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## 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.

## Welcome!



Welcome to all the new parents both in Red class and in Nursery as well as to those families who have joined us further up the school. The children have settled into their new classes really well and we look forward to getting to know you all. We would again like to welcome the new members of staff:



Ms Sheri Burt Red Class Teacher Mrs Michelle Maher Blue Class Teacher Miss Theresa Nimoh Harbour Class Teacher Mrs Janine Verrall Y1 TA & Club Assistant

## Coastal Kids After School Club!

Coastal Kids Club starts today! Daily at St Peter's from 3.10pm - 6.00pm, £12 per session (£11 for siblings). Lots of fun and exciting activities and resources, with snacks and a light meal.

Club email contact: [afterschoolclub@stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk)  
Club phone number: 07395 156638

Please use the contact details above, speak to the office or check out our webpage for more information: <https://www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk/parent-information/clubs/daily-after-school-club>

## Club resource donations

Although we already have lots of fantastic resources, we would also welcome donations of any fun resources in good condition for our play activities, such as dolls, cars, dinosaurs, action figures (and in particular, a dolls' house!). We do not require book donations, thank you. Please speak to the office if you have any items to donate!

## School communication

Remember to check our website 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)

## Behaviour



At the beginning of every school year teachers set out or remind children about the expectations of behaviour both in and out of the classroom. The school rule of treating others the way you want to be treated should be reflected in the way children behave towards each other and towards all adults in the school. This means that they are not rude or disrespectful to each other or to adults. It means they don't talk over another person or talk whilst another person is talking to them. It means we expect them to speak politely to others and not answer back rudely. There is an expectation that parents will support this at home by teaching them good manners and to be respectful to adults. Adults in school are reminding children particularly in the juniors of these expectations and sanctioning the rude or disrespectful behaviour through loss of playtime. We also need to remind a very small number of parents that we also have those expectations of polite behaviour towards school staff as occasionally there have been adults who have been loud and aggressive on school premises or spoken rudely to office staff in particular.

### Did you know...

The first recorded commercial flight left from Shoreham Airport and landed on Hove Lawns delivering light bulbs in 1910?\*

\*<http://www.welovebrighton.com/homepage/30-facts-about-brighton/>



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



St Peter's is Top Class!



We hope you managed to catch the St Peter's TV Quiz Show debut on Sunday morning! Mr Logue and a team of last year's Year 6 children appeared on CBBC's "Top Class" and impressed us all with their general knowledge (and Maths skills!). Catch up on the BBC iplayer!



Parent Helpers

We are always very keen to have parents, carers and grandparents helping out in school so if you can spare some time each week please get in touch with your child's teacher. This applies to our Junior aged classes, too! For our new Reception children we encourage parents to let the children settle into the school routines for the first half term before volunteering in class.

E-Safety

**We need to remind parents that the minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik and Snapchat is 13.** YouTube requires account holders to be 18 but a 13 year old can sign up with their parent's permission. Since May 2018 WhatsApp's minimum age use is 16 years old if you live in the UK.

Most parents are aware of the danger from strangers on these websites but in school we are increasingly having to deal with friendship issues arising from the use of these social media platforms, and most recently had to deal with an exceptionally unpleasant incident where two children set up an offensive Instagram account about a member of staff. Parents need to monitor their children's access to the internet very closely as this type of activity is likely to result in exclusion for the children involved.

Meerkats

From Tuesday 1 October - Sunday 1 December 2019, nine meerkats will be let loose and hiding around the streets of central Brighton. Are you ready to take up the challenge and try to find them?

This mini-adventure is for young children and their families, but anyone can take part, whatever your age. The Meerkat Trail is a chance to be active, enjoy being out and about together and learn about local historical places. And there are stickers to collect along the way! There will also be goody bags, micro scooters and theatre tickets to win!

For more information, have a look at [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/meerkat-trail](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/meerkat-trail) #BrightonMeerkats

Important

## Outstanding payments

Please ensure that all payments owed to the school are made in a timely manner. **School dinners must of course be paid for and clearly must be paid in advance.** Your child must be provided with a packed lunch from home if you are unable to pay for a school dinner. It is not acceptable for parents to ignore repeated reminders.

Uniform



We are so pleased that parents have been supportive of ensuring their children are in the correct school uniform, particularly around school shoes and not wearing leggings. The children look really smart and we hope that this will continue throughout the year.

Year 6 – Secondary applications

The deadline for applying for a Brighton and Hove secondary school is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. We will forward information from Secondary Schools to parents and make it available on our website as it arrives.

Vacancies at St Peter's

We are currently advertising various roles at St Peter's. Have a look at our [news and letters](#) webpage for further information.

**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.**