



NOVEMBER 2016

Dear Parents and carers,

As winter draws in, dark mornings linger and even darker afternoons encroach, we are always reminded of the need to 'wear it bright' in order to be as safe as possible when we use pavements and roads on our journeys to and from school. Many of you will be aware from my weekly blog that in addition to visibility, the need for wearing a cycle helmet was brought into sharp focus for the St Peter's community when one such item saved the life of a Year 6 pupil at the start of November. Now that the shock of the event has been digested and the pupil is making a good recovery at Southampton General, I am able to reflect on two requests I would like to make. Firstly, if your child or grandchild does not have a safety helmet to wear when cycling or scooting, it can make a great addition to any Christmas list. There are now so many exciting and enticing designs of helmet on the market that everyone can find one they like. Secondly, I ask with heartfelt resolution for anyone riding a bike or a scooter onto St Peter's site, *be that pupil, sibling, parent or carer*, to please wear a safety helmet for that journey. We can set a wonderful example as a school in the local area to be recognised as a community that really does take the safety of all road users seriously.

When we reach our second 6C day on Friday 9th December, a day of mixed year and cross-curricular learning, we will also be doing some fundraising for the Hampshire Air Ambulance, a service which provided invaluable assistance on the day of the accident. I know that the St Peter's community is always generous in its giving, and many requests are made throughout the year, but any financial support for this enterprise would be greatly appreciated. More news on this will follow in due course.

And so to Advent. I am something of a stickler for distinguishing between Advent and Christmas. In school during December, the children will be focusing on the preparation and anticipation that Advent in itself entails, and not just seeing it as a day by day, chocolate by chocolate, countdown to Christmas. One of the many joys of working in a faith school is the opportunity for us to reflect openly on the joy that our Christian festivals bring us, but we should not let the commercial build up to Christmas overwhelm the importance of making proper readiness for celebrating the birth of Christ. Christmas comes but once a year, and come it will on 25th December, but for now, let us help our children to prepare properly by making a meaningful and spiritual use of the time given to us in Advent.

Warmest regards

Mr Richard Cunningham
Interim Headteacher

New Pastoral Leader:

Hello, my name is Tricia Pelling and I am the new Pastoral Leader at St Peter's. It was lovely to meet lots of parents, carers and children at recent parent evenings and open mornings. I have been made to feel very welcome at St Peter's and have been particularly impressed with the caring nature and politeness of the children, as I am getting to know my way around the school.

Tricia Pelling, Pastoral Leader

Attendance and Punctuality:

One of my roles is to monitor attendance and punctuality throughout the school. Our attendance target this year is 97.4%. Our whole school attendance is currently at 97.6% compared with 97.4% this time last year and so we are off to an excellent start. Thank you to all who continually ensure that their child is in school regularly and on time.

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We aim for excellence every day at St Peter's and want every child to receive the full time education that they are entitled to. Of course we understand that illness is unavoidable but please book dental and other non-urgent appointments outside school hours, or in the school holidays. A copy of your child's medical appointment should be given to the school office if you do need to attend during school hours. If you are unsure of the rules and regulations regarding attendance, please take a look at the Attendance Policy on the school website under the section 'Key Information.'

Please contact me if you have any concerns about your child. I will do my best to answer any calls, or emails on the same day but any urgent messages, or end of day arrangements need to be phoned through to the main school office on 023 9226 2599. Thank you.

Tricia Pelling, Pastoral Leader
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6C Day – Friday, 9 December:

CURIOSITY...COMMITMENT...COLLABORATION...COURTESY...CRITICAL THINKING...CREATIVITY

Following the success of our 6C day in October, we will be having another opportunity to develop our skills. Our 6Cs are the learning behaviours that help us to become reflective and independent life-long learners. During 6C day the children have the opportunity to work with children from across the school and take part in a range of activities that focus on one or a combination of the learning behaviours.

During this day, the children will also be raising money by way of donations for the Hampshire Air Ambulance; a charity very close to our hearts following the recent help provided by them to one of our Year 6 pupils.

School Christmas Dinner – Tuesday, 13 December:

All orders for Christmas Dinner must be handed into the school office by **Friday, 2 December** to enable Mrs Gray to cater for everyone. A special order form was sent home on 21 November, (red for KS2 and green for KS1).

We need a reply for every child whether they are having a cooked meal or not. **LATE ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday, 16 December:

We are inviting all children to wear their favourite Christmas jumper into school on Friday, 16 December and donations will be collected for the "Save the Children" charity.

Spare Fabric Wanted:

We would like to make a plea for any spare fabric. We would be interested in any pashmina, sarong style material or offcuts of fabric that we can use to enhance our prayer areas which are a focal point of all our classrooms. Any kind donations to the school office please.

Mrs S Luter

Safety Message from the School Crossing Patrol:

Could you bear in mind this safety message when using the crossing outside to please wait until the Crossing Patrol person gets to the **middle of the road before you start to cross.** Children **must** wait and cross with their parent, **not** on their own. Thank you.

Mrs K Phillips, Business Manager

Parking:

We have had complaints about cars parked just across from the school on Stakes Hill Road. This week a mother with a buggy was unable to pass along the footpath because cars were parked across it. Similarly there have been issues about cars obstructing the flow of traffic on Gloucester Road. Police will be monitoring these areas. Please respect our neighbours and take the time to park carefully. Thank you.

Mrs K Phillips, Business Manager

Data Collection Sheet:

We are still missing some data collection sheets. Your child took home a ***pink*** data collection sheet a few weeks ago. Please update any telephone numbers, contacts and personal information that are missing/incorrect. We would be grateful if datasheets could be returned, ***even if there are no changes,*** as quickly as possible to ensure we have up to date details for your child. Thank you.

Country of Birth/Nationality Form

You will recently have received a form requesting information on your child's country of birth and nationality. This information has been requested by the Department for Education. We respectfully ask all parents to complete and return the form to the school office. There is a box that can be ticked for those of you who do not wish to declare this information.

Packed Lunches:

If your child has a packed lunch, they will take any packaging and uneaten food home with them. This is so that parents can monitor what foods their child has or hasn't eaten.

Library News:

Anti-bullying bookmark competition:

The winners of the Anti-bullying bookmark competition will be announced in celebration assembly on 7th and 8th of December.

Bedtime stories event:

We will be holding a bedtime stories event for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Letters have been sent out to all children in these year groups and anyone interested in attending should complete the slip and return it as soon as possible.

The dates are:

Reception – Friday 25th November from 5.00 pm - 5.45 pm

Year 1 – Friday 25th November from 6.00 pm - 6.45 pm

Year 2 – Wednesday 30th November from 5.00 pm – 5.45 pm. Some children may have received a letter stating a different time. ***Please note the correct time is 5.00 pm - 5.45 pm.***

Christmas is coming:

We have a lovely selection of Christmas books for children to choose from. Please feel free to come and have a browse at our Christmas selection including traditional stories, Christmas crafts, cards and cookery and some brand new Christmas titles.

Parents can come into the library with their children on the following days:

Wednesday 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm

Thursday 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm

Friday 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm

Sports News:

We have lots of exciting sports events coming up next term, just a few of these are:

Badminton, Tri Golf Festival, Gymnastics, Racket skills and some of year 2 will be going to a Dance Workshop. These events are held at various Colleges in the area. It's a great opportunity for the children, who also get to meet children from other schools who also participate in these events.

A few children from each year group will participate in these events, they will receive a certificate and on some of these events the top three teams receive a medal.

Purbrook Cricket Club is currently running U9 and U11 winter coaching sessions at Oaklands sports hall every Wednesday between 6.00 -7.00 pm and every Monday at Crookhorn sports hall between 6.00 -7.00 pm. They are hoping to encourage more pupils to join during the Autumn and Spring terms. This is with a view to getting the children playing for Purbrook Colts outdoor in the summer, as well as inter and intra school matches. The cost to pupils is just £3.00 per week to help towards the hire of the sports hall. Coaches, Paul Harradine and Jake Peach, are excellent with the pupils. Purbrook also offers free membership for first year applicants if they choose to join the club.

Spare Uniform:

Can you help please? We still need spare socks and tights for the Reception and Year 1 class areas of school for our younger children should they occasionally get wet and need to change. If you have any at home that you no longer require, please could you bring them into school. It would be much appreciated.

Lost Property:

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM IS CLEARLY LABELLED. There is a lot of lost property not being claimed. If it is named, the office staff will take it down to your child's classroom. any unnamed items which have not been claimed *at the end of each half term* will now be disposed of. If your child inadvertently brings home an item which does not belong to them please return this to the school office. We know this can easily happen when the children are all changing together but would appreciate the items being returned, particularly if they are named as we can then ensure they are returned to the correct child. We have had several issues with this recently and know it can be very frustrating for parents who have done all they can to ensure their child does not lose their belongings. Lost Property will be displayed outside the front Reception office at the bottom of the ramp on **Thursday, 15 December** at the end of school day. Any items not collected between 3.15 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on this date will be disposed of.

Governor News:

Update from Governors regarding Head Teacher Recruitment

The Governing Body are very pleased to announce that they are going back out to advert for a Head Teacher. The post will be advertised shortly - the closing date for receipt of applications will be 9 December 2016 and interviews will take place on 6 January 2017. Governors will ensure that parents and carers are updated via the Governors' blog on the School website.

Liz Holford, Chair of Governors

FRIENDS ST PETER'S

Winter Wonderland Christmas Party Friday, 9th December 2016:

Once again it's that time of year and I would like to inform all Parents/Carers that the members of Friends of St Peter's are throwing a Christmas Party for all our children.

KS1 5.00 - 6.15 pm

KS2 6.30 – 8.00 pm

All children are welcome, including siblings. If your child has not brought home a flyer/order form informing you of this, you can pick one up from Reception.

Tickets cost £5.00 a child or £6.00 on the night at the door.

The cost of the ticket covers:

Disco with DNA Kids, including a Snow Machine, Hot Dog and a Drink

On the evening the children can purchase Glow Sticks at 10p each and have Glitter Tattoos for 50p. Father Christmas will be making an appearance and all children will receive a small gift.

For the safety of all children can we remind all Parents/Carers that St Peter's Policy is:

NO PHOTOGRAPHS ARE ALLOW TO BE TAKEN AND PLACED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Would all Parents/Carers inform all children that they are not allowed to use their phones as cameras at the party. Thank you for your understanding on this matter as we have to protect our children whose Parents/Carers do not wish their children on any social media sites.

If you require any other information, there is a Friends of St Peter's message book held at Reception. You are welcome to leave a message for me with your mobile number and I will call you back.

Angela McLaughlin, Chair of Friends

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 17.10.16

1OK Izzabella Churcher
2A Savannah Gardner

1S Noah Lewis
2L Matthew Hobby

NO KS2 GOLDEN LEAVES THIS WEEK

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 31.10.16

NO GOLDEN LEAVES – ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLY

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 7.11.16

1OK Alana Do'urden
2A Albie Brough
3A Annie Woodings
4HA Millen Long
5E Lauren Forssman
6S Joseph Agathangelou

1S Emily Hoang
2L Chloe Hunter
3H Anne-Sophie Shaul
4S Nathan Jose
5F Liam Benn
6T Bethany Woolhead

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 14.11.16

1OK Arabella Lipscomb
2A Chloe Brown
3A Leon Hogan
4HA Milly Worrall
5E Harriet Withers
6S Erin Huckstepp

1S Oliver Cunningham
2L Jake Street
3H Joseph Hatter
4S Sienna Brown
5F Callum Vowles
6T Emily Polley

400 Club: October 2016

1st prize	£68.25	No. 208	Ms Persiano-Hardie
2nd prize	£40.95	No. 378	Mrs Garvey
3rd prize	£13.65	No. 424	Mrs Howell
4th prize	£13.65	No. 166	Mr Laybourne

Dates for your Diary:

NOV

28 Nov Yr R Visit to Staunton Country Park
28 Nov Yr 4 Performance by Hampshire Music with pupils at 2.15 p.m.

DEC

5 Dec	Year R Nativity Dress Rehearsal
5 Dec	Year 2A Music Concert 11.00 a.m.
6 Dec	10.20 a.m. Whole School Advent Service at Sacred Heart Church
6 Dec	Year 4 History Event at Oaklands 12.10 p.m.
6 Dec	Carol Service for KS2 (Years 3 – 6). Arrive at 5.45 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church – Parents of KS2 children welcome to attend. Siblings of children in KS2 also welcome.
7 Dec	10.00 a.m. Year R Nativity
9 Dec	6C Day – Christmas Theme and fund raising for Hampshire Air Ambulance
9 Dec	Friends of St Peter’s Winter Wonderland Party KS1 5.00 p.m. – 6.15 p.m.
9 Dec	Friends of St Peter’s Winter Wonderland Party KS2 6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.
12 Dec	Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Nativity 1.30 p.m.
13 Dec	Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Nativity 9.30 a.m.
13 Dec	Christmas Lunch for pupils in School Hall
14 Dec	Pantomime in School – Peter Pan
16 Dec	Wear a Christmas Jumper Day – fund raising for “Save the Children” charity
16 Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term – school finishes at 3.15 p.m.

JAN 2017

2 Jan	New Year Bank Holiday – School closed for pupils
3 Jan	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
4 Jan	Spring Term starts – school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
16 Jan	Parent workshops all week
17 Jan	Year 3/Year 4 Mass at 10.45 a.m. in school
30 Jan	Year 5/Year 6 Mass at 10.45 a.m. in school

FEB

20 – 24 Feb	Half term – School closed for pupils
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MAR

2 Mar	World Book Day
3 Mar	Author Visit
6 Mar	Parents Evening – by appointment only
7 Mar	Parents Evening – by appointment only
14 Mar	Year 2 Liturgy 10.20 a.m.
21 Mar	Year R Liturgy 10.20 a.m.
28 Mar	KS2 Penitential Service at Sacred Heart Church
29 Mar	Travelling Book Fair in school for one week

APR

4 Apr	Parent drop-in session – come and see your child’s learning
10 – 21 Apr	Easter Holidays – School closed for pupils
24 Apr	Summer Term starts – school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

MAY

1 May	Bank Holiday – School closed for pupils
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OTHER INSET day for 2016-17: Friday, 30 June 2017.