



NEWS FROM MR. CUNNINGHAM

Teachers and parents often say, come September, that 'It's as if we've never been away'. Speaking from a St Peter's point of view, I like this phrase, as it shows consistency across the summer break from one school year to the next. I'm pleased to say that the pupil community has returned to school with excellent learning behaviours, brilliant attitudes and wonderful commitment to their work. When I walk around the classrooms, I can say with great positivity that yes, it is as if the pupils have never been away from school. Well done to all the pupils in Years 1 to 6 for returning so well, and for setting an excellent example for our new Reception Year pupils.

Another project that we have carried over the summer holiday is our charity of the year, The Apostleship of the Sea. Charity forms a major part of our Christian commitment to our sisters and brothers. We are used to offering help to others elsewhere in the world, yet with the Apostleship of the Sea we can provide immediate support to people from around the world who find themselves here in our home port of Portsmouth. We have 2 crates full of toiletries which were collected in the summer term, and we are now adding to these with sweet treats for the seafarers to hand over in a care package. Any further donations of chocolate bars will be gratefully received, and serve as a great sign to our pupils of putting faith and charity into action.

Mr. R. Cunningham, Headteacher

OPEN DAYS

We are holding open days for prospective parents this autumn so please pass on the dates to anyone with small children who might be starting school next September. You do not have to be Catholic to attend St Peter's and we take pupils from a wide geographical area so please encourage your friends to come and have a look at the school in action. No need to book, just arrive for the start time on one of the following dates:

Tuesday 8th October 9.30-11.30 am

Wednesday 23rd October 1.15 – 2.45 pm

Thursday 7th November 1.15 – 2.45 pm

Monday 18th November 9.30 – 11.30 am

Monday 25th November 6 – 7 pm

"Walking hand in hand with God to make our world a better place"

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUB

CM Sports will be running an activity club at St Peter's each day in half term from 9 am to 4 pm (with an option of an 8 am drop off). Bookings must be made in advance via www.cm-sports.co.uk.

GOVERNOR NEWS

A very warm welcome to all of our new Reception children and families who started their first full days at school last week – Year R had their home visits from teachers, followed by a week of half day settling in sessions and are now beginning their educational journeys at St Peters. The children have already been very busy exploring their new environment and making new friends and were given a free book to take home and to enjoy with their families. We hope that there has been a smooth transition into this term and that the children enjoy their new routines, lunches and adventures here at school.

Andrea Bell, Governor

BANK HOLIDAY CHANGE IN 2020

As you have probably heard, 2020 will mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. The Early May Bank Holiday will be moved for 2020 only, from Monday 4th May 2020 to **Friday 8th May 2020** to mark this anniversary.

UPDATING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

The start of the school year is a good time to check if the contact details, medical information etc that we have for your child is still current.

This can be done easily by going on to the Parent Lite app. If you don't have it on your phone, please ask the school office and we will forward the link to you.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance MISS SCHOOL, MISS OUT!

Our whole school attendance at the end of last academic year was very good at 97%. Thank you to all those parents, carers, grandparents and children who worked really hard to achieve good attendance and got to school on time each day.

Our attendance target for this academic year is 97.5%.

We are off to a good start this academic year with attendance currently at 98% (Years 1-6). This figure could have been even higher without a number of unauthorised absences and extended family holidays at the start of this school year. Please note the following from the Local Authority;

'Children have 13 weeks annual holiday from school and school holiday dates are published well in advance. As such, all parents/carers are expected wherever possible to plan and take their family holidays at this time, so as not to disrupt their children's education. Education law states that parents **do not** have a right to take their child out of school for a holiday during term time. Only in exceptional circumstances may a headteacher grant permission for leave and it is the headteacher's decision on whether the absence is exceptional and how many days to approve.' Leave of absence forms are available from the school office.

St Peter's takes attendance and punctuality very seriously and would like to bring it to your attention early on in the school year, that once you have registered your child at St Peter's, it is **your legal responsibility** to make sure that she/he attends regularly and punctually.

A significant number of St Peter's parents/carers received penalty notices last academic year. A second penalty notice can lead to referral to the Attendance Legal Panel and court proceedings. We do not want to see any of our families have to go through this process. If you are having any problems, please contact the Child and Family Support Worker (Mrs Pelling), or the school office for advice. Further information is available in our Attendance Policy on the school website, or at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents>

Dates for 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years are on the St Peter's website. Please add them to your diary.

Punctuality

Is your child getting to school on time? Why is punctuality so important?

- It is also your *legal responsibility* to get your child to school on time. **Please note that the Local Authority are now issuing penalty notices (fines) for continued lateness.**
- 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 can feel embarrassed to walk into an assembly/lesson once it has started.
- Children that arrive late are developing bad 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 8.00 am for Breakfast club and the playgrounds are open from 8.30 am. Please allow plenty of time for your journey so that your child arrives at school feeling relaxed and prepared for learning. Get your child to school on time and see what they become!

Lateness after school

Please collect your child promptly at the end of the school day at 3.15 pm. If your child is taking part in an after-school club, please be aware of the different pick-up times and places and ensure that they are picked up on time. If you are continually or significantly late, this becomes a safeguarding concern and the school is obliged to take any uncollected pupil to a place of safety and share concerns, as necessary, with other agencies. Please see our Attendance Policy on the school website for more information on any attendance matters. If you are really struggling with timings please speak to the school office, or the Child and Family Support Worker (Mrs Pelling) who may be able to help you.

Pupil Premium Grant

Your child could be eligible for a special Pupil Premium government grant which is given to the school to fund extra support or challenge, as and when needed in school. This also applies to Reception, Year 1 & 2 who already receive universal free school meals. Please check to see if your child qualifies for free school meals and the Pupil Premium grant. Even if you do not think your child qualifies, it is worth giving it a go, especially if your circumstances change. It only takes 5 minutes.

Follow the link below (or ctrl and right click on it).

-Scroll down to No. 2 'check eligibility'

-press the link for on-line checking, or the green tab and fill in your details.

You will need to have dates of birth and your national insurance number to hand.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary> If your child is eligible, you do not need to do anything else but keep a record of the reference number. The school will be automatically notified if your child qualifies.

Mrs. P. Pelling, Child & Family Support Worker

p.pelling@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

School Traffic

We are still without a school crossing patrol outside school so all families are advised to use either of the two traffic light crossings on Stakes Hill Road or the underpass beneath Friendstaple Road.

Please park with consideration for our neighbours when you deliver or collect your children. Particularly, do not obstruct pavements. One of our local residents had to drive his mobility scooter, and another their double buggy, onto the road because of unhelpful parking opposite the school recently.

There are very few car park spaces at St Peter's. If your child enters via the North (KS2) playground, please use the drop off zone. If you are walking your child to the South playground and the car park is full, do not park in the middle of the car park. You will have to drive around the loop again or park offsite.

Jewellery

Our school policy states "It is not advisable for children to wear earrings to school but parents may sign a disclaimer if they do. Only plain studs may be worn. Children must either be able to take out their own studs for PE or they must bring their own micropore tape (available from pharmacies) and cover the earrings themselves". Please practise this with them at home.

END OF DAY MESSAGES

Please make every effort to notify the school office about any changes to end of day arrangements **before 2.15 pm**. Messages for teachers and pupils are taken to classrooms at this time and late notification causes disruption to the office staff and the class.

PILATES & ZUMBA CLASSES AT ST. PETER'S

Lisa Ayling, a fitness instructor who has been running classes locally for a number of years, is now running classes in our new Unity Building.

Tuesdays: Zumba Toning 6-7 pm; Pilates 7-8 pm.

Wednesdays: Zumba 6.30-7.30 pm; Pilates: 7.30-8.30 pm.

To book contact Lisa Ayling on 07889 318630.

PLASTIC BOTTLES NEEDED

Please send in 2 litre fizzy drinks plastic bottles with the end bumps cut off but leaving as much length as possible. Year 5 will be taking these on their residential trip where the Sustainability Centre will be using them to build a plastic bottle greenhouse.

GIFTS FOR APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

In the summer term 2019 many families generously donated to our Apostleship of the Sea campaign. In an effort to provide Christmas care packages for the many foreign seafarers who spend time docked in Portsmouth, children brought in toiletries for the care packages, and we now have two large crates to hand over to the Apostleship of the Sea.

We would now like to ask your help for the second phase of this charitable drive. We are asking for small donations of the following to complete the care packages:

Chocolate bars. The most popular bars of chocolates are Snickers, but any treats are welcome. Chocolate bars (branded and own brand) can be found in packs of 4 for £1.00 in most supermarkets.

Boiled sweets. All supermarkets do their own brand versions, again available for £1:00 or less.

Socks. The best ones are black working socks, and these are available from Poundland. (**Scarves and gloves** can sometimes be bought at a reasonable cost, but are dearer than socks. These items are really appreciated, though, should families with several children in the school want this to be a combined donation.) **No second-hand items of clothing please.**

Religious items. The only other items which seafarers often request are rosary beads and small crucifixes. We would not expect new ones, but if there are any old ones no longer needed then they would be gratefully received.

Your generosity of any amount is greatly appreciated. If children could please hand their donations to their class teachers, and we will be sure to store any treats away from the classrooms once they have been handed in!

Mr R Cunningham Headteacher

NON UNIFORM DAY

Friday October 4th will be a non uniform day. Children are invited to come to school in brightly coloured clothes to raise money for CAFOD's Wear it Bright for Harvest Campaign to help those less fortunate than ourselves. A donation of £1 per child is requested, and £1 per family is equally welcome if some parents find that donation more appropriate to their circumstances.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

Hello everyone,

Hope you all enjoyed the summer! Our next Friends meeting will be on 24th October at 3.15.

We have a busy year ahead:

Starting with our Mini and Big Monster Balls (this year for both KS1 and KS2) on 25th October – Further details to follow soon.

The Christmas party for the children is on 13th December.

Volunteers are needed for both events so please get in touch via the school office if you can help.

Thank you for your continued support

Charmaine

Friends of St Peter's

OTHER NEWS FROM MRS. PELLING

Well-Being

Do you know someone aged 11-17 struggling with their mental health and well-being? Mind and the NHS have teamed up together to provide a safe haven drop-in, three times a week in the Havant area. Please see the advert for more details



Young person's safe haven

Open to all young people 11 – 17 years old living within Havant Borough

- Everyone is welcome
- It's a safe, supportive and confidential space
- Immediate access to emotional support for anyone struggling with their mental health or wellbeing
- Art & Craft, Games, Cooking and Mindfulness Activities
- Tuesdays and Thursdays 5pm – 8pm
- Saturdays 10.30am – 1.30pm

Pallant House Play Cafe (Walk down the road next to Waitrose), The Pallant, Havant, PO9 1BE

www.easthantsmind.org
Registered charity no. 1116381

  

GOLDEN KEYS

Week beginning 9th September 2019

3S Joshua Watson

4H Enzo Lee

5E Stanley Perriman

6P Isla Brown

3PA Lloyd Moseley

4J Conor Marples

5SC Aston Lewendon

6L Toby Collins

Week beginning 16th September 2019

1L Matthew McQuiston

2F Oliver Humfrey

1JK Noah Kidd

2OS Emma-Rose Cole

Week beginning 23rd September 2019

4H Jocelyn Shijo

4J Oliver Cunningham

400 Club:	May 2019		
1 st prize	£50.25	No. 119	Mrs S Alexander
2 nd prize	£30.15	No. 421	Mrs I Howell
3 rd prize	£10.05	No. 405	Mr M Heathcote
4 th prize	£10.05	No. 376	Mrs J Garvey

400 Club:	June 2019		
1 st prize	£51.50	No. 89	Mrs A Bowden
2 nd prize	£30.90	No. 421	Mrs I Howell
3 rd prize	£10.30	No. 345	Mrs J Garvey
4 th prize	£10.30	No. 190	Mr R McLaughlin

400 Club:	July 2019		
1 st prize	£51.50	No. 96	Mrs K Unit
2 nd prize	£30.90	No. 238	Mrs N Cunningham
3 rd prize	£10.30	No. 409	Mr M Heathcote
4 th prize	£10.30	No. 109	Mrs M Crocker

400 Club:	August 2019		
1 st prize	£44.50	No. 347	Mrs J Garvey
2 nd prize	£26.70	No. 193	Mr R McLaughlin
3 rd prize	£8.90	No. 423	Mrs I Howells
4 th prize	£8.90	No. 352	Mrs J Garvey

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BY JOINING THE 400 CLUB PLEASE ASK THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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

SEPTEMBER 2019

27th INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

OCTOBER 2019

2nd to 4th 5SW Sustainability Centre Residential Trip

4th Wear it Bright for Harvest

9 th to 11 th	5E Sustainability Centre Residential Trip
14 th to 18 th	Year 6 Fairthorne Manor Residential Trip
15 th	*** Year 3 and 4 Mass at Church (10.30am)
23 rd	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents (1.15 – 2.45pm)
24 th	***Friends Meeting 3.15 in Unity Building
25 th	***Monster Ball
28 th to 1 st Nov	AUTUMN HALF TERM - School closed for pupils

NOVEMBER 2019

4 th	School re-opens for pupils at 8.50am
5 th	Individual School Photographs
7 th	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents (1.15 – 2.45pm)
15 th	Year 6 Junior Citizen at Fort Purbrook Trip (9 – 12am)
18 th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.30 – 11.30am)
25 th	Open Evening for Prospective Parents (6 – 7pm)
27 th	Flu Vaccinations for all children (Years R to 6)

DECEMBER 2019

4 th	***Year R Nativity 1.30 pm
5 th	***Year R Nativity 9.30 am
9 th	***Year 1 & 2 Nativity 1.30 pm
10 th	***Year 1 & 2 Nativity 9.30 am
13 th	***Christmas Party
20 th	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils

FEBRUARY 2020

14 th	***INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
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JULY 2020

21 st	***Last day of term for pupil
22 nd	***INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

SEPTEMBER 2020

3 rd	***Inset Day – School closed for pupils
4 th	***Inset Day – School closed for pupils
7 th	***First day of school term for Years 1-6

Further dates for 2019/2020 and 2020/21 can be found on the School Website:

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