



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 • [www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk](http://www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

## ATTENDANCE

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school and can be prosecuted if they fail to ensure their child's regular attendance at school or provide alternative education, as this is a criminal offence. A Fixed Penalty Notice, including a fine, may be issued for unauthorised absences. *Leave of absence requests in term time will not be authorised for Year 6 children, nor for Year 1 or Year 2 in May or June due to statutory testing.*

## SICKNESS ABSENCE

We have a "48 hour" rule for sickness and diarrhoea, as per guidance from the School Nurse Team. Please keep your child away from school for 48 hours from the last time they were sick or had a tummy upset. This guidance is simply to keep your child as healthy as possible and to keep our school germs to a minimum.

## The End of the School Year...



As I do at the end of every summer, I want to publicly thank all the staff at St Peter's for the incredible commitment and hard work that they have demonstrated again this year. The staff here work so hard and provide such wonderful learning experiences for our children, and this year I feel they have surpassed all that we have seen before. Our school diary has been packed with sporting events, thanks to Therese Mannion and Stephen Logue, and our children have had such a variety of sporting opportunities offered to them because of Therese and Stephen's dedication. There have been numerous visits and visitors which have provided exciting, relevant learning experiences thanks to all the class teachers, many of whom have also run after school clubs and organised charity events. These experiences all go towards giving your children the breadth of learning experiences that are so important. They all take significant time and effort by both office and teaching staff to organise and I am so very grateful that they do.

Our SEND team continue to work with skill and compassion, and focus on enabling all children to make progress with their learning. The pastoral provision is exceptional and visible from the welcome of our office staff all the way through the school. The senior leadership team, Deputy Head (Scott Haywood), SENDCO (Tracy Bennett) and Key Stage leaders (Alison Palmer, Trudi Tribe and Charlotte Otter) have been excellent role models both in and out of the classroom, and this year in particular they have had to take on additional responsibilities when we found ourselves without maternity cover for our teacher in Year 6. I am sure you are well aware of the invaluable support our teaching assistants provide to teachers but many of them are also delivering highly skilled impactful interventions that benefit the children directly. The school could not function without the dedication of Colette Lynch and Louise Hardman in the office, supported also by Sally Cheal, and their key front of house role with parents and visitors. We can all see the pride that Mr Tyler and his caretaking/cleaning staff take in looking after the school, but what parents often don't see is the work of the lunchtime play leaders in ensuring the lunchtimes run smoothly and the children are well supervised and engaged in play.

And last but not least, thank you to FOSPs - the money you have provided again this year has had such an impact on what we have been able to provide for the children and it's amazing what can be achieved when school and parents are working together.

To all of the parents and carers, thank you for all of your support, and I hope you enjoy the holiday with your families.

**Michele Lawrie**



## School communication

Our website is kept up to date so please remember to check it regularly! Photos are in the [Gallery](#), letters sent home are in the [News and Letters](#) section and the [Events Calendar](#) has information about all the latest St Peter's events: [www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk](http://www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

### Did you know...

...that it takes 67,000 long-life and energy-saving lights to light up the Brighton Palace Pier every night?\*

\*<https://www.expertskiphire.co.uk/brighton-pier-history-facts>



- Infant start: 8.40am (doors close 8.50am)
- Junior start: 8.40am (doors close 8.45am)
- Nursery start: 8.55am (doors close 9.00am)
- Lunch: 12.00 – 1.00pm
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- Infant end of day: 3.10pm
- Junior end of day: 3.15pm
- Nursery end of day: 3.00pm



## Leavers' Assembly Address

Last night when I was thinking about what I wanted to say to you all today, after a hot, hot day in London on our mystery trip I had a look at the first page of our website and the description of what we want for our young people. It says that At St Peter's we seek to nurture and develop our pupils into high achieving, confident and articulate young people whose primary education equips them to go confidently in to secondary education. ... and I thought no, not just into secondary education.... into the world.

It says that we try to teach our children to be curious, to ask questions, and to be thinkers. To help them understand that we all make mistakes and that we can learn from them. That we try to create an environment in which we can develop their confidence and self-belief, to prepare them to take on challenge, and become confident, well rounded young people who see life as being a glass that is half full, not half empty. For me that I so important - I loved it yesterday when someone told one of their peers to stop complaining it was sunny, it was warm... what's not to like? Their glass was full...

It tells the world that we believe that we should treat other people the way we wanted to be treated. That we want the children here to grow up to be nice people: to be kind and generous; funny and thoughtful; and to be honest and truthful... and do you know what, Year 6? For the most part, you are.... but we all have our off days! You have welcomed new children with different needs and experiences over the years and it is very difficult to tell who was here from the beginning... and that's a good thing.

It says that we encourage our pupils to be team players and to bring out the best in each other by working together... And I think, Year 6, that we have seen that in you in your years here at St Peter's - on the whole, you do have each other's backs.

We have been trying to encourage you to do good in the world, to think beyond just what is best for yourselves, to make the world, in even a small way, a better place... and you know, to be honest we have a way to go there... but then, you know I think we adults have a way to go there too... And then I thought WHY/Why do we want that?

And I realised that it is because we want you to be better than us... to be MORE than us, that we want you to be more of all those things we mentioned; more kind, more confident, more hardworking, more ambitious... than us. As a parent that is what we want for our children, and when you are in school you are our children. We see you as the future; you are the people who are going to be putting the world to rights. And I thought, how do I help you and the grown-ups see that? Why would they think you were capable of that?

And then I thought of all the young people who are having such an impact in the world, the ordinary young people just like you, who are having such an impact of the world. I thought of Greta Thunberg, 16 and autistic who is forcing the older generations to face up to the climate crisis, I thought of Malala Yousafzai, who got shot in the head for wanting to go to school, I thought of Raheem Sterling who is standing up to racism in Football... I thought of many, many more, but those 3, they are only a tiny bit older than you and they are doing good in the world, they are better than us, they are doing MORE than us by using their voice, they are IMPORTANT, they are YOU.

We have seen so much more in all of you over the years, the depth of you, the complexity of you, but probably only fully realised it in this last year at St Peter's... We saw amazing performances last week in your play, we've witnessed tremendous sporting achievements in netball, cricket, athletics... All of you, you all have gifts, and you will continue to have opportunities to use them.

We always say that people never really leave St Peter's, that we keep you in our hearts and you keep us in yours forever... but we do have to let you go, we do have to let you go find your own adventures. But just remember, you have the

opportunity to do AMAZING things, to be someone who matters in the world, who can make a change, who can be successful in whatever you choose to do.

But most importantly of all we want you to BE HAPPY, to do things that make you proud of who you are, of what you have achieved... It's not about being famous, it's just about that secret glow inside when you know you did a thing, a good thing...

So Year 6 it's time to go, to say Goodbye and Good Luck, you've been amazing and so much loved by all of us here at St Peter's.

Please go and have a look at our new mosaic in the KS2 playground - here's a message from the artist who worked with our Year 6 children to produce it...

My name is Christina Ure. It is my very great privilege to be the guest artist for St Peter's Memory mosaic. The Year 6 Memory mosaic celebrates the young people who have been part of this magnificent school, and who are now moving forward to their next adventure. Every year, the Year 6 students and I create a collaborative mosaic. They choose one of two themes I give them, and then draw images on that theme (a task the student embrace with varying levels of delight and terror!). I take those drawing and create a mosaic design. The students then translate their drawings using glass mosaic tiles (with a bit of help.... and with varying levels of delight and terror) and then I take those individual glass mosaics and incorporate them in to the design on the wall. I work on the mosaic after school and on weekends so no one sees the mosaic before the Year 6 leavers' assembly. It is their mosaic so they should be the first to see it finished.

Their individual mosaic represents an aspect of the person they are now. The mosaic, as a whole, represents...

...the ocean they have inhabited

...the 'school' they swam in

...and their individual, beautiful, shimmering colours.

It is their glass time capsule.

## In other news...

- The Year 3 sleepover was enjoyed by everyone attending! Sid Sloane, who runs our Year 1 & 2 Breakfast Club, joined the children for some fun activities and everyone tucked into homemade pasta and veggie bolognese!
- It was lovely for our children to proudly share their work with their families at Learning Share.
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all had outings to the beach in the sunshine!
- Nursery held their lovely end of year shows for their families and demonstrated how much they have learned. We wish all our Nursery children moving on to other Reception classes next year year happiness in their next steps.



# St Peter's Community Primary School Newsletter

## Year 6 Celebrations

As this year's Year 6 class leave us there have been so many things to celebrate with them over these last few weeks:

- For the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, Mr Logue put together a brilliant video to celebrate their years here at St Peter's, some of them here right from Reception and Nursery, all the way to Pavilion class. Miss Lynch has presented them each with a keepsake of their time here in the form of a photo album.
- Both Mr Logue and Miss Lynch put all this work in in their own time, working late into on many nights.
- We unveiled the beautiful memory mosaic that Year 6 have been working on with Christina Ure this morning.
- Yesterday, our leavers were treated to a free Mystery trip to see School of Rock in London's West End. It was unbelievably hot and they all coped so well in the heat. Once again, FOSPS contributed £500 towards the cost of the trip and the rest was funded by money that the school has raised itself through lettings, photograph sales and the like.
- On Wednesday they 'sort of' beat us at Rounders in Vale Park when they played against staff and some press-ganged parents.
- We had their fantastic drama production last week followed by the annual Red Carpet event with pink fizz (non-alcoholic) in champagne flutes, and the paparazzi on hand in the form of Miss Lynch to snap them in their finery.
- At the residential weekend in Little Canada on the Isle of Wight, we saw children challenging themselves and others in activities that had them overcoming fears that they never imagined they would.

The children have all worked really hard in Year 6 and we are so very grateful for the good teaching they have had throughout their time at St Peter's - their successes don't just happen in one year; it is the skills and knowledge and positive attitude towards learning from all their teachers from Nursery upwards that have got them this far.

## St Peter's Daily After School Provision

Our After School Club will be opening on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019! We are really excited about this venture and how it will help to support the childcare needs of our families. Keep an eye on our [clubs](#) page for information about how to register!

Starting 30<sup>th</sup> September!

# St Peter's After School Club

Every day after school from 3.10 - 6.00pm!  
Join us for some after school fun!

Outdoor play Art & craft  
Construction Board games  
Snacks and light meal provided

£12 per session (£11 siblings)

To sign up, ask for a registration form at the office or download it from our school website's clubs page from 6<sup>th</sup> September!

## Other Before and After School Club Provision

### Skills Clubs

We will continue to offer after school 'skills' clubs, such as Football, Spanish etc – check our [clubs](#) page for the latest clubs on offer. Children will be able to attend skills clubs and then join our daily after school club afterwards should parents wish.

### Healthy little Steps Breakfast Club

Sid Sloane's FREE weekly Breakfast Club provision will continue next year for Years 1 & 2 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children have really enjoyed participating in the club, which supports mental health and physical well-being through games, activities and mediation. Sign up via our website's [clubs](#) page.

### St Mary's Breakfast Club

Our children have access to the St Mary's Daily Breakfast Club. Find out more [here](#).

REMEMBER TO SHUT THE MAIN INFANT ENTRANCE GATE EVERY TIME YOU ENTER AND LEAVE, EVEN IF ONLY POPPING IN AS IT'S A SECURITY RISK! THANK YOU.

For information, letters sent home, after school clubs, photos of our school activities and much more, visit:

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