



SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

A new school year that started as busy as always was made all the busier at the end of the month by our Ofsted inspection on 27th and 28th September. Every child in the school was a credit to their families, their teachers and the St Peter's community. The pupils' behaviour, good manners and engagement with the members of the inspection team were all exemplary over the two days, so well done and thank you to all the children. The final report from the inspection will take several weeks to produce, so we will be able to publish the outcome towards the end of October.

The start of term has been a great success as the pupils have settled into their new classes, and returned to their good routines, so quickly and effectively. As far as school life goes, we have had a quiet and settled September with very few off-site visits. This has been deliberately planned to start the year with focus and attention centred squarely on regular classroom learning routines. Now that we are all back in the swing of things, however, October heralds the start of adventures, with Year 5 and Year 6 residential visits taking place before the half term holiday.

Finally, if any families were unable to attend the welcome meetings that have taken place in the second half of September, then do please contact the school office to request the supply of any information or material that was issued by the class teachers.

Mr Richard Cunningham,  
Headteacher

#### **Attendance and Punctuality:**

**Whole School Target for 2017-18 = 97.5%**

Welcome back everybody and welcome to our new parents and children who have joined us. We managed to hit our whole school target last year of 97.4% but only by the skin of our teeth. Thank you to all those parents/carers who strive to get their children to school on time each day.

As we have high expectations at St Peter's our whole school attendance target for this year has risen to 97.5%. I think we can do it!

#### **Aim for 100% attendance and 100% punctuality**

385 pupils' learning is off to an excellent start; achieving 100% attendance in their new classes. Of course we know that due to illness, on-going medical conditions and unexpected circumstances it is not always possible to achieve 100% but if we aim for excellence, we will reach as close to it as possible and give our children the best chance they have for success. Last year, Year 5 achieved the best attendance and punctuality across the whole school. Will they do it again in Year 6, or will another year group knock them off the hot spot?

#### **Free School Meals:**

To check to see if your child is eligible for free school meals follow the link below to find further information. This can also be found on our website under the 'Parents' tab. This is really important for *all* parents to check. You could be saving yourself a substantial amount of money each year not making packed lunches. The school will also receive vital funding (pupil premium grant) to help your child and others attain their best in school.

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers/hc3S/freeschoolmeals.htm>

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### **Free School Meals** *continued...*

Alternatively, call Sue Martin at Hampshire County Council Catering Services (HC3S), on 023 80627738 to ask any questions. The government's website also has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply; <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Don't forget to keep an eye on the Child and Family Support Blog on the website for interesting articles and activities in the area. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything that you would like to discuss further, or need any help with.

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### **Staff Vacancies at St Peter's:**

St Peter's is currently advertising two term time only positions: a Learning Support Assistant (3 days a week) and a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant (11.50 am to 1.05 pm Monday to Friday). Please see <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/educationjobshampshire/educationjobshome> for further details or ask Kate Phillips at the school office.

### **Parking:**

If your child is entering school via the North Playground (Key Stage 2), you should use the drop off point via the left hand lane. If you are taking your Key Stage 1 child to the South Playground and need to use the central visitors' car park, please make sure that you do not block the entrance and exit, even "just for a minute". Cars should be able to move through at all times.

Please park on local roads considerately and responsibly. On two occasions this week a mother with a double buggy found the footpath blocked by a parent who had parked on the verge and not left sufficient space. In this case her only option was to wheel her children onto the road, at considerable danger. Next time she will contact the Police/Local Council. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **CLIMBING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS:**

Would all parents please ensure that children do **not** climb on trees, railings or walls on school grounds at any time. Apart from the health and safety risk to children should they fall and hurt themselves, there is the risk of damage to school property. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

### **SPORTS:**

A start to a new school year and we have some exciting sports events coming up. In October pupils from various classes will be participating in Football Skills, Tri Golf Festival and a Fun Run. These events are a great experience for the children as they get to have fun working as a team and also meeting children from other schools around the Havant and Waterlooville area.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018 – ST EDMUNDS, HORNDEAN:**

If you would like your child to take their 1st Holy Communion in 2018 at St Edmunds, Horndean, they are now taking applicants for preparation which will start in October 2017. The forms will be at the back of the St Edmunds Church. If you would like to discuss it please contact Michelle Crocker on 07974 689035 or Katie Parker on 07503 173920.

### **INNER SECURITY DOOR – RECEPTION OFFICE**

Could we please ask all our parents to remind their children that they should **not** reach up and release the switch for the inner security door and let themselves out in the main reception area. The security door is there to ensure the safety of **all** the children in school. School staff cannot be responsible for your child's safety if they are unaware that a child has let themselves out through the security door. Please reinforce this message with your child, reminding them that they should only leave the safety of the school building if they have spoken to a member of the school staff and that person knows they are leaving the building. If you need to look at lost property, please go via the reception office. Do not cut through from the north playground.

### **Naming Uniform:**

Please check this weekend that all items of clothing, especially jumpers and coats, are clearly named. While the weather is warm children often discard their jumpers during the day and we can only return them if they are clearly named.

### **Wearing of ear-rings in school - PE/Games**

If your child/children usually wear ear-rings in school, could you please ensure that they have in their book bag a roll of micropore tape (available to buy at chemists or supermarkets), in order that they can tape over their ear-rings before a PE/Games lesson for safety reasons. Alternatively, they can either take them out themselves before the lesson, if they are confident to do so, or leave their ear-rings at home when it is a PE/Games day. Please make sure that the ear-rings your child wears to school are of the small stud type. Large stud or hoop ear-rings can pose a danger to the children themselves and others during PE/Games and are not permitted in school. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Book Bags:**

Could we please remind parents that bags brought into school by the children need to be small enough to fit in their trays in the classrooms. Please **do not** send children into school with rucksacks/backpacks as these take up too much room in the cloakroom areas.

## **LIBRARY NEWS:**

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Summer Reading Challenge and thank you for bringing in your certificates and medals to show me. Pencils were handed out in assembly to a record number of children. Well done!

### **Important Note to Parents**

Could I please remind all parents that drinks bottles should not be kept in children's book bags. We have had several books returned that have been damaged from water that has leaked from bottles into their book bags. Once the books are wet it's almost impossible to salvage them, so please leave the bottles out of the bags.

### **New Library Timetable**

Please note that I no longer work on a Friday and we have therefore changed the days that parents can visit the library with the children to **Mondays and Thursdays from 3.15pm to 4.00pm.**

Book club has changed to Tuesdays for Year 5 and 6 from 3.15pm to 4.00pm and story-time club has changed to Wednesdays for Year 1 and 2 from 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Sue Domblides, School Librarian

## **FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:**

### **Welcome:**

Can I just start by welcoming all our new families to the Friends of St Peters. We have a fun packed year ahead, and I hope that you and your children will come along and join us on these events. If you as a Parent/Carer would like to help out on any of our events, please contact me via the school office, or you can find a Facebook page for Friends of St Peters, where you can contact us, and keep up with what is happening in the future.

### **Future Events:**

#### **KS2 Monster/Karaoke Ball**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 5.30 – 8.00 p.m.**

As the last Karaoke evening was such a success last year, we have decided to combine the Monster Ball with Karaoke. We are asking all you budding singers to come along in your best fancy dress. There is no theme - it's wherever your imagination can take you. There will be a prize for the best fancy dressed person and a trophy for the best singer, and not forgetting, included in the price, is a hotdog and drink. Tell all your friends to come along, form a group, or just sing solo, it's your choice.

### **KS1 Christmas Party:**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.**

I know it's too early to be thinking of Christmas, and I am sorry if it offends anybody, but it has to be done. This year we are holding a Christmas party for all KS1 children, the party includes a disco, lots of party games and a visit from Father Christmas with a gift from him for every child. We will be looking for volunteers to help out at this event, so if you have a couple of spare hours and can help supervise the children, please contact us via the school office or Facebook.

### **Personalised Christmas Cards:**

Yes, Christmas is fast approaching and before we know it will be here. Due to popular demand, we will be running the Personalised Christmas cards for all the children this year. Your child will be designing their card in school and the design, together with an order form, will be sent home over the coming weeks. The design and order form **must** be returned to the school with full payment by Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to enable us to meet the printer's deadline. Any cards that are not returned by this date will **not** be processed. All Christmas Cards will be sent home in November in plenty of time for posting aboard.

Watch this space for more details, on other events for the future.

Angela McLaughlin, Chair Friends of St Peters

### **GOVERNOR NEWS:**

At our Governing Body meeting earlier this month, Governors received the school plan for the next academic year and ratified a number of important school policies. The Governing Body is currently seeking to recruit a parent governor and paperwork regarding this has been sent home for your consideration. Over the next few weeks and months, Governors will be in school carrying out subject monitoring visits which allow Governors to get to know staff but also to understand the school's key strengths. The Governing Body wishes the staff, the pupils and their families a successful and enjoyable school year to come.

Liz Holford Chair of Governors

#### **400 Club: JULY 2017**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize</b>	<b>£66.50</b>	<b>No. 121</b>	<b>Ms Alexander</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize</b>	<b>£39.90</b>	<b>No. 32</b>	<b>Mr R Forssman</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize</b>	<b>£13.30</b>	<b>No. 112</b>	<b>Mrs M Crocker</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> prize</b>	<b>£13.30</b>	<b>No. 54</b>	<b>Mrs N Pearson</b>

#### **400 Club: AUGUST 2017**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize</b>	<b>£63.50</b>	<b>No. 269</b>	<b>Mrs Wheatley</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize</b>	<b>£38.10</b>	<b>No. 191</b>	<b>Mr McLaughlin</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize</b>	<b>£12.70</b>	<b>No. 449</b>	<b>Mr Gray</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> prize</b>	<b>£12.70</b>	<b>No. 16</b>	<b>Mr A Owens</b>

#### **GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 18.09.17**

<b>1L Sophie Cooper</b>	<b>1S Sidney Martin</b>
<b>2A Johan John</b>	<b>2OK Reggie Tucker</b>
<b>3CL Louis Read</b>	<b>3H Poppy Taylor-Sayers</b>
<b>4F Isla Collins</b>	<b>4HA Hannah Upton</b>
<b>5E Sigciiniwe Dlamini</b>	<b>5T Riley Morgan</b>
<b>6P out on school trip</b>	<b>6S out on school trip</b>

**GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 25.09.17**

1L Malakai Asante  
2A Izzabella Churcher  
3CL Harvey Cope  
4F Joshua Pereira  
5E Vincent Inman  
6P Wendy Wheatley

1S Ishana Josygeorge  
2OK Francesca Baines  
3H Nicole Chen  
4HA Noah Bignell  
5T Monet Lewendon  
6S Sairse Lehane

## **DIARY DATES:**

### **OCTOBER**

4 Oct 9.30 a.m. Open Day for Prospective Parents for Reception Sept 2018  
4 Oct Y6 – 12 children to the Rowans  
5 Oct Italian Day Themed Lunch for pupils in School Hall  
9 - 13 Oct Y5 to Runways End  
10 Oct Y2 Liturgy 10.20 a.m.  
10 Oct School Nurse to visit Reception 9.15 a.m.  
11 Oct Y6 – 12 children to the Rowans  
13 Oct NO HIP HOP AFTER SCHOOL  
16 Oct Y6 to Stubbington all week  
20 Oct KS2 (Yrs 3 – 6) Karaoke and Monsters Ball 5.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.  
23 – 27 Oct Autumn Half term  
30 Oct school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.  
31 Oct Fraser Portraits – individual and sibling photos 9.00 a.m.

### **NOVEMBER**

2 Nov 1.15 p.m. Open Day for Prospective Parents for Reception Sept 2018  
3 Nov History Day  
10 Nov Author Visit for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 all day  
14 Nov 9.30 a.m. Open Day for Prospective Parents for Reception Sept 2018  
17 Nov Y3 Bronze Age Visitor in the afternoon  
20 Nov 6.00 p.m. Open Evening for Prospective Parents for Reception Sept 2018  
21 Nov Y5 and Y6 Church Workshop and Mass 10.20 a.m.  
21 Nov Parents Consultations 4.00 – 7.00 p.m.  
22 Nov Parents Consultations 3.45 – 6.15 p.m.  
24 Nov NO HIP HOP AFTER SCHOOL

### **DECEMBER**

1 Dec Science, Technology and Engineering Day  
5 Dec Advent Service – Whole School at Church 10.20 a.m.  
6 Dec YR Nativity at 10.00 a.m.  
6 Dec Nasal Flu Vaccination in School – Yrs 3 and 4 in the morning  
6 Dec Nasal Flu Vaccination in School – Yrs R, 1 and 2 in the afternoon  
8 Dec Friends Christmas Party 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.  
11 Dec Y1 and Y2 Nativity at 1.30 p.m.  
12 Dec Y1 and Y2 Nativity at 9.30 a.m.  
13 Dec KS2 Carol Service at 6.00 p.m.  
15 Dec Christmas Jumper Day  
19 Dec Christmas Lunch for pupils in School Hall  
21 Dec INSET DAY – School closed for pupils  
22 Dec 2017 - 3 Jan 2018 Christmas Holiday

## **DIARY DATES** *continued...*

### **JANUARY 2018**

4 Jan 2018                      Spring Term 2018 starts – school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.  
8 Jan                              Y2 Sea City visit  
16 Jan                             Y3 and Y4 Mass in School at 10.20 a.m.  
30 Jan                             Y5 and Y6 Mass in School at 10.20 a.m.

### **FEBRUARY**

6 Feb                              Y1 Liturgy at 10.20 a.m.  
12 – 16 Feb 2018              Spring Half term  
19 Feb                             School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

### **MARCH**

30 Mar                            Good Friday - School closed for pupils

### **APRIL**

2 – 13 April 2018              Easter Holiday  
16 Apr                             Summer Term 2018 starts - school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

### **MAY**

7 May 2018                      Early May Bank Holiday - School closed for pupils  
28 May – 1 June                Summer Half term

### **JUNE**

4 June                             School re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.

### **JULY**

19 July 2018                    Last day of summer term for pupils – school finishes at 3.15 p.m.  
20 July                            INSET DAY – School closed for pupils