



NOVEMBER 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Blink and you miss it! Before we have even really settled into the beauty of autumn, we are pressed into preparation for Christmas. I had to call into Sainsbury's early on the morning of Wednesday, 1st November (the staff room biscuit reserves being seriously depleted!), and already the Hallowe'en stock had been replaced by three aisles bursting with festive chocolate and stocking filler presents. Here at St Peter's, though, we are taking things a little more slowly.

The children have really got stuck into their work during November, bedding into the higher expectations of their current year groups and starting to make strong and steady progress across the curriculum. The school has a drive to secure pupils' core skills in reading and writing as a key priority for the year, these being the bedrock of progress and success across all subjects. To that end, we are launching an appeal for volunteers to offer 90 minutes a week of their time to come and read or play maths games with pupils to support their learning. Details on how to offer your time appear later in this newsletter; why not make it your New Year's resolution for 2018? Meanwhile, though not quite as quick off the mark as the supermarkets, we are busy getting ready for the upcoming festivities. In RE, the learning topic will turn to Advent, helping the children to appreciate the true benefit of this period of preparation in the liturgical calendar, rather than just focusing on the Christmas season. Equally, children are preparing for our Key Stage 1 Nativity plays and Key Stage 2 carol service, and I look forward to welcoming many of you to join us in these events.

Spaces in current Year 3:

At St Peter's, when children move from KS1 to KS2, the Governors decided some years ago to increase the number of pupils on roll from 60 to 64 in the year group. This year we are in the exceptional position of being able to offer vacancies in our current Year 3 classes. If you know of any family who may like to enquire about a place in Year 3 for their child, please contact Mrs J Synyer on 023 92262599 or email to j.synyer@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk.

Mr R Cunningham
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE UPDATE:

Target for whole school attendance is 97.5%

Attendance data continues to be closely monitored and analysed on a daily basis.

- ✓ Whole school attendance is currently 97.4%, just under this year's target.
- ✓ 75% of pupils have an attendance of 98% or above (321 pupils).
- ✓ 56% of pupils have 100% attendance since the start of the school year (241 pupils).

The following shows the attendance for each year group from the start of the academic year to date:

Year R - 96.1 %
Year 1 - 97.2 %
Year 2 - 97.4 %
Year 3 - 96.5 %
Year 4 - 97.6 %
Year 5 - 97.5 %
Year 6 - 98.7 %

Attendance Update continued...

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Congratulations to Year 6 who currently have the highest attendance and have been managing to keep the winter bugs at bay! Sometimes it's hard to tell whether to send your child in to school or not. Please see Hampshire County Council's helpful leaflet for parents; it includes a useful table to show different illnesses and what action to take. This can also be found on the Child and Family Support blog on the school website.

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/HIAS/Everydaycounts.pdf>

Punctuality:

Congratulations again to Year 6! They have been the most punctual year group in school with the least number of late sessions since the beginning of the school year. We take attendance and punctuality extremely seriously in St Peter's and so do the majority of our families. Please ensure that your child gets to school by 8.50am. The playgrounds are open from 8.30am to help you with this. Any child that arrives after this time will have to come through the main office, receive a late mark in the register and could miss essential learning. Three or more late marks in a six week period will result in letters being sent home and discussions will take place with either the Headteacher, or Pastoral Lead/Attendance Officer. Please refer to the school attendance policy on the website for more details. I will do my best to offer support with difficulties surrounding attendance and punctuality whenever possible.

Parent Volunteers:



Are you a parent/carer of a child in St Peter's?

Are you interested in helping children enjoy their learning?

Would you be interested in and making a real difference in a child's school day?

Are you able to spend an hour to 90 minutes regularly each week, to hear children read, or play a Maths game to help build on essential skills?

Have you completed the Disclosure and Barring Service check, or willing to do so?

If so, we would love to hear from you and talk to you about the possibility of volunteering in St. Peter's school.

Here's what one of our parent volunteers has to say about their experience;

"I think the time spent with Year 2 is going well. What is touching is how keen they all are to come out and read to me. The gratitude from the teachers is so evident and does make me feel like I am helping. If we could get that across all year groups it would be superb."

Caroline Tyler (mum of Joseph in Y5 & Nell in Y3)

We really value the contribution that volunteers make in our school and want to build on this good practice by extending this support with learning. If you are interested in volunteering please feel free to ask me any questions; ring the school office, or email me on the address below. Mrs Tyler is also happy for you to catch her in the playground and ask her any questions. Exciting times!

Tricia Pelling, Pastoral Lead & Family Liaison
p.pelling@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk

Tel: 02392 262599 work mobile: 07474 692736

NO SMOKING ON SCHOOL PREMISES:

Could we please remind all our parents/carers that St Peter's operates a **NO SMOKING policy** on the school site. Please **do not** smoke or vape anywhere on the school site at any time. Thank you for your consideration.

School Christmas Dinner – Tuesday, 19th December:

All orders for Christmas Dinner must be handed into the school office by **Friday, 8 December** to enable Mrs Gray to cater for everyone. A special order form was sent home on 22 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.**

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2018:

Could I remind all parents who may have a child starting school in September 2018 to complete an online application form to Hampshire County Council (for Hampshire residents) and to Portsmouth City Council (for residents living outside the borough). If you are unable to complete the form online, the school office holds paper copies of the HCC form. The closing date for Reception applications is **mid-night on Monday, 15 January 2018**. At the same time, please complete a St Peter's Supplementary Information Form, available from the school office or via the school website. This needs to be supported by a baptismal certificate **or** signed by your Parish Priest if you wish your application to be considered on faith grounds. Please ensure your application forms are handed in to the school office before the deadline. Applications submitted after the above date will **not** be included in the main admission round and could jeopardise your child's chances of gaining a place in September. Thank you.

Mrs J Synyer, Admissions, School Office

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT THE SACRED HEART AND ST PETER THE APOSTLE – Saturday, 2ND December 11.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.:

Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle would like to invite all our families to the Parish Christmas Fair on Saturday, 2nd December from 11.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. There will be a variety of stalls, including homemade Christmas cakes. A raffle will be held with hampers and other lovely prizes to be won. The children will be able to visit Father Christmas in his Grotto and take part in the painting competition. There will be a new gift stall where you can do some Christmas shopping, with mince pies and cups of tea on sale. Please come along and support this event.

CAFOD:

CAFOD would like to thank the students, staff and parents for their generosity in raising £432.63 to help reduce poverty and bring about sustainable change in some the poorest parts of the world. Thank you for your support and prayers. To find out about CAFOD's work please go to cafod.org.uk.

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 do **NOT** drop off or park on the mini roundabout near the main entrance to school during the morning drop off. **Please park on local roads considerately and responsibly.** **Thank you for your co-operation.**

SPORTS:

At the beginning of November 12 children from Year 2 went to South Downs College to take part in a Football Festival. The children were split into two groups a Blue and Pink teams. They participated in different activities, using various skills, competing against other schools. Team Blue won Gold medals and Team Pink won Silver medals. They did so well and were exceptionally well behaved. Well done Year 2.

Upcoming events in Spring Term:

Badminton Years 4 & 6
Racket Skills Years 1 & 2

Tri Golf Festival Year 5
Rugby festival Year 2

Mrs J Spicer

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.

CHANGES to Breakfast Club Payments:

We **no longer accept cash on the door** as you can now pay for Breakfast Club on Scopay. If you do not have a Scopay account then please contact us in the office and we will issue you with an access code, alternatively you can send the cash into the school office. Hopefully this will be helpful to you as you will no longer have to find cash to pay on the day. Breakfast Club will still operate on a drop in basis, i.e. you do not have to book in advance, and the only change is that you no longer need to send cash in with your child.

Our Scopay system is updated with the previous week's breakfast club register every Monday morning. If you have any queries please contact us in the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:

We also offer an After School Club for our children, which runs every day, every week of the school term. The children are looked after by our staff and have the opportunity to play games outside, use the school laptops, along with plenty of other activities including board games, Lego, colouring, as well as many other fun activities. You can choose to either put your children into After School Club from 3.15 – 3.45 p.m. for £2.00 per session, or the full session which is from 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. for £4.00 per session. The After School Club is bookable on a termly basis, although if the club isn't full we will try to accommodate one-off bookings. If you would like any further details on the After School Care that we offer, please do contact the School Office.

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.

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.

CONTACTING TEACHING STAFF

Could we please respectfully remind parents/carers that the correct way to contact the teaching staff is via the school office email: adminoffice@stpeterswaterlooville.hants.sch.uk or by telephoning the school office on 023 9226259. Please do **not** use social media as a way of contacting the teaching staff. Thank you for your co-operation.

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S:

Is that the bells of Santa's sleigh I can hear, oh! no! it's the school bell telling us that, for all our hard working children, it's the end of a long day. Can I just say well done to all the children of St Peters for getting such good reports last week, I have heard a lot of Parents/Carers talking in the playground about how proud they are that the children have worked so hard this term. Well done to everybody from the all the Volunteers of Friends of St Peters.

With that, let's talk about what is happening with events over the next few weeks.

Grand Christmas Raffle

Over the next few weeks, we will be selling Raffle ticket for the Grand Christmas Raffle, and with your donations for the Themed Hampers, it should be a fantastic raffle. We will have lots of other prizes, including two family vouchers for Flipout, which will come in handy for the two winning families in the holidays to keep the children busy. We have sweet trees and lots more. The raffle tickets will be in your child's book bag so keep a close eye on them. If you would like more tickets, the main office will be selling them.

KS1 Christmas Party - Friday 8th December 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.

This year the KS1 Christmas Party is going to be packed with fun and games. We have a treasure hunt, a balloon game and much more. To finish off the night and to bring the children back down from all the excitement, we will be playing that game we all love "Sleeping Lions" and there will be a prize for the best Lion. There will be lots of food and refreshments for everybody to purchase, we have hotdogs, cakes, sweets, tea/coffee, soft drinks, and much more. We will also have lots of items for the children to buy, and of course the glitter tattoos are back, so don't forget to give them their pocket money for doing so well this term. Father Christmas is going to pay us a visit and the children will receive a small gift from him. Younger siblings are welcome to join us, tickets are still on sale at a cost of £4.00, adults are free. If you wish to purchase your ticket on the night it will cost £5.00 per child at the door. We will also be holding a Best Christmas Jumper Competition for the children, and the adults are welcome to join in.

Nativity Plays

Reception	Wednesday 6 th December 10.00 a.m.
Year 1 and Year 2	Monday 11 th December 1.30 p.m. and Tuesday 12 th December 9.30 a.m.

Friends of St Peters will be serving tea/coffee and mince pies at these events, all we ask is for you to make a donation towards it, and it will be your last opportunity to purchase your raffle tickets so hurry before we sell out.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the Parents/Carers of the children of St Peters School and all the Volunteers who help to make these events possible. A big 'thank you' for continuously supporting us at all our events, and we look forward to see you all next year.

Have a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year

From all the Volunteers of Friends of St Peters

Friends of St Peters, Chair Angela McLaughlin
salonak@hotmail.co.uk

LIBRARY NEWS:

Author Visit Success:

The 2 Steves (Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore) came to visit us on Friday, 10th November 2017. The children were truly inspired by them and we all had a fantastic day. There are photos of the day on the school website library blog.

Book Club and Story-Time Club:

Please note that there will be **no book club on Tuesday, 19th December or story-time club on Wednesday, 20th December.** Letters for these clubs for the new term will be available shortly after the children return to school in the New Year.

Overdue Library Books:

We have a higher than normal amount of overdue books that have still not been returned to the library. If you have received an overdue book letter recently and your child has not returned their library book, could you please ask them to return it as soon as possible.

Sue Domblides, School Librarian

GOVERNOR NEWS:

Governors this term have been spending time with their linked subject leaders carrying out subject monitoring visits. This gives Governors the opportunity to meet with staff and gain an understanding of how the curriculum is being taught in our school. They ask key questions about their linked subject and look at the learning journeys our pupils experience in each key stage. As well as specific subjects the governors have also been monitoring the school improvement plan with the senior leadership team. We are looking forward to spending our time visiting the school in a more informal capacity later this term when we get to see our pupils take part in their Advent services and Nativity plays.

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their hard work and commitment to St Peter's School.

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 16.10.17

1L Caitlin Black	1S Bella Barber-Ford
2A Conor Marples	2OK Callum Dougherty
3CL Chloe Brown	3H Liberty Ricketts
4F Beatrice Carter-Hall	4HA Joshua Smith
5E Patrick Healy	5T Nicolas Renji
6P Stubbington	6S Stubbington

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 30.10.17

RJ Spencer Hall	RM Frankie Valentine
1L William Burrige	1S Eva Binu
2A Grace Collins	2OK Isaac Gill
3CL Fern Layton	3H Emily Long
4F Henry Stunt	4HA Monique Sammut
5E Anna-Louise Heathcote	5T Cecilia Crocker
6P Blake Morgan	6S Amelie Rowe

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 06.11.17

RJ Matilda Moss	RM Jazmin Browne
1L	1S Luke Lyon
2A Nikolas Baker	2OK Ethan Jordan
3CL Roberta Ouatu	3H Francisco Joshy
4F Leon Hogan	4HA Ben Lymer
5E Molly Gray	5T Alicia Richards
6P Lenny Perriman	6S Elizabeth Moore

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 13.11.17

RJ Isla Roberts	RM Grace Collins
1L Mason White	1S George Vaccaro
2A Noah Hatch	2OK Olivia Jordan
3CL Eva Hirmiz	3H Maddie Gissing
4F Faith Williams	4HA Carl Huxley
5E Ernie Purkis	5T Dominic Lethbridge
6P Hannah Oliver	6S Cerys Colley

400 Club: SEPTEMBER 2017

1st prize	£61.75	No. 439	Mrs Briley
2nd prize	£37.05	No. 452	Mr Gray
3rd prize	£12.35	No. 251	Mrs Burrows
4th prize	£12.35	No. 125	Mrs Wilkinson

DIARY DATES:

DECEMBER

4 Dec	Y3 Karate Festival 1.30 p.m.
5 Dec	Advent Service for Pupils – Whole School at Church 10.20 a.m.
6 Dec	YR Nativity at 10.00 a.m. <i>(Tickets required)</i>
6 Dec	Nasal Flu Vaccination in School – Yrs R, 1, 2, 3 and 4
8 Dec	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
8 Dec	Friends Christmas Party for KS1 (Yrs R – 2) 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.
11 Dec	Y1 and Y2 Nativity at 1.30 p.m. <i>(Tickets required)</i>
12 Dec	Y1 and Y2 Nativity at 9.30 a.m. <i>(Tickets required)</i>
13 Dec	Treetops Theatre “Snow White” in School Hall
13 Dec	Y4 Computing session at Oaklands 10.00 a.m.
13 Dec	KS2 (Yr 3 – Yr 6) Carol Service at 6.00 p.m. at Sacred Heart - ALL WELCOME
15 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
15 Dec	School Choir singing at The Rowans
15 Dec	Parents Drop in for Reception classes 2.30 p.m.
18 Dec	Y4 Music Concert 2.15 p.m.
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

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JANUARY 2018 continued...

4 Jan 2018	Spring Term 2018 starts – school re-opens for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
4 Jan	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
5 Jan	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
8 Jan	Y2 Sea City visit
11 Jan	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
16 Jan	Y3 and Y4 Mass in School at 10.20 a.m. Parents Welcome
18 Jan	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
19 Jan	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
25 Jan	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
30 Jan	Y5 and Y6 Mass in School at 10.20 a.m. Parents Welcome

FEBRUARY

1 Feb	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 a.m.
2 Feb	1.00 p.m. Drama Workshop
6 Feb	Y1 Liturgy at 10.20 a.m. Parents Welcome
8 Feb	Class 5E Swimming at Waterlooville Pool 10.00 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
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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.
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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