes well, we are about to take delivery of the building, and hopefully it will be ready for pupil use by the start of March. Deeper within the school, work continues on our new Prayer Garden. The money to fund this has been raised by pupils seeking grants from the Diocese, school governors and our local MP Alan Mak, as well as donations from the parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Peter the Apostle in Waterlooville. Details on both projects will follow as each nears completion in the spring.

Aside from physical changes, in January we also welcomed the new librarian Mrs Anne Porter, and the Friends of St Peter's association has a new Chairperson in Mrs Charmaine Bennett. Both have written sections for this newsletter, and I am sure the school can count on your support for both of them in their new roles.

*Mr. R. Cunningham, Headteacher*

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our attendance target for the whole school is **97.5%**.

Our whole school attendance is currently 97.5%, bang on target (0.7% rise from this time last year).

However, at St Peter's, we are constantly striving to do better and I strongly believe that we can further improve our attendance by trying to keep as healthy as possible and refraining from removing children during term time for holidays.

Please use the following link for 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/>

*"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 *continued*

We have recently celebrated a fantastic 100% attendance for 222 children in Autumn 2 Term. Congratulations to Year 5 who had the highest number of children with 100% attendance during this time. Well done to Year 1 who were the most punctual year group in school, in the Autumn Term and continue to be so in this Spring Term to date.

### OTHER NEWS FROM MRS. PELLING

#### Post-Christmas: Online Safety

Lots of children in school have been sharing their excitement about their new presents that they received for Christmas. Many of these appear to be various forms of technology and we have already had a couple of concerns raised about online safety.

The following advice is taken from the NSPCC:

- \* Please check that devices/games are age appropriate. Children should not be accessing Instagram until the age of 13.
- \* Parents need to consider who your child is talking to, what is being said and what they are being exposed to when browsing.
- \* Talk about their online world. We talk to children about crossing the road, bullying and speaking to strangers. But what about staying safe in the digital world?
- \* Have regular conversations about what your child is doing on-line (just like you would their day at school). This is the best way to keep them safe.
- \* You'll be able to spot any problems, encourage them to come to you if they are worried and make sure they know what is safe to share on-line and what is not.

Please note that things that happen at home can have a knock on effect in school, and can have an impact on your child's and other's learning and general well-being. You can find out more about the social networks, apps and games your child uses with the NSPCC's [Net Aware](#) tool and previous articles posted on the Child and Family Support blog on the school website.

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## FRIENDS OF ST. PETER'S

A big hello to you all from the new Friends of St Peters Committee. Firstly, I would like to thank the previous Friends of St Peter's Committee, especially Angela McLaughlin and Lucy Hatch for all your help and hard work over the last few years, and to extend this thanks to the volunteers who work tirelessly at events. Without you, the activities and events for the children would not go ahead.

Moving forward, I would like to encourage you all to continue to support us where possible. You are all a part of the Friends of St Peter's and if you can help at events or have any ideas then please let us know. Just drop a note into reception.

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

The children love this event so please pop the dates in your diary.

### **St Peters Fest: Friday 28th June**

Our biggest event yet, planning has already started and a theme to be announced next month. If there is anyone that can help at this event in anyway, please let us know.

We hope to continue the success of the previous committee and look forward to working with you all at the up and coming events.

The next meeting will be Friday 1st March at 1530. Look forward to seeing you then.

*Charmaine Bennett, Chair, Friends of St Peter's*

## PLEASE HELP: SPARE CLOTHING

We would be very grateful to receive donations of spare clothing for our medical room. It helps us to be able to look after the children better when they need a change of clothing.

We are especially in need of the following:

- girls' pants (all sizes, especially bigger sizes),
- girls' school socks (all sizes)
- grey or black tights (smaller sizes)
- grey or black school trousers (smaller sizes)

If you have any that you can donate to the school, these would be gratefully received. Please bring any donations to the School Office. **Thank you.**

*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*

## NEW PARENT LITE APP COMING IN JANUARY

We will be rolling out the new Parent Lite App very soon. This 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*

## PARKING

On Friday 1st February 2019, we will take delivery of our new building. This will involve a crane being on site all day, a series of articulated lorries accessing the site during the day, and a fleet of contractor vehicles arriving as well. All of this vehicle and plant traffic will take up a lot of our car parking space throughout the whole of Friday 1st February.

Because of this, with the exception of vehicles which have a St Peter's pass for those drivers or pupils with limited mobility or additional needs, there will be no parking spaces on site for parents and carers to leave their cars and drop their children into the south playground in the morning.

For children being dropped off for Breakfast Club or additional provision from 8:00am, car drivers are asked to use the one-way route and drop-off walkway alongside the north playground. Extra staff will be on hand to welcome and direct the children into school.

The one-way route to the drop-off walkway that runs by the north playground will be opened 10 minutes earlier on that day, at 8:20am, to help ease a possible increase in vehicle use for that option. For that Friday only, additional staff will be on duty in the north playground to welcome any extra children who would normally wait in the south playground with parents or carers but who instead will be dropped off to the north playground. Any families that are able to car share and so reduce the number of cars coming into St Peter's in the morning would be greatly appreciated.

Families who would rather stay with their children on the south playground but normally do this by parking on site are asked to allow plenty of time to be able to park off-site and walk onto St Peter's grounds. The timing for the south playground gate will remain between 8:30am and 8:50am as normal.

St Peter's staff have been asked to car share, use alternative means of transport, park off-site and even offer up their local driveways for colleagues in an effort to reduce the vehicle presence on site as much as possible during the building delivery day.

Collection at 3:15pm will be as normal on foot for all families, with the exception of vehicles which have a St Peter's pass for those drivers or pupils with limited mobility or additional need. Families collecting from after-school care at 3:45pm and 4:15pm, and Hip-Hop Club at 4:00pm will need to park off site and access an exit St Peter's on foot.

I know that these changes will have an impact on families' travel arrangements for the day, but any possible inconvenience will be long forgotten when the pupils get to enjoy the additional space and facilities that the new building will provide from March 2019 onwards.

*Mr. R. Cunningham, Headteacher*

## GOVERNOR NEWS

Dear all, on behalf of the St. Peter's Governing body, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

There have been a lot of exciting events that have taken place at St. Peter's across the last couple of months. For example, we would like to congratulate all of the children and staff who took part in the KS2 Carol concert. The festive spirit was certainly spread to all members of the congregation, who particularly enjoyed the children's musical performances. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who had generously purchased cards at the church – all donations shall support the continual development of the St. Peter's prayer garden.

School Governors were also delighted to take part during the school's Christmas dinner day. The children had a fantastic time with their friends, and their behaviour and manners were exceptional. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the kitchen staff, parent volunteers and governor helpers who had enabled the Christmas dinner sittings for KS1 and KS2 to operate so efficiently. By the end of the Autumn term, all members of staff at St. Peter's were invited to the Governors' Thank You Tea Party. It was a great opportunity for the continuous hard work of all staff to be recognised and celebrated.

Finally, we would like to inform you of an exciting update for 2019. We have been delighted to see the breaking of ground as the project of our new school building begins! We appreciate the co-operation of all students and staff throughout the completion of this project, and look forward to providing further updates soon.

*Daisy Honeywell (DTG School Governor)*

## ECO CLUB CLEAN AIR COMPETITION

Eco Club are putting together a Clean Air Campaign, to try to make the air that we breathe around school cleaner. As a first step, there will be a "Clean Air Slogan Competition".

We are looking for your great ideas of slogans that our school can adopt, to demonstrate to our school and the wider community that we are thinking about how to reduce car use and encourage other forms of transport. e.g. 'Stay green to keep it clean'.

We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to think of a slogan, and then hand it in to Mrs. Jonas in Early Years. We will be judging the entries in Eco Club and then we will announce the winner, with a prize, at our "clean air assembly" on 1st March.

We look forward to seeing all of your entries!

*Mrs. Jonas and Eco Club*

## LIBRARY NEWS

Hello everyone, my name is Mrs. Porter and I am your new librarian. Since the beginning of the Spring term, I have been delighted to welcome pupils from every class in the school, to browse and borrow books from your amazing library. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for continuing to support and encourage your child's love of reading and to remind you that parents and pupils are welcome to visit the library together, after school on Thursdays and Fridays, from 3.15-4pm.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, a children's author and actor, Grant Koper, will be coming into school to meet the children from Years R, 1, 2 and 3. He will be reading his new book "The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away" and answering questions about his work. While he is here, pupils will have the opportunity to take away their very own signed copy of the book to read over again. The book is a humorous tale, following a pair of Granny Moon's knickers as they fly from her washing line and find themselves on an exciting but unexpected adventure. If you'd like your child to have their own copy, please send £6 to school in a named envelope on or before February 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you love the opportunity to share a story with a friend, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March the school will be celebrating World Book Day, when everyone will be encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book. More information about storytelling, challenges, and competitions will follow shortly.

*Mrs. Porter, Librarian*

## SCHOOL NURSE – HEALTH DROP-IN

Havant School Nurse Team are offering a School Nurse Health Drop-In on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February between 12pm and 2pm at Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Havant, PO9 4BU. This Drop in is available to all school aged children in the area and can be accessed through the main school reception. There will be School Nurses available in the dining area.

*School Office*

## MEDICATION (including cough sweets)

Any medication (including cough sweets) requiring administration during the school day must be handed in to the school office. Prescribed medication must be in the original packaging with the child's name and dose clearly visible.

A "Parental Agreement to Administer Medicines" (green) form must be completed in all cases and these are available from the school office. This written permission is necessary to safeguard your child (that they get the correct dose at the right time). These procedures are in place to ensure the safety of all children in school. Medication left in school bags, etc, could be taken by another child. The taking of cough sweets has to be monitored as these are a potential choking hazard.

If your child suffers with asthma, please ensure that we have an inhaler in school at all times, so that it can be administered as and when necessary (you will be asked to complete an Asthma Card for your child). Inhalers are kept securely in our medical room and children are advised that they can have access to them at any time they feel they need them.

*School Office*

## PARENT'S CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Our Spring term parent's consultation meetings at St Peter's will be on Tuesday 5th March from 4pm to 7pm and Wednesday 6th March 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 Tuesday 5th February at 7 am.

*School Office*

## MAINTAINING STANDARDS IN SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below reminders on 3 important matters to maintain standards and well-being in school.

### **Shoes:**

All pupils are expected to wear sensible and proper black, brown or dark blue shoes to school. Trainers of any style or colour are not considered an acceptable alternative to wear in place of school shoes. In exceptionally cold, icy or snowy weather, some children may prefer to wear boots instead of shoes for a limited period of time. These again should be smart, sensible and practical, but boots are not considered to be permanent alternatives to wearing regular school shoes.

### **Hair:**

St Peter's expects children to have sensible haircuts when they come to school. Exaggerated, coloured, or bleached hairstyles are not acceptable at St Peter's. This includes extreme colouring/highlights and patterns shaved into hair. Excessively short all over hair styles are considered exaggerated and are not acceptable. For parents' guidance, haircuts should be of no less than a Grade 2 on any part of the head. Hair styles must not deliberately hide the face; all features must be visible and long hair should be tied back.

### **Valuables:**

Pupils were reminded earlier this term that all valuable items should be left at home. Staff do not have the time or capacity to search for valuable items if they go missing in school, and these items can cause unwanted attention and disruption between children when in school. Included in the idea of 'valuable' items which should stay at home are things which, although perhaps not expensive, are important and special to children, such as small toys and decorated stationery. Exceptionally, pupils in Year 6 may choose to bring a mobile phone to school. However, the expectation has always been, and remains, that these are handed in to the office first thing in the morning and are collected at the end of the school day.

Many thanks for your cooperation,

*Mr R Cunningham, Headteacher*

## GOLDEN KEYS

### Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

<b>RD</b>	Lilli-Mai Read	<b>RJ</b>	Matthew McQuiston
<b>1L</b>	Varsha Vineeth	<b>1S</b>	Evie Nichols
<b>2A</b>	William Burridge	<b>2OK</b>	Jasmine Heathcote
<b>3SS</b>	Logan Benn	<b>3H</b>	Brayden Dewane
<b>4B</b>	Harvey Cope	<b>4S</b>	Chloe Brown
<b>5E</b>	-	<b>5CW</b>	-
<b>6P</b>	Millen Long	<b>6L</b>	Ethan Baker

### Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

<b>RD</b>	Mason Bennett	<b>RJ</b>	Ava Tooes
<b>1L</b>	Laura Carpenter	<b>1S</b>	Joshua Smith
<b>2A</b>	Sophie Kurowska	<b>2OK</b>	Ishana Josygeorge
<b>3SS</b>	Arabella Lipscomb	<b>3H</b>	Amelia Durbin
<b>4B</b>	Joshua Green	<b>4S</b>	Matthew Alexander
<b>5E</b>	Hayden Shaw	<b>5CW</b>	Faith Williams
<b>6P</b>	Riley Morgan	<b>6L</b>	John Mawanda

### Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

<b>RD</b>	Millie-Rose Hibbert	<b>RJ</b>	Annabelle Jackson
<b>1L</b>	Hattie Afshar	<b>1S</b>	Grace Collins
<b>2A</b>	Edward Masson	<b>2OK</b>	Ryan McQuiston
<b>3SS</b>	Caleb Dunaway	<b>3H</b>	Sonny Hart
<b>4B</b>	Hollie King	<b>4S</b>	Arabella Willis
<b>5E</b>	Isla Brown	<b>5CW</b>	Henry Stunt
<b>6P</b>	Andrew Jones	<b>6L</b>	Patrick Healy

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

### **JANUARY 2019**

- 29<sup>th</sup> Year R (Seahorse) Trip to Pizza Express  
29<sup>th</sup> Years 5 and 6 – Mass (in School)

### **FEBRUARY 2019**

- 1<sup>st</sup> \*\*\* Author Visit (Grant Koper) – Years R to 3  
5<sup>th</sup> Year R (Starfish) Trip to Pizza Express  
5<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Liturgy (10 – 10.30am)  
11<sup>th</sup> \*\*\* Year 4 Residential Trip Meeting 5.30-6.30pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Year R Liturgy (10 – 10.30am)  
18-22<sup>nd</sup> **Spring Half term** – School closed for pupils  
25<sup>th</sup> School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am  
28<sup>th</sup> Year 5/ 5E Swimming Lessons commence (for 5 weeks)

### **MARCH 2019**

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

### **APRIL 2019**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> KS2 Penitential Service  
4<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross (KS1 & 2)  
5<sup>th</sup> **INSET DAY** - School closed to pupils  
8-19<sup>th</sup> **EASTER HOLIDAYS** – School closed for pupils  
22<sup>nd</sup> **Easter Monday** – Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils  
23<sup>rd</sup> Summer term - School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am

### **MAY 2019**

- 6<sup>th</sup> **May Bank Holiday** – School closed for pupils  
7<sup>th</sup> Year R Trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park  
w/c 13<sup>th</sup> \*\*\* KS2 SATS week  
21<sup>st</sup> Years 3 and 4 - Mass (at Church)  
21<sup>st</sup> \*\*\* Hampshire Fire and Rescue visiting Year 1  
23<sup>rd</sup> School reports issued for Years 1, 3, 4 and 5  
23<sup>rd</sup> \*\*\* Class Photos  
27-31<sup>st</sup> **SUMMER HALF TERM** – School closed for pupils

## JUNE 2019

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

## JULY 2019

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

## SEPTEMBER 2019

4 <sup>th</sup>	*** <b>INSET DAY</b> - School closed to pupils
5 <sup>th</sup>	*** School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
27 <sup>th</sup>	*** <b>INSET DAY</b> - School closed to pupils

## OCTOBER 2019

28th to 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	*** <b>AUTUMN HALF TERM</b> – School closed for pupils
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## NOVEMBER 2019

4 <sup>th</sup>	*** School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
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## DECEMBER 2019

20 <sup>th</sup>	*** <b>INSET DAY</b> - School closed to pupils
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\*\*\* **INSET** days 2020: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Further dates for 2019/2020 term can be found on the School Website:

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