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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.

Christmas News



I just thought I'd share Purple People's Facebook book comment about The Portslade Partnership donation which they posted on their page today:

"Brackenbury, Hill Park, St Mary's, Mile Oak, St Nicolas, St Peter's and Peter Gladwin Schools have ensured that all of our families have a great Christmas- Just back from unloading the most amazing amount of food and gifts from these fantastic Portslade Schools. Huge thanks to everyone who organised the event. Thanks to all who contributed to the massive amount of goodies. We now have enough food to get us through to February. Portslade you should be proud."

I hope you all enjoyed our two Christmas productions! They really were stunning again this year! The children never cease to amaze me with how much they can memorise in such a short space of time and how confidently they perform, even the littlest ones in Nursery and Reception.

Dress as an Elf on the Twelfth was a great day. We had our Christmas Lunch provided by our fantastic kitchen team who is always superbly organised, followed by the excellent FOSP'S Christmas Fayre. Huge appreciation and thanks must go to Louise Green and Carole Ward, the main organisers of this event, as well as to all of those who helped to set up and run stall. Next year we're hoping to have more help with the clearing up too! Here's a message from Louise Green:

"I just want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone that got involved in the Christmas Fayre this year! It was hectic at times but for the most part I think everyone had a lovely time. The FOSP's treasurer is busily working on the bookkeeping but our total profit this year is just over £1700! So we are delighted. When the madness of Christmas has passed we will start work on clearing the school wish-list and start making those dreams a reality! 😊 And just a little side note to say that the tombola made a whooping £390! So thank you to the tombola champions for managing the hordes! I also want to say a big thank you to Miss Thomas and the lovely school choir. They really helped to create a wonderful Christmas atmosphere in the hall!"



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

Vacancies at St Peter's

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to join our fun and hard-working lunchtime team. If you are interested, please read the details on how to apply here:

[Midday Supervisor role – St Peter's](#)

Ex-Pupil Behaviour

We were pleased to see some of our former pupils at the fayre; however, we must insist that ALL children who attend school fayres must be accompanied by their parents, and must remain in their parents' view at all times. We had some unsafe behaviour involving past and present pupils and we will have to review the attendance of past pupils at these events.

Did you know...

..Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system?! Poor Rudolph!*

*<https://www.pastbook.com/txt/12-fun-christmas-facts/>



- 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



Reading at Home



We are feeling the need to remind parents how important it is to read at home with your child. In Nursery and Reception, reading a story to your child should be something that happens **every day**. It only takes a few minutes and is really important in building their spoken vocabulary and developing their love of reading. It becomes ever more important **for you to dedicate 10 minutes a day** to reading with them (either hearing them read to you, or you reading to them) when they are in Key Stage 1. In Years 3 and 4, listening to them read gives you the opportunity to discuss the book's theme or the words they don't know, and by the time they are in Years 5 and 6 you might find that you get into their books yourselves! It's all good!

Developing your child's love of reading, enjoyment of books, independent reading skills and comprehension of the text is a key part of parenting as well as of teaching. It is a fundamental part of any child's learning and research has shown that children who regularly read are at a higher chance of achieving in all areas of the curriculum, not just in Literacy.

Our Staff



As we come to the end of this very long term, I have been reflecting on what makes this school so special, and have realised that of course it is the people. As in most schools all the staff here work very hard to ensure we make the very best provision for the children, but I believe it is the relationships with the children and the families that is quite unique. We do seem to work well together, and although there may be bumps along the way, those relationships are key to our successes. Thank you for your support, good wishes and gifts; it makes us all feel very appreciated. It's still a wonderful place to be.

Wishing you and your loved ones the happiest of Christmases.



School Uniform

Please remember to ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day, and as the weather gets colder to encourage them to wear a hat, scarf and gloves. Please also remember that we do NOT permit the wearing of Dr Marten boots at St Peter's.

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.

Coastal Kids After School Club!

Coastal Kids Club is on every day after school! 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

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!

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.