



"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"

NEWS FROM MR. CUNNINGHAM

As you read this newsletter, we will hopefully be feeling the early effects of a long hot summer. The half term break is just around the corner, providing the opportunity for rest and relaxation for the pupils, if not the parents! As ever, there is much media attention on schools at this time of year about the pressure of tests and reduced break time activities for children to socialise. At St Peter's we believe we have the balance right between formal teaching and independent discovery led learning to meet curriculum expectations, and also helping children to grow, interact and have fun together in a safe and happy environment. We constantly review our curriculum content, teaching methods and additional provision to make sure we are providing the most rounded and comprehensive education possible for the children in the school. In the months of June and July we will be having classroom drop-in sessions at the end of the day to allow families to see the scope and depth of their children's learning this year. These will not be additional parent-teacher consultation evenings, but instead a chance for you to go through your child's books with them, giving the pupils the opportunity to explain to you their learning and progress over the course of this year.

After the half term holiday, there are still almost 8 school weeks until the final pupil day of Tuesday 23rd July. A huge amount of essential learning and transition work goes on in the second half of the summer term, so please do not book holidays or days out with children in the mistaken belief that July is something of a 'wind down' month before the summer break. Written reports for pupils in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 are scheduled to be issued in the week before the May half term. These will contain sound advice on where the children can work to make further progress in the second half of the summer term to finish the school year on a high. Year 2 reports will follow at the end of June, with Year R and 6 reports being issued in the third week of July before the end of term.

Finally, please keep in your prayers the children from St Peter's who will be making their First Holy Communion in parishes near and far in the months of June and July.

Mr. R. Cunningham, Headteacher

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently at 97.1%.

This is very good but is slightly down from last month due to a high level of illness and unauthorised holidays taken in term time.

Attendance for each year group from the start of the academic year is as follows:

Year R	96.2%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	97.4%

Congratulations to Year 5 who currently have the best attendance in the school! Years 4 & 6 are not far behind.

All year groups are above the national average of 95% and Government's expectation of at least 96%.

Punctuality

There are still a number of pupils being late for school. Since returning after Easter there have been 69 pupils late on 130 occasions. Your child is entitled to their full learning time. Please make sure that your child is in school ready to learn when the register is taken at 8.50 am. The school gates are open from 8.30 am and breakfast club is open from 8.00 am. If your child arrives late but before 9.10 am when the register closes, a "L" (late) code will be added to the register. If they arrive very late, after 9.10 am, a "U" (late after registers closed) code will be added. Persistent lateness and too many "L" and "U" codes may result in a penalty notice. We know that there are some times when we just cannot help being late. We would always rather you brought your child in late, than not at all.

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FRIENDS OF ST. PETER'S

Firstly, thank you to everyone who helped support us with "The Greatest Showman" and "Silent Disco" events that we had a few weeks ago. They both seemed quite popular amongst the pupils and parents. A big thanks to the volunteers who gave up their time - without you these events are not possible.

We are now heading into the busiest period of the Friends of St Peter's calendar. We have lots of events happening over the next few weeks and any help is very much appreciated.

5th June and 9th July 6pm - New Starters parents meeting

11th, 12th June - Father's Day sale.

A selection of gifts will be on offer, ranging from £1 - £5.

Look out for flyers in book bags soon.

21st June – Non-Uniform day to coincide with the schools 'Countries of the World, Carnival Day'.

Children are encouraged to dress brightly and celebrate, all for the cost of bringing a bottle. Bottles can contain absolutely anything, wine, shampoo, fizzy drinks and so on.

Look out for more information via parent mail very soon.

28th June 530-8pm – "Summerfest"

Come and join this year's Country and Western Showdown. There will be music from Dolly Parton, fun and games, stalls, BBQ, Licensed Bar and most importantly, special performances from the children, who have been working incredibly hard.

Tickets can be purchased after half term.

Family and friends welcome. Advance tickets are £4 an adult, £3 for children, under 4's are free. Tickets will also be available to purchase on the gate at £5 per ticket, per person.

Finally, as we head towards the end of the school year and the children are rapidly growing out of their uniforms, please consider offering any unwanted/unused uniform to the school for use in our second-hand sales.

We are also looking for donations for raffle prizes for our End of Year Raffle.

For further information please contact us on friendsofstpeters2019@outlook.com. Many thanks.

Charmaine Bennett (Chair)

GOVERNOR NEWS

The school year is racing by. This week a few of my Governor colleagues and I attended the school, on different days, to observe the start of the Year 6 SATS tests. We were all very impressed by the attention to detail the staff were taking, to prepare the school and the pupils for the tests. Great care was taken to ensure that individual needs and requirements were fully met. In the classrooms, prior to the tests starting, children were all sitting quietly and calmly. Year 6 parents should be very proud of how well they behaved. I hope the tests have given everyone the opportunity to show how much they have developed and flourished during their years at St Peter's.

It is of paramount importance that the school continues to develop and grow with the ever changing needs the world presents to our young people. A key role in this is the governance of the school and we currently have vacancies for Parent Governors. If you feel this is something you may be interested in, please contact the school as we would be delighted to explain the role fully.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term.

Peter Brookes, LA Governor

STEM returners programme with BAE

2nd STEM Returners programme for returning Engineers with BAE Systems Air in Hampshire.

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! After the unprecedented success of the first programme where 100% of returners were offered permanent roles, we are currently sourcing candidates for the 2nd BAE Systems 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in September 2019 in Portsmouth. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com.

More information on the programme is also available here: <https://www.stemreturners.com/2019/04/29/returners-programme-becomes-integral-part-bae-systems-maritimes-attraction-strategy/>

School Office

OTHER NEWS FROM MRS. PELLING

Family Fun

Please see the adverts below for a fantastic offer from Park Community School, of FREE music, fun and meal for families. Please contact them directly if you would like more information.

MUNCH-A-CISE
FOR FAMILIES

STARTING
THURSDAY
23RD MAY

Don't forget to like our Facebook and Twitter pages!
@pcsmunch
@MUNCHPO9

MUNCH
Come along and have an hour of activity fun with Leon, lots of fun and music before you have Thursdays MUNCH meal.

FREE!
FOR ALL THE FAMILY

4.30PM-5.30PM

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

Park Community School

MUNCH MAY HALF TERM

SUNDAY 26TH
SUNDAY MUNCH LUNCH

HALF TERM
TUESDAY 28TH WEDNESDAY 29TH
THURSDAY 30TH FRIDAY 31ST

MUNCH
Breakfast available 9.00-9.30am
Lunch available 12.00-1.00pm
Thursday tea time 5.00-6.00pm

Lunch is served at 12.00pm - 1.00pm each day

Park Community School

Park Community School
Middle Park Way, Havant, PO9 4BU
www.pcs.hants.sch.uk

Message from the School Kitchen

Plastic waste reduction

We have cut back on plastic waste by buying metal spoons instead of using plastic spoons, and using washable cups instead of using disposable cups.

However, we still need your help. We would like every child to have a named water bottle and bring it to lunch every day. The bottles can be taken out to the field after lunch to keep the children hydrated as the weather starts warming up.

Jacket Potato option

From the 17th June, we will be offering a jacket potato every day for lunch. There will still be a Red and a Green option everyday too. Look out for the new menus!

Birthday party lunches

We love offering this opportunity to your children. Please ensure the forms are returned to us two weeks before the party lunch date. This is important so we can make sure the correct orders are placed and the children get the best party. Thank you.

School Kitchen

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs. Spicer who is getting married during half term. She will return as Mrs. Pitman and we wish her and her husband-to-be every happiness.

COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD CARNIVAL – 21ST JUNE

*** CHANGE OF TIME ***

As advised in the April newsletter, to support our whole school learning about different countries and cultures of the world, we will be concluding the topic with a carnival on Friday 21st June.

Each year group will focus on a nominated country. In the carnival, we will invite children to dress in customary clothing from their country. They will be performing dances, demonstrating music, and showcasing their understanding of their country.

The carnival will take place from 1.30pm (previously advised as 2pm, note earlier time), on the field (weather permitting).

Parents are invited to come and watch this sensational carnival; please remember that there will be no parking onsite unless you are a pass holder.

Mrs. N. Edge, Year 5 team

SPORTS NEWS

This half term has been an exciting time with sports.

Children from various year groups participated in sports events with other schools.

Year 4 - Tennis Tournament at Denmead Tennis Club.

Year 3 - Quadkids at Havant Academy.

Year 5 - Quadkids at Havant Academy.

Year 2 - Cricket Skills at Springwood junior school.

The children were able to experience different activities, playing alongside other schools. At the end of each event I hear the children frequently saying "that was amazing, can we do it again?".

In June some of Year 3 are going orienteering at Staunton Country Park.

Mrs. J. Spicer

LIBRARY NEWS

Over the half-term holiday, please make time to enjoy listening to your child read their library book and find other opportunities to share the written word with them. For example, solve crossword puzzles, read a menu or follow the instructions for a new game.

Public libraries offer a wide variety of clubs and activities, particularly during the school holidays.

Elmer's Day – Saturday 25th May 2019

Elmer is a patchwork elephant. According to the stories written by David McKee, on one day a year, elephants decorate themselves in all the colours of the rainbow and hold a parade. Pupils from Book Club and Storytime Club have been finding out about Elmer and have created a colourful display in the school library.

You are invited to celebrate Elmer's 30th Birthday at Emsworth Library, on Saturday 25th May, from 9:30-midday. Join a free workshop to make Elmer out of a milk carton. Or visit Petersfield Library to enjoy an afternoon of Elmer themed crafts from 1-4pm.

World Otter Day – Wednesday 29th May

Emsworth and Petersfield libraries invite you to drop in for some Otterly great crafts, fun facts and a treasure hunt, from 9:30-midday, on World Otter Day.

Construction Club – Saturday 25th May

Do you love making things with Lego and Duplo bricks? Waterlooville Library invite you to join their free, monthly Construction Club; drop in between 10am and 2pm.

Library Stock Check

Our annual library stock check will take place from Monday 1st July until Friday 12th July. No books will be issued between Friday 28th June and Friday 12th July. Children will be able to borrow books for the summer holidays from Monday 15th July. Please look for any overdue library books and return these as soon as possible.

Annie Porter, Librarian

HAY FEVER

If your child is affected by hay fever, please can you give them the appropriate medication prior to coming to school. There is medication available that can be given once a day, or ones that can be given morning or evening. Please speak to your pharmacist or doctor to find out which one is the best for your child. We would be grateful for your support in this matter.

School Office

NUT ALLERGY

We have children in school who are allergic to nuts. Please could we ask that when you pack your child's lunch, you avoid obvious nut-based snacks and fillings, such as peanut butter and Nutella. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Office

SPARE MONITORS

Does anyone have a computer monitor that they no longer need? If so, Year R are in need of a couple - flat screen monitors that aren't too big would be ideal. Please contact the school office if you have one to spare. Thank you.

School Office

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

This year, as before, we are supporting the charity Apostleship of the Sea. Through the charity seafarers from across the world, who are away from their homes for months at a time and lead hard lives at sea, are given a Christmas package made up of collected items.

This term we are collecting items such as toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste and toiletries, for example, soap and shower gel. The aim is to add to these during the autumn term with some additional gifts such as chocolates, gloves and hats to make up the final Christmas gift.

We would be very grateful if you could send in the non-perishable items listed above before the end of this summer term.

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SPORTS DAY: FRIDAY 14TH JUNE

Sports Day is Friday 14th June, 9.15 am to 12.15 pm

Please make sure that your child has a named water bottle and a named hat with them for Sports Day. Sunscreen should be applied before school if required. All children will be provided with a mid-morning snack of fruit on the field.

Children should wear T shirts in their house colours. A letter will be sent out in your child's book bag to confirm which house they are in. House colours are:

St Joseph - Yellow

St Theresa - Blue

St Francis - Green

St Martha - Red

St John - Purple

Parents are very warmly welcome to attend Sports Day. It is advisable to bring rugs/folding chairs to sit on. Please note that refreshments will not be on sale on the day so please bring anything you may require. Parking will only be available on site for St Peter's pass holders.

School Office

ADMISSIONS TO ST. PETER'S

Thank you so much to all the parents who have spread the word and recommended St Peter's to their family and friends. We have shown a number of prospective parents around the school in the last few weeks and our numbers for September are looking very healthy. Please continue to recommend us - word of mouth is the best form of advertising!

400 CLUB WINNERS

Well done to our 400 Club Winners for March and April!

MARCH 2019	
1 st prize - £49.00	Roger McLaughlin (192)
2 nd prize - £29.40	Sandra Johnson (328)
3 rd prize - £9.80	Maria McGannan (9)
4 th prize - £9.80	Eileen Baines (395)
APRIL 2019	
1 st prize - £46.50	Helen Hogg (47)
2 nd prize - £27.90	Matthew Heathcote (400)
3 rd prize - £9.30	Helen Hogg (49)
4 th prize - £9.30	Imelda Howell (414)

GOLDEN KEYS

Week beginning 30th April 2019

RD	Sofia Smy	RJ	Cezara Gaspar
1L	Oliver Crabb	1S	Trinity Ricketts
2A	Kiera Jackson	2OK	Connie Bignell
3SS	Callum Redshaw	3H	Emi Hurst
4B	Henry Burrige	4S	Stanley Perriman
5E	Niamh Pope	5CW	Jacob Kurowski
6P	-	6L	-

Week beginning 6th May 2019

RD	Humphrey Brown	RJ	Ava Gauntlett
1L	Maksym Plizga	1S	Justin Chen
2A	Ava Atkins	2OK	-
3SS	Jocelyn Shijo	3H	Liam Kirby
4B	Louis Read	4S	Iannis Milia
5E	Amelia Morris	5CW	Joshua Pereira
6P	-	6L	-

Week beginning 13th May 2019

RD	Mason Churcher	RJ	Amelia Do'urden
1L		1S	
2A	Oliver Hill	2OK	Johan Joshy
3SS	Ayva Oldland	3H	Dominika Plizga
4B	Charlie Wright	4S	Isabel Thomas
5E	Benita Byju	5CW	James Riggs
6P	-	6L	-

Week beginning 20th May 2019

RD	Everlynn Wimbleton	RJ	Raffaella Andrews
1L	Matthew Walsh	1S	Alfin Bino
2A	Isabeau Patrick	2OK	Sidney Martin
3SS	-	3H	-
4B	-	4S	-
5E	Phoebe de Bohan	5CW	-
6P	-	6L	-

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

JUNE 2019

3rd	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
4th	Year 2 Liturgy (10 - 10.30am)
5th	Year 3 to the Library (am)
5th	New Year R Parents Meeting (6 - 7pm)
6th	Year 5 Indian Dancing Workshop (all day)
11th, 12th	Father's Day Sale
11th	Years 5 and 6 - Mass (at Church)
14th	Sports Day
18th	Year 1 Liturgy (10 - 10.30am)
21st	"Countries of the World" Carnival – 1.30 pm on the school field
24th to 28th	Year 6 Bikeability
25th	Year R Liturgy (10 - 10.30am)
28th	St. Peter's Summer Fest (5.30 – 8pm)

JULY 2019

w/c 1st	New Year R "Stay and Play" sessions and taster lunches
2nd	Whole School Feast Day Mass (10.30 – 11.30am) – pupils only
3rd	School reports issued for Year 2
5th	Transition Morning
5th	Year 4 Camping (on school field after school / overnight)
8th	Transition Afternoon
9th	New Year R Parents Meeting (6 – 7pm)
12th	Transition Day (whole school)
12th	Year 6 Transition Day (Oaklands)
15th	Year 5 Trip to Chichester Harbour
15th	Oaklands new Year 7 Induction Evening
16th	Year 6 Show (6.30 – 8pm)
17th	School reports issued for Years R and 6
19th	Year 6 Leavers Mass and Tea (1 – 3.30pm)
22nd	Year 6 Fun Day
23rd	Last day of summer term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15pm

SEPTEMBER 2019

4th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
5th	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
27th	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

OCTOBER 2019

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

NOVEMBER 2019

4th School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am

DECEMBER 2019

20th **INSET DAY** - School closed to pupils

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>