



**SEPTEMBER 2016**

Dear Parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to all of you who are returning to St Peter's for the academic year 2016-2017, and an especially heartfelt welcome to all the families and children who have joined the St Peter's community for the first time this September. Welcome also to the new staff who have started their employment at St Peter's in September. Everyone new to the school is joining a great learning team, and has an exciting year ahead to look forward to.

Our school year has got up and running with great pace and enthusiasm. Whole school worship has been a key feature of the start of the year, with a Mass by Fr Kevin from the Church of the Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle officially 'launching' the school year with a very loud countdown! Mrs Luter has led whole school worship centred around the Sunday Gospel readings, and I have been most impressed with the manner in which children of all ages have respectfully and thoughtfully engaged in classroom worship each day as well as singing out their praises with great gusto when the opportunity arises. Year group liturgies have begun, and these are a great opportunity to join the children in worship, prayer and reflection if family members are available to attend.

No sooner had we settled the children back into the school, than they started leaving in their droves to go on an exciting range of school trips. Year 3 started the ball rolling with a trip to Butser Ancient Farm, where amazing Miss Honeywell was able to keep her trainers wonderfully white all day long despite the rain and mud, and Year 4 extended their learning with an excursion to the ever popular Marwell Zoo. Having had a taste of life under canvas in July on the school field, Year 5 went to Runway's End Outdoor Centre near Farnborough for two nights for some adventurous activities, and Year 6 spent a full residential week at Stubbington Study Centre overlooking the waters of the Solent to engage in a wide range of curriculum enrichment activities. On behalf of the children who went on all these trips, and perhaps many of the families who sent the children away for a few nights, I pass on my great thanks to the staff and volunteers who help to arrange these valuable and memorable learning opportunities.

Our children who completed their Year 6 with us in July rounded off their education with a great set of results in the end of Key Stage 2 tests; they and their teachers should be rightly proud of their great achievements. As ever in education, though, attention turns now to the coming year, and I have already seen many examples of excellent teaching, high expectations, challenging demands and impressive outcomes for the children in our school. As the Government continues to 'raise the bar' of educational standards and expectations, I have every confidence in all of the staff in our school to deliver on these for the children, and I know the children themselves will rise to the challenge with enthusiasm and determination.

As always, this newsletter is full of important information about school life for everyone associated with St Peter's, but please keep checking the school website for any changes that may need to be made to planned activities. The calendar for the school year will be published, but does remain subject to change in the event of unforeseeable circumstances. Regular updates on the learning across the school, as well as a Headteacher's blog, can be found on the website blog area, and staff are using traditional written means as well as on-line resources to set home learning activities to complement the work done and progress made in school.

Finally, may I thank everyone who has made me feel so welcome in my new role at St Peter's Primary School. I know I have joined a great team of professionals who are working hard to serve a community of families united in one common goal, the raising of our children in the Gospel values and to the highest of educational standards.

I look forward to working with you all this year.

Warmest regards

Mr R Cunningham  
Interim Headteacher

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

### ***St Peter's Friends Needs YOU!!***

I would like to strongly encourage all parents to join the wonderful 'Friends of St Peter's' who support the school in so many ways: providing refreshments at events and fundraising for fantastic extras for our children. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours a year it would help and you would be made really welcome. If they are to continue they need your help – please contact Martha Burrows in the school office.

Mr R Cunningham, Interim Headteacher

### **Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College – Open Mornings:**

Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College Open Mornings are being held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 from 11.40 am to 1.40 pm. This is a chance to 'walk through a working school' guided by Oaklands students. To reserve a place, please contact Mrs Linda White, Admissions Secretary, on 02392259214 or email to [admissions@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@oaklandscatholicschool.org)

### **Stranger Danger:**

An Oaklands pupil was approached on Stakes Hill Road by a man in a white van on Tuesday afternoon. Please talk sensitively with your child about what we do if strangers approach us.

In another incident a child who had been given permission to walk home alone, ran into the road past the School Crossing Patrol Officer. If your child walks home alone, please impress on them the importance of waiting until the SCPO indicates it is safe to cross.

### **Morning Drop off at St Peter's:**

We encourage all parents to park offsite and walk your children into school in the mornings using the path through the playing fields.

If your youngest child is in Year 3, 4 5 or 6 and you need to drive onsite, please use the North Playground drop off point. It would be helpful if you could say goodbye to your child and ensure they have coat/lunchbox/bookbag ready to hand **before** you get to the drop off point so they can jump out quickly and not cause delay for other parents waiting behind you in the queue. Parents who drive and need to take a child to the South Playground (Years R, 1 or 2) please use the central car park but do not under any circumstances leave your car where it causes a blockage. If there is no room you may need to go around the circuit one more time. The best way for a calm start to the school day is to park offsite and walk in.

### **Message from a local resident:**

*"As a resident of Place Crescent, which is used by parents to drop off and collect their children from your school, it would be very much appreciated if you could please not use private driveways to turn your vehicles. This is a cul-de-sac and there is a designated turning point at the bottom of the road. This is a constant nuisance to myself and other residents. Thank you for your assistance in this matter".*

### **CAFOD's Harvest Campaign:**

Once again this Harvest we will be supporting CAFOD's campaign which this year is called 'Brighten Up this Harvest'. During this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has asked us to rediscover the corporal works of mercy, one of which is to feed the hungry. We are asking that on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, all children come to school dressed as brightly as they possibly can - no hair dye please - and make a donation of £1 (or more) to CAFOD, our Catholic charity which helps tackle poverty and injustice across the world. Individual classes will be raising money in other ways to support the campaign and teachers will let you know what this involves in due course.

### **American Day:**

'Brighten Up this Harvest' Day will be combined with a special American lunch where we encourage ALL children to try a school meal. Our cooks will be preparing an exciting themed meal designed to tempt all tastebuds! A separate letter will follow shortly.

### **Year 2 – Visit to Waterlooville Library:**

Can you help please? Year 2 are visiting Waterlooville Library on the morning of Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. We would be most grateful for any volunteer parents who are DBS checked to walk with the children. We would need your help for the whole morning. Thank you.

### **Data Collection Sheet:**

Your child will have brought home a *pink* data collection sheet earlier this week. Please read through the information carefully and update any telephone numbers, contacts and personal information that are missing/incorrect. There is a new section at the bottom of the form which requests a **country of birth** for all our pupils. 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.

School Office

### **Year 2 Building Materials Topic**

This is a call to any of our parents who are in the building trade i.e. who work as a builder or who used to work as a builder. Year 2 are starting a topic to find out the best materials with which to build different types of houses. We are looking for a volunteer from the building trade to come in and talk to the children after October half-term and to bring samples of different materials to show them and to explain to them why houses are built the way they are. Can you help please?

### **Attendance and Punctuality:**

Whole school attendance is currently at 98.1%. I would like to thank all parents for their early support in maintaining good attendance. Attendance last year was outstanding and ensured our children were given the best opportunity to participate in all that St Peter's has to offer.

Can I politely remind all parents that should they need to request a leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances, they should complete a form that is available from the school office. We understand that parents are unable to change certain medical appointments but request that dental and other non-urgent appointments are made outside school hours. A copy of your child's medical appointment should be given to the school office.

Diane Price, Pastoral Lead

### **Library News:**

#### **New Junior Librarians:**

Congratulations to our new Junior Librarians: Jeffrey Mamman-Mathew, Joshua Tony, Sophie Cunningham, Lexie-Mai Orley, Zane Lockyer, Tyler Maplesden, Samuel Ford, Elizabeth Moore, Harriet Withers and Andrew Pearson.

#### **Summer Reading Challenge:**

Congratulations to everyone that 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 over 50 children who took part this year. 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 is almost impossible to salvage them so please leave the bottles out of the bags.

Mrs S Domblides, School Librarian

#### **Parent Consultation Meetings:**

The meetings will be held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30 to 6 pm and Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November from 4 pm to 7.30 pm. Appointment slots can be booked via Scopay from 10<sup>th</sup> October so please make sure you have a login.

#### **New School Crossing Patrol:**

We are really pleased to welcome Mr Gavin Ozouf who has been appointed as School Crossing Patrol Officer for the Stakes Hill Road crossing at the junction with Philip Road. Mr Ozouf came into the school during "Heroes Week" to talk with Year 4 about his interesting career. Mr Ozouf joins Michael who mans the Stakes Hill Road crossing near Oaklands in keeping our children safe as they walk to school.

### **Spare Uniform:**

Can you help please? We urgently 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.

### **Sports News:**

Six children from Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in a Football Festival in October which will be held at Southdowns College, there will also be an opportunity for ten children from Year 1 to participate in a Tri-Golf Festival which is being held at Horndean Technology College. These are a great opportunities for the children, they have always thoroughly enjoyed these events.

### **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 **Friday, 30th September** 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.

### **News from the end of the summer term:**

#### **Year 4 Camping Trip:**

On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> July Year 4 went camping on the school field. Before we could go outside, we had to have safety talk to ensure we knew what NOT to do.

When we were on the field we went to our tents and started to unpack our stuff. We put out our roll mats, sleeping bags and pyjamas ready for the first tent inspection. Once we had done that, we had some free time. During this time there were several things to do. We could play football, cricket, tennis or do some nature art. We could also make up our own games, or chat in our tents. When we were playing we heard a fire alarm, but luckily it was only a test. Not long after we started playing again, we were called in for dinner. Dinner was sausages and chips or fish cake and chips with a choice of fruit drink or water.

After dinner we had a talent show and toasted marshmallows. We sang songs, listened to jokes and then went to bed.

By Saoirse Lehane

#### **My awesome camping trip:**

On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> July Year 4 went on a camping trip on the school field. It was amazing, it was the best day ever! First, we went onto the school field and we unpacked our bags. Then we had an inspection to see who had the tidiest tent. Next we played lots of games like tennis, football, rugby and cricket. It was lots of fun. After that, we did "St Peter's Got Talent". Later we got into groups and we toasted marshmallows. They were yummy! Afterwards we had more time to hang out with friends. Finally, we brushed our teeth and got ready for bed. In the morning, we had a bacon roll for breakfast. Then we waited for our parents to pick us up.

By Rebecca Atkins

#### **Lion King Review:**

On Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, I saw the Lion King Production from Year 6. The actions were unique and the quality was amazing! The play was about Simba defeating Scar from becoming king. Sumba had the right to the throne and Scar was a bad king wanting the throne. The bit I liked the most was the music and the harmony they were making. The facepaints were so detailed and the drama was stunning. It was breathtaking and I was speechless through every bit of it. I would like to say congratulations to everybody who took part. They worked so hard to do the production.

By Camille Nase

### **Lion King Review:**

This marvellous Year 6 end of school production was about the Lion King. The play was unique and outstanding. The main characters in the 1 hr 30 min show were Scar, Simba and Mufasa. The highlights of the show were the dancing and acting. The show was held at Oakands Catholic School in the hall on 18 July from 13.10 to 14.40 p.m. My favourite part of this awesome production was Scar's death as Simba achieves his place as the rightful king of Pride Rock.

By Jonathan Smith

### **Lion King Production:**

The Lion King production was amazing. It was almost a complete copy of the film. It was about Sumba who as meant to become king. Everyone was blaming Simba for killing Mufasa. The highlight was the fight at the end and song Hakuna Matata. The main characters were Simba, Scar, Pumbaa, Timon and Nala. The cast who played these characters were very good. My favourite part was when Pumbaa and Timon came into the play. They made the play even better.

By Oscar Knight

### **News from the Friends of St Peter's:**

Following on from the Friends AGM held 27 Sept at school, sadly we will have to disband the current Friends of St Peter's organisation as unfortunately we do not have enough people to form a committee, so going forward some volunteers from school will continue to run the 400 Club and the Second Hand Uniform sale, but as of this time, there are unlikely to be any social events run in the immediate future. Thank you to all the parents who have helped out and supported all of our events in the past.

If there are any parents out there, who don't necessarily want to be on a committee, but would be interested in getting involved in social events throughout the school year, or even would just like to know more about what is involved in being a Friend of the school, there will be a 'Futures of the Friends' crisis planning meeting held on Friday 4th November 3.30 pm – 4.15 pm in Miss Moncreaff's classroom.

### **Financial Update:**

We had a very successful year last year with the various social and fundraising events held...the financial update from the AGM last night showed that we raised over £7000, from the following events;

KS1 Christmas Party	£255.48
Christmas Cards & Raffle	£513.50
Pantomime	£60
KS2 Monsters Ball	£647.88
Mothers Day Sale	£301.41
Uniform Sale	£528.00
Easter Eggstravaganza	£683.99
KS2 Film Night	£236.07
St Peter's Fest	£2074.81
400 Club	£1720.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£7021.13</b>

Thank you everyone for all of your support.

### **GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 12.09.16**

<b>1OK</b> Lucy Mason	<b>1S</b> Sonny Hart
<b>2A</b> Alfie-Wingrove-Cross	<b>2L</b> Filip Machedon
<b>3A</b>	<b>3H</b> Islwyn Mainwaring
<b>4HA</b> Tia Abbinnett	<b>4S</b> John Mawanda
<b>5E</b> Brooklyn Chambers	<b>5F</b> Dylan Dunaway
<b>6S</b> Coral Hughes	<b>6T</b> Brandon Hussey

### GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 19.09.16

**1OK** Cian McLaughlin

**2A** Leo Veal

**3A** James Riggs

**4HA** Riley Morgan

**5E** Aimee Tindal

**1S** Sophie Woodings

**2L** Poppy Taylor-Sayers

**3H** Jacob Best

**4S** Orlando Migliari

**5F** Wendy Wheatley

### Governor News:

Thank you to parents who have completed a gift aid declaration and made voluntary contributions to the St Peter's Building Fund. These donations will contribute to the exciting new building work we hope to undertake in the near future. Should you wish to make a donation to the building fund, please ask the school office for a gift-aid form.

During the September meeting of the full governing body, governors reviewed our E-Safety and mobile phone policy, which is available to view on the website. Please could parents have a look at this policy and remind their children that if they bring a mobile phone into school this should be turned off and handed into the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day from the school office. The policy also refers to E-Safety meetings for parents. These meetings will take place in the Spring Term. Look out for dates and times in a future newsletter.

Governors would like to thank parents for the many positive comments we have received regarding the new senior leadership team and the positive start to the new school year. We would also like to thank staff for all their hard work over the summer to make our school a welcoming environment for children and parents.

Diane Price, Staff Governor

### Dates for your diary:

Second-hand Uniform Sale: Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2.45 pm – 4.00 pm

'Future of the Friends' Planning Meeting: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 pm – 4.15 pm in school

#### **400 Club: MAY 2016**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize</b>	<b>£74.00</b>	<b>No. 236</b>	<b>Mrs N Cunningham</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize</b>	<b>£44.40</b>	<b>No. 196</b>	<b>Mrs T Barker</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize</b>	<b>£14.80</b>	<b>No. 359</b>	<b>Mrs B Landi</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> prize</b>	<b>£14.80</b>	<b>No. 324</b>	<b>Mr J McCormack</b>

#### **400 Club: JUNE 2016**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize</b>	<b>£70.25</b>	<b>No. 13</b>	<b>Mrs A Owens</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize</b>	<b>£42.15</b>	<b>No. 131</b>	<b>Mrs E Sumba</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize</b>	<b>£14.05</b>	<b>No.375</b>	<b>Mrs T Perkins</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> prize</b>	<b>£14.05</b>	<b>No. 419</b>	<b>Mrs I Howell</b>

### Dates for your Diary:

#### **SEPTEMBER**

30 Sept Lost Property on display outside the school office at 3.15 p.m.

## OCTOBER

3 Oct	Y6 Visit by PCSO 1.00 p.m.
5 Oct	Incredible Years Parent Workshop 6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.
6 Oct	American Day – School lunch for all pupils
6 Oct	Cafod's 'Brighten Up for Harvest' Day – wear bright colours to school
7 Oct	Cafod Harvest Assembly 9.05 a.m.
10 Oct	Year R Welcome Meeting 3.20 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
11 Oct	Year 1 Football Festival 9.30 a.m.
11 Oct	Year 2 Liturgy 10.20 a.m.
13 Oct	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents 1.15 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.
14 Oct	Year 2 visiting Waterlooville Library in the morning
17 Oct	Class 2L Music Concert at 11.15 a.m.
18 Oct	NSPCC KS1 Assembly 9.00 a.m. and KS2 9.30 a.m.
18 Oct	Year 1 Tri Golf Festival 9.30 a.m.
18 Oct	Year 3/Year 4 Mass at Church 10.20 a.m.
18 Oct	Year 5 NSPCC Workshops 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.
18 Oct	Year 6 NSPCC Workshops 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m.
19 Oct	Year 2 Football Festival 9.30 a.m.
20 Oct	Individual Pupil Photographs – Fraser Portraits in School
21 Oct	Second Hand Uniform 2.45 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
21 Oct	'6C' Day - Whole School
<b>24 – 28 Oct</b>	<b>Half term holiday – school closed to pupils</b>
<b>31 Oct</b>	<b>INSET DAY – school closed to pupils</b>
31 Oct	Deadline for applications for Year 6 to Oaklands

## NOVEMBER

<b>1 Nov</b>	<b>Second half of Autumn term starts for pupils at 8.50 a.m.</b>
4 Nov	Friends of St Peter's Crisis Meeting 3.30 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.
7 Nov	Parents Evening Meeting 3.30 – 6.00 p.m.
8 Nov	Year R Liturgy 10.20 a.m.
8 Nov	Parents Evening Meeting 4.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.
11 Nov	Remembrance Service – whole School at 10.50 a.m.
15 Nov	Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
21 Nov	Open Evening for Prospective Parents 6.00 – 7.15 p.m.

**OTHER INSET days for 2016-17: Tuesday, 3 January 2017 and Friday, 30 June 2017.**