



Giving children the keys to unlock their future

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another term draws to a close, I want to thank you for your support this year in giving the children a great all round education. Thank you for the helpful feedback you have provided during the year and your input into our new school vision strapline - *Giving children the keys to unlock their future*. We'll be exploring this further with the children in September, thinking about what the keys of success look like. We have other exciting plans for next year which we'll share in September in class curriculum meetings and also through our regular newsletters.

We have farewells to say to Mrs Lynette Turner (teacher) who retires this week and to Mrs Lisa Masi (kitchen staff) who is moving on to a different career. We will miss both these members of staff and have really appreciated all their dedication and care that they have given to the children of St. Peter's over many years. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and the local board of governors for their tireless work this year and a huge thank you to the dedicated FOSPA team for their ongoing support and fundraising.

Finally I want to wish all the children a very well deserved holiday! Have a super summer break and we'll see most of you back in September. For those of you who are moving on to your new schools, we wish you all the best - do come back and tell us how you're getting on!

Many blessings,

Mark Everett

Edwards and Ward: FREE MEALS! We value our onsite kitchen facilities which provide freshly cooked, nutritious meals every day. We would like every child to enjoy our meals, so to encourage this Edwards and Ward are running a promotion during the first week back, they will provide a FREE meal, every day of the first week back! If you have not had a school dinner in a while, please take up this opportunity to try them again.

KS2 Production: Well done to all the Key Stage 2 children on performing a fabulous production on Tuesday. I thought you were brilliant and judging from the reactions and comments from the audience, they thought you were great as well! Nearly £160 was raised in the retiring collection and so we will be sending £80 to Macmillan Cancer Support and passing on a similar amount to FOSPA towards the new library project. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

Change of Bank Holiday: You may be aware that the government has announced that the early May bank holiday has been put back to Friday 8th May. It will form part of a three-day weekend of events to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The full calendar is available on the school website www.st-peters.wilts.sch.uk

Our local board of governors.

Our local board of governors is sub divided into 3 committees whose expertise is concentrated into the areas of Staffing and Finance, Premises and Teaching and Learning. Over the year, each of of these committees will produce a report detailing their work. We start with a report from the Premises subcommittee.

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It is the responsibility of the Premises sub-committee to assist and support Mr Everett and Mrs Pennycott, the Business Manager, on all matters relating to the school premises and grounds, the security of the site and any and all Health and Safety (H&S) issues that may arise. In doing this, we are ensuring that St Peter's Academy remains a safe and secure environment for all those who pass through our doors.

We meet every term to monitor, discuss and make decisions about any new or ongoing projects so that we can then report back to all our governors at the next Local Board meeting; this ensures that the Local Board of Governors are always kept fully up to date with any progress.

This year, we have managed to complete many projects whilst operating within a tight budget. For instance, improvements have been made to our CCTV system, the roof above the key stage 1 cloakroom as well as removing old paving in the staff car park. Lighting in the hall has been upgraded with low energy LED fixtures and the boiler that provides heating was replaced. Often, we look to repairing equipment as a better cost option to the school than replacement.

We take H&S concerns very seriously and this was reflected in the external audit, undertaken for the Diocese of Bristol Academy Trust (DBAT), where we scored an impressive 97%. We have also commissioned our maintenance provider to undertake dedicated H&S compliance checks across the site which fits in well with DBAT's drive to improve H&S in all its academies.

Mrs Pennycott has continued to work tirelessly this year sourcing extra funding to improve our facilities. Thousands of pounds have been saved on maintenance of the woodland area by establishing a mutually beneficial arrangement with Lackham College for their Foundation Horticulture students to complete practical elements of their course in our grounds. She has also won £1700 from Tesco to improve our outdoor learning facilities.

Looking to the future, we hope that St Peter's Breakfast and After School Club, which was only started in April, will continue to expand. We also hope that the work to replace all the water pipes in the building, for which we have received a major funding grant from the Government, can be completed successfully during the summer holidays.

Back to school on Tuesday 3rd September.