



OCTOBER 2016

Dear Parents and carers,

This first half term of teaching at St Peter's has simply flown by. As I walk around the classrooms I see on a daily basis curiosity, learning, achievement and progress taking place in all the lessons across the curriculum. There is no denying that under the previous government the expectations upon pupil performance and progress were increased significantly, and the pupils from Year 6 who finished in July felt both the challenges and benefits of these new academic demands. The educational expectations of Mrs May's administration have yet to be fully revealed, but the journey towards higher standards continues still. As a result, we must expect of all our teachers, and all our children therefore, a committed drive towards improved attainment through challenging objectives and ambitious targets. This means that in lessons your children *will* be fully supported in doing work that *will* be tough to complete, but which is designed to stretch and motivate your child to higher academic achievements and learning successes. What gives me strength in this enterprise is the knowledge that at home in many different ways, children are being supported with all sorts of home learning opportunities.

And that leads me on to the half term break. There is a trend at the moment for postings of 'alternative holiday homework', where teachers list activities to broaden the mind and enrich the soul. Well, I'll leave that to those with more inspired turns of phrase than myself, but I would encourage all of our children to make the most of their 10 days of holiday at the end of October. This does include some lazy mornings, some pyjama (or onesie nowadays!) time in front of the telly, and a bit of video gaming no doubt. But it can also include plenty of outdoor time in the beautiful autumnal colours, and leisure time spent with family and friends that all too often just evaporates in a regular weekend. So be sure to remind your children that proper rest is as valuable as hard work for a balanced life, and that time off does not need to be time out when there are so many fun things to do in the local area without breaking the piggy bank.

With my best wishes for a restful holiday, and looking forward to seeing all the children when they return to school **at 8:50 am on Tuesday 1st November.**

Warmest regards

Mr R Cunningham
Interim Headteacher

On Thursday 20th October the school bid a heartfelt farewell to Mrs Diane Price, who steps down from her role as Pastoral Leader and Child and Family Support Worker having worked at St Peter's for over 10 years. During the school day, Mrs Price has been a Learning Support Assistant across all year groups in the school before taking on the Parent Liaison role just over 4 years ago. Since then, Mrs Price has developed that role to become the school's Pastoral Leader and formalised her work as Child and Family Support Worker. Mrs Price has represented the interests of many in our school community, working tirelessly for the best outcomes she can secure for our pupils. Furthermore, Mrs Price has served as a school governor, providing to her fellow governors a valuable and telling insight into the needs of the school and helping us all to grow and improve through her support and direction. Mrs Price typifies those people who go "above and beyond" in the service of others, and though she will remain as a governor she will be sorely missed by the pupils and staff at St Peter's. We all wish her well for the adventures that lie ahead in the next stage of her life.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Whole school attendance is currently at 97.8%. Our attendance target this year is 97.4%. Thank you to all parents who continue to support school by promoting good attendance and punctuality.

It's that time of year again when colds and sickness bugs seem to be in abundance. Can I remind parents that if your child is vomiting, they should be kept off school for 48 hours.

Can I also 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

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. A Friends meeting will be held on Friday, 4th November from 3.30 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. This will take place in Miss Moncreaff's classroom.

Mr R Cunningham, Interim Headteacher

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.

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.

Parking in Gloucester Road:

It has been brought to our attention that parents are parking right on the bend in Gloucester Road. This is proving to be dangerous as it is causing the residents there to have to drive on the wrong side of the road in order to exit the road. Would parents please ensure they park safely and responsibly if using the neighbouring roads around St Peter's.

My day at School:

"First at school we prepared to go on our school trip. We had to walk for half an hour. Next we went around the Library, Costa, Nat West and the Church. Then we went back to the Library and we did two activities, then we went back to the school and had lunch".

By Reuben Jose, Class 2L

CAFOD's Harvest Campaign:

On Thursday, 6th October, all our children came to school dressed as brightly as they could and made donations of £1 to CAFOD, our Catholic charity which helps tackle poverty and injustice across the world. Individual classes raised money by holding cake sales as well and the total raised was an amazing £569.47. A big thank you to everyone who donated money and also for making and buying cakes in support of this campaign.

Data Collection Sheet:

We are still missing a large number of data collection sheets. Your child took home a *pink* data collection sheet a couple of 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.

Library News:

Anti-Bullying Week – Competition:

For this year's anti-bullying week commencing 14th November 2016, we will be running a bookmark competition. We would like children to design a bookmark about friendship and what friendship means to them. Templates will be available in the library after half term and the competition will run until the end of anti-bullying week (18th November 2016). Winners will be announced in celebration assembly during the first week of December. Winners will receive a prize and will also have their designs made into bookmarks which will be available for children to take home.

Water Bottles:

Last month we reminded parents that water bottles should not be kept in book bags. We have had a few books this month that were returned badly water damaged and have had to be thrown away, so again, please can you make sure that water bottles are **not** put in children's book bags.

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?

Mrs S Domblides, School Librarian

Parent Consultation Meetings:

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

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:

Year 1 have been on two Sports events this month, one being a football festival which was held at South Downs College Astro Turf and the other Tri-golf Festival which was held at Horndean Tech College. All Children had a wonderful time meeting children from other schools and working as a team. The Tri-golf team came joint 3rd with another school, which they were all very excited about and each child got a medal to keep.

Governor News:

Our building project is progressing well and the school is absolutely committed to providing a new building that will provide an amazing space for current and future pupils for years to come. A number of designs have been drawn up and we are in the process of reviewing these with the Dioceses with a view to choosing a preferred design. We will of course update you when we have some new information to share, so watch this space! Of course it wouldn't be possible to undertake a project of this size and magnitude without your help and support, so thank you to all those that have made voluntary contributions to the Building Fund. If you would like to make a donation, please ask the school office for a giftaid form.

With half term around the corner, we would like to wish everyone a restful and peaceful break and we look forward to seeing everybody back in school on Tuesday 1st November.

Marie Moseley, Parent Governor

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 26.09.16

1OK Nikolas Baker	1S Francesca Baines
2A Lily Gozukucuk	2L Mikayla Black
3A Emily Scarborough	3H Siyon Joseph
4HA Freya Bijumon	4S Jack Jordan
5E Lenny Perriman	5F At Runways End
	6T Jack Woolston

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 03.10.16

1OK Dominika Plizga	1S Mason Worley
2A Faith Martin	2L Ryan Smth
3A Christopher Smith	3H Phoebe De Bohan
4HA Emma Mpario	4S Sigci Dlamini
5E Joshua Tony	5F Jacob Kift
6S Daniel Upton	6T Ben Carey

GOLDEN LEAVES – week beginning 10.10.16

1OK Sophia Gardner	1S Aurora Andrews
2A Henry Burrige	2L Hollie King
3A Christopher Smith	3H Hayden Shaw
4HA Cassius Chambers	4S Molly Gray
5E Aiden Kelly	5F Tom Gozukucuk
6S Oakley Parnum	6T Harriet Laybourne

400 Club: JULY 2016

1st prize	£72.75	No. 111	Michelle Crocker
2nd prize	£43.65	No. 432	Imelda Howell
3rd prize	£14.55	No. 48	Helen Hogg
4th prize	£14.55	No. 140	Benia Townsin

400 Club: SEPTEMBER 2016

1st prize	£72.00	No. 379	Joanna Garvey
2nd prize	£43.20	No. 440	Natasha Briley
3rd prize	£14.40	No. 118	Sarah Alexander
4th prize	£14.40	No. 108	Michelle Crocker

Dates for your Diary:**OCTOBER**

21 Oct	Second Hand Uniform 2.45 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
21 Oct	'6C' Day - Whole School
24 – 28 Oct	Half term holiday – school closed to pupils
31 Oct	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
31 Oct	Deadline for applications for Year 6 to Oaklands

NOVEMBER

1 Nov	Second half of Autumn term starts for pupils at 8.50 a.m.
1 Nov	Applications for Year R for September opens
4 Nov	"Animals on the Go" visiting Year R
4 Nov	Friends of St Peter's Meeting 3.30 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. to be held in Class RM
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.
9 Nov	Year R to Chapel
10 Nov	KS1 Anti-bullying workshop 1.15 p.m.
10 Nov	KS2 Anti-bullying workshop 2.15 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.
17 Nov	Year R to Waterlooville Library
21 Nov	Year 5 to Fort Nelson
21 Nov	Class RM to Pets at Home
21 Nov	Open Evening for Prospective Parents 6.00 – 7.15 p.m.
22 Nov	Yr 5 and Yr 6 Mass at Church 10.15 a.m.
22 Nov	Class RP to Pets at Home
23 Nov	Incredible Years Parent Workshop 6.00 p.m.
28 Nov	Yr R to Staunton Country Park

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