



NEWS FROM MR. CUNNINGHAM

The March newsletter comes, as ever, very close to the end of term. What is odd this year, though, is that the closure of the spring term is still two and a half weeks away from Easter Day. We have marked Ash Wednesday, Lent and the Stations of the Cross in school during March, and will return to school on Tuesday 23 April still very much in Easter Week. We will use our worship in school during that first shortened week back to celebrate the victory of the Cross and the joy of the resurrection as a whole school community.

During January the school sent out questionnaires to all 219 families with children at St Peter's. My thanks go to everyone who, in the midst of busy lives, were able to provide the school with honest opinion and constructive feedback on a range of issues. The results of the survey were collated and shared with Governors, as were all written statements provided in the 'free text' sections of the questionnaire. I have had time to reflect on these findings and present to Governors a range of ideas to continue with school development in the light of parent feedback. Over the coming term I plan to re-introduce family drop-ins at the end of a school day for 'book looks', a chance for parents and carers to see the full range of work in their child's books. It is also our intention to ensure a more even balance in home learning between spelling practice and times table practice as well as daily reading – see the February Newsletter for my piece on how best to provide the most effective home learning support to aid your child's progress and development in school. Finally, as a way of shedding more light for parents on how their children's learning and work is regularly assessed throughout a school week, future newsletters will have pieces on the daily routine of teachers in different year groups to give insights into our professional practice at St Peter's. It was pleasing to note that the questionnaire responses showed overwhelming support for the practices and procedures that make up St Peter's. But of course, these routines would be nothing without the excellent adults who make them happen on a daily basis. I am honoured and humbled to lead a brilliant team of professionals, both in the classrooms and throughout the whole school staff, who give of their all every day to educate, nurture and encourage our children in every way they can.

The staff of St Peter's wish all of our families a happy and holy Easter.

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

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently 97.4%, which is 0.1% below our whole school target of 97.5%. Our attendance is good, being above the national average of 95% and the Government's expectation of at least 96%. However, as we strive for excellence at St Peter's, we are always aiming for 100%, or as close to this as possible. Please send your child in to school unless they are really unwell, for example with a high temperature, sickness or diarrhoea. We will always contact you if we feel that your child is struggling in school. All children are entitled to as full an education as they are able.

Punctuality

Regular monitoring of attendance and punctuality takes place at St. Peter's. 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 unhelpful habits for the future.

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. You will receive a letter from school if we are concerned about your child's lateness. Thank you to all those who work hard to give their child the best start to the day by getting here on time.

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OTHER NEWS FROM MRS. PELLING

Park Community School in Leigh Park are kindly offering free, hot meals for families over the Easter Holiday, see below (at the bottom of the newsletter) for details. Please note that on the last Sunday of every month they also provide a roast dinner, all you have to do is turn up and munch!

Park Families at Sure Start, Leigh Park are providing a 2 hour First Aid training for parents, carers and grandparents for £5. There is one date in May still left, again please see the bottom of the newsletter for contact details.

Well-being

At St. Peter's the staff are really focused in supporting children and families with positive mental health and well-being. We would like to share two resources with you which we feel may also be helpful at home;

- ✚ Hampshire CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and the Youth Commission from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office have worked together alongside young people, to design a self-help leaflet titled the A-Z of coping strategies - <https://vimeo.com/301241209>
- ✚ How to make a self-soothing box for anxiety, calming down - <https://vimeo.com/303724055>

Mrs. P. Pelling, Child & Family Support Worker

CHANGE OF DATE: SPORTS DAY

Please be advised that the date of this year's school Sports Day has changed. It will now take place on **Friday 14th June**.

School Office

GOVERNOR NEWS

One of the duties of our School Governors is to undertake monitoring visits. In February, I was very privileged to meet with the MDSA team, who supervise lunch and break times. During my visit, I observed both playgrounds and the dining hall during the lunch period. All students were impeccably behaved and very polite.

There was a variety of play equipment available in both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds including the following:

- KS1: Books/various sized hoops/stilts/supervisors helping to manage the football area/year 6 leaders were interacting really well with younger students and helped with their games.
- KS2: activities included Lego/basketball/skipping ropes/badminton.

The children really looked as though they were enjoying their lunch break, and it was wonderful to see the variety of equipment available.

Andrea Bell, Governor

POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the children who got through to the finals of our school "Off By Heart" poetry competition. The standard of performance was extremely high, and the whole school were treated to a great afternoon of entertainment. The overall winners for each phase were: Caelan Wright in Year R; Feodora Asiedu in Year 1; Maddison Gissing in Year 4 and Kian Marples in Year 5.

A huge well done to them all!

Mr. S. Crozier, Deputy Headteacher

LIBRARY NEWS

World Book Day

What an amazing day! Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun by dressing up, sharing stories and providing a special Hogwarts experience in the lunch hall. I hope you all enjoyed spending your £1 book tokens and listening to the special bedtime stories, recorded by members of staff on the school website.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the World Book Day competitions, winning Roald Dahl pencils, notebooks and £5 book tokens to spend at the Travelling Book Fair.

School Library Service (SLS)

The Hampshire School Library Service provide an excellent range of resources to support learning in schools, to promote reading for pleasure and provide school libraries with a variety of carefully chosen, new and exciting books.

Throughout the Spring Term, Puffer Fish and Turtles have been reading, exploring and reviewing a selection of new picture books, provided by SLS. The children have chosen their favourite book, "You're Called WHAT?!" and their votes have been submitted to the Hampshire Picture Book Award 2019.

Pupils in Kangaroo and Koala have been reading, judging and discussing a shortlist of new information books, provided by SLS. When the year 4 votes were counted, two books received the same number of votes, 'Neil Armstrong and the Moon Landings' and 'How Does my Home Work?' These results have been submitted to the Hampshire Information Book Award 2019.

By taking part in this event, the school have received 3 copies of each book, 24 new books in total, to be added to the school library.

Waterlooville Library – Holiday Events

Waterlooville Library will be hosting a number of special events over the Easter Holiday, such as Roald Dahl Inspired Cookery on Monday 8th April (£10 per head). Be sure to check the website for further information and booking.

Annie Porter, Librarian

FRIENDS OF ST. PETER'S

Hello, we have been busy working behind the scenes. St. Peter's "Summerfest" is rapidly approaching, and things are starting to come together.

Mothers Day Sale – A big thank you to all the volunteers who have given up their time to help purchase, wrap and sell over 400 gifts. Another successful year, it is nice to see the children excited as they make their choices and we hope you enjoy your gifts and have a Happy Mothers Day!

Upcoming events:

4th April from 2.45pm

Second Hand Uniform Sale (outside school office)

26th April: 1630- 1830: KS1 – "The Greatest Showman", tickets £3 each. Come sing and dance with some special guests... look out for flyers for more details.

3rd May: KS2 - Silent Disco, tickets £3 each. Due to the number of headsets available, the night will be split into two sessions: Session 1 for years 3 and 4; Session 2 for years 5 and 6. See flyers nearer the time for more details.

11th, 12th and 13th June: Father's Day Sale

The next Friends of St. Peter's meeting will be held on Friday 3rd May.

Charmaine Bennett (Chairperson)

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

The next Second Hand School Uniform sale will be held outside the school reception area next Thursday 4th April from 2.45pm. If you need to restock, please come along and grab a bargain!

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PARENT LITE APP

The new Parent Lite App is a quick and convenient way for parents to review and update contact details. We are in the process of rolling this out to parents, and some of you will have received an invite via email already. If you have been sent an invite, please review, update and confirm changes. Even if you have no changes to make to your details, please confirm no changes using the button provided within the app. You can use the app to make any further updates to contact details during the course of the year. Thank you.

School Office

HEADS UP FOR GUIDE DOGS

Well done to Year 4 for their efforts raising £200 for Guide Dogs for the Blind, on "Heads Up for Guide Dogs" day.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

Thank you to all the parents that completed the questionnaire in the Autumn term. The questionnaire responses have now been collated and outcomes have been discussed amongst the Senior leadership of the school and also shared with the Governors. Feedback from this questionnaire will inform future actions for the school going forward.

Mrs. J. Stewart, Year 3 Teacher

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!

Are there any grandparents who would be willing to give up an hour a week to be a reading mentor to a couple of Year 4 or 5 pupils? The role involves coming into school to hear the child read and also building a relationship with the child to discuss the book they are reading and encouraging them in their reading at home.

The school will provide guidance and will undertake the necessary DBS checks. For further information, please contact Mrs Kate Phillips on 02392 262599.

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LOST PROPERTY

We have a very large amount of lost property in school, the majority of which is totally unnamed. We will be putting it all out on display at school pickup (from 2.45pm) next Wednesday 3rd April. Please take the time to look and hopefully retrieve any items that belong to your child. We will be disposing of/recycling any unclaimed items after this date.

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WALKING INTO SCHOOL

Could we please ask that all parents and children walking into school use the path through the field. It is MUCH safer than weaving your way through the cars and will mean a much calmer start to the school day.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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SPORTS NEWS

Some of the Pupils from our school have had the opportunity to experience sports events against other schools in the area, as well as experiencing new sports activities:

Year 5 - Badminton

Year 2 - Tag Rugby

Year 1 - Gymnastics

Next term the sports events are:

Year 4 - Tennis Tournament

Year 3 - Quadkids

Year 6 - Quadkids

Year 1 - Cricket skills

Year 2 - Cricket skills

Year 3 – Orienteering

Mrs. J. Spicer

GOLDEN KEYS

Week beginning 25th February 2019

RD	Evie Bowden	RJ	Tate Taylor
1L	Dexie Conlane	1S	Kecy Barnes
2A	Payton Pressley	2OK	William Pal
3SS	Grace Collins	3H	Joshua Davies
4B	Phoebe Churcher	4S	Benjamin Ford
5E	Hannah Upton	5CW	Kieran Cheung
6P	Jack Jordan	6L	Liam Emery

Week beginning 4th March 2019

RD	Max Mulcahy	RJ	Caelan Wright
1L	Jack Shijo	1S	Cieran Nunez-Morton
2A	Fabio Panamchickal	2OK	Luca Dalmut-Rudd
3SS	Cian McLaughlin	3H	Cody Barber-Ford
4B	Caitlin Meechan	4S	Travis Tricker
5E	Joe Bennett	5CW	Ansley-John Noblefranca
6P	Aoife Hatch	6L	Charlie Cripps

Week beginning 11th March 2019

RD	Neve Nolan	RJ	Theodore Davenport-Jallow
1L	Feodora Asiedu	1S	Maci Cole
2A	Joshua Watson	2OK	Thomas Cooper
3SS	Jake Barnes	3H	Aaron Bino
4B	Jake Street	4S	Anna Manuel
5E	Jeremy Lea	5CW	Amelie Frost
6P	-	6L	-

Week beginning 18th March 2019

RD	Cohen Morgan	RJ	Isabelle Spencer
1L	Matilda Moss	1S	Frankie Valentine
2A	Dexter Challis	2OK	Luke Lyon
3SS	Bella-Mae Sanders	3H	Ethan Jordan
4B	Filip Machedon	4S	Faith Martin
5E	Cameron McIntyre	5CW	Joshua Renji
6P	Lily Tan	6L	Hannah Maple

Week beginning 25th March 2019

RD	Denzel Sebastian	RJ	Florence Turner
1L	Emma-Rose Cole	1S	Gabriella Ward
2A	Malakai Asante	2OK	-
3SS	Conor Marples	3H	Oliver Cunningham
4B	Emily Long	4S	Bradley-Ray Polley
5E	Andrew Soy	5CW	Ruby Garvey
6P	Dominic Lethbridge	6L	Vincent Inman

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

APRIL 2019

2nd	Stations of the Cross (Years R, 1 and 2) – 1.30pm
3rd	Stations of the Cross (Year 6) – 1pm at Oaklands Chapel
3rd	Stations of the Cross (Year 4) – 2pm at Oaklands Chapel
4th	Stations of the Cross (Year 5) – 1pm at Oaklands Chapel
4th	Stations of the Cross (Year 3) – 2pm at Oaklands Chapel
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
26th	*** KS1 “The Greatest Showman” (4.30 – 6.30pm)

MAY 2019

3rd	*** KS2 Silent Disco
6th	May Bank Holiday – School closed for pupils
7th	Year R Trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park
w/c 13th	KS2 SATS week
21st	Years 3 and 4 - Mass (at Church)
21st	Hampshire Fire and Rescue visiting Year 1
23rd	School reports issued for Years 1, 3, 4 and 5
23rd	Class Photos
27-31st	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)
11 th , 12 th , 13 th	*** Father's Day Sale
11 th	Years 5 and 6 - Mass (at Church)
14 th	*** SPORTS DAY ***
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 Summer Fest (5.30 – 8pm)

JULY 2019

2 nd	Whole School Feast Day Mass (10.30 – 11.30am) – pupils only
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	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
5 th	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
27 th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

OCTOBER 2019

28th to 1 st Nov	AUTUMN HALF TERM – School closed for pupils
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NOVEMBER 2019

4 th	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
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DECEMBER 2019

20 th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
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INSET days 2020: Friday 14th February 2020 and Wednesday 22nd 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>

MUNCH EASTER 2019

EASTER HOLIDAY DATES

MONDAY FRIDAY

8TH - 19TH
APRIL

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our Facebook and
Twitter pages!

@pcsmunch

@MUNCHPO9



MUNCH PROVIDES:

- A FREE 2 course hot meal and drink for families on limited budgets
- Fun activities for children
- A friendly place to come and chat and meet other families
- Learning opportunities
- Available for any family in Leigh Park schools and the surrounding PO9 areas.

FREE lunch is served
at 12.00pm - 1.00pm
each day



We can do this because we have many generous funders, however any donation towards food is much appreciated.



FIRST AID TOPS TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



Available Dates:
19th March 2019
09:30-11:30am
21st May 2019
09:30-11:30am



Gain confidence by enrolling on our informal, relaxed workshop by expanding your knowledge to help you stay calm in an emergency situation.

This 2 hour course covers:

- Resuscitation
- Choking
- Head Injuries
- Burns and scalds
- Wounds and bleeding
- Common childhood illnesses

Suitable for parents/carers/grandparents etc.
Children very welcome, family friendly café on site.



Where: Park Families Surestart Centre,
Havant, PO9 4LR

Price • £5.00 per Adult.

Please enquire at reception or call
02392 424980 for the next available course.