

St Peter's Newsletter

No. 02

Thursday 12th October 2017

Please remember to check the latest school information and news on our website at www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk and you can contact the school by e-mail at office@stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Infant lessons start: 8.40am (doors close 8.50am)
Junior lessons start: 8.40am (doors close 8.45am)
Nursery start: 8.55am (doors close 9.00am)

● Infant Lunch: 12.00 - 1.00pm
● Junior Lunch: 12.00 - 1.00pm
● Nursery lunch: 12.00 - 1.00pm

● Infant end of school day: 3.10pm
● Junior end of school day: 3.15pm
● Nursery end of school day: 3.00pm

Sickness Absence

We have a "48 hour" rule for sickness and diarrhoea, as per guidance from the School Nurse Team. We ask parents to keep their children 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 so we can try to keep our school germs and bugs to a minimum.

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school and can be prosecuted if they fail to ensure their child's attendance at school or provide an alternative education. If a parent or carer fails to secure their child's regular attendance at school, they are committing a criminal offence. A Fixed Penalty Notice, which includes a fine, may be issued in cases of 'Unauthorised Absence'. Please see our website "policies" page for further Attendance information. **Holiday requests in term time will not be authorised for any Year 6 children, nor for Year 1 or Year 2 in May and June due to statutory testing.**

Did you know...

That every class is now doing 10 minutes of extra activity every day - some of the recent activities have been speed walking around the perimeter of the school, dance mats, beep tests and 30 second planks.

Harvest assemblies

Thank you for coming to our Harvest Assemblies this week. We were especially proud of how confidently our Reception and Nursery children coped with singing in front of an audience for the first time- it's no small feat when you are only 3 or 4! Thank you for sending in the foodstuffs too - they have been taken to a local foodbank to support those families who are in greatest need.

Parent Pay consent for outings

As you know, we are now able to offer Parent Pay as payment option for some of our outings. There is a tick box for consent on Parent Pay which you can tick to give your permission. We will still sometimes send out permission slips with letters that require other information such as parent helpers or dinner options. Thank you.

Staffing

We are sad to say that unfortunately due to personal circumstances Mrs Schildkamp will longer be working with us at St Peter's. We will miss her very much. We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Savage to work in Key Stage One as a Teaching Assistant from after half term.

Walk and Wheel to School Week: 9th - 13th October 2017

Children were encouraged to come to school on foot or by scooter or bike this week! We have a lot of children who walk and wheel already, which is great, and hope that this week will encourage others to follow suit. This week, we have also been having discussions on the importance of a healthy start to the day with a good breakfast and plenty of sleep the night before!

School Dinners costs (Y3 -6)

Please note that the cost of a school meal is now £2.20 per day (£11 per week). Meals must be paid for in advance via Parent Pay - please speak to the office to request a login.

Breakfast Club runs daily at St Mary's and St Peter's children are welcome to join it - check out our website for more information or ask at the school office.

Our new school website!

Our new website (with alternative, reliable hosting!) is now live and we are very excited to be able to share it with you! Please check it regularly for news, letters for parents and information about what is happening in our school, as well as lots of photos. We welcome feedback so if you have any comments, please email us or write them on the slip below.

Key Stage 2 snacks

Pupils are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack every day consisting of fruit/vegetables. Breadsticks are also permitted and can be used as a snack or part of a packed lunch. KS1 children may also choose from the range of fruit offered at school either to eat at snack time or to enjoy on the walk home. Please do not send in cereal bars which contain nuts or have a chocolate or sweetened coating.

FLU VACCINATIONS

As per the letter sent out recently, children in Years Reception to Year 4 are being offered a flu vaccination in school on Monday 27th November. Please ensure you have returned your consent form.

Playground Supervision

We love to see the children making use of the playgrounds before and after school, but please remember to always keep your eye on your child as we have had a few incidents in the playgrounds outside of school hours, which have resulted in injuries and dangerous situations.

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.

Year 6 Secondary School Application Information

The deadline for applying for a Brighton and Hove secondary school is **31st October 2017**. We will forward information from Secondary Schools to parents and make it available on our website as it arrives.

Lateness reminder for Key Stage 2

Please remember the importance of getting to school in time for registration. Coming in a few minutes late disrupts the class and delay the whole morning learning session.

Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they often miss starting the day with their peers and miss the beginning of lessons, which can leave them unsettled and confused about tasks. Teachers will not always be able to re-explain work.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others so please make sure your child is in school ready for our 8.45am registration every day. As this is the start of the school day, the Key Stage 2 gate will now be promptly locked at 8.45am. In order to have the best start to the day, an opportunity to talk to friends and have a more relaxed morning, please aim to be in the playground for 8:35am, ready to line up and come into class for 8:40am.

Minutes late per day	Equivalent of missing
5 Minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 Minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 Minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 Minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 Minutes	20.7 school days a year

Sports update!

Last week, our girls' football team (in their new kits!) took part in an afternoon football tournament held at the Brighton College grounds. While we may not have won, the girls really enjoyed it and played with enthusiasm and vigour! The boys' football team also took part in a similar tournament and were thrilled to have won 2 out of their 6 games! See our website gallery for photos of these events.

We implemented a new "the daily 10 minutes of exercise" routine across the school, whereby children and staff get active for 10 minutes at the beginning of the day, in many forms, such as a brisk walk, dance session or exercise routine. We already see that this is having a positive impact on learning behaviours in the classroom.

Please see below for the boys' and girls' feedback on their recent tournaments:

GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT UPDATE...

"Once we arrived at Brighton College, our Coach (Mr Logue) explained our positions and we practised some passing techniques.

Unbelievably, our first match was against the most experienced team - Brighton College. Understandably, we felt apprehensive.

This then turned to annoyance when they scored 3 - 0! But we didn't let this get us down; we improved as a team and our confidence grew and although we didn't win, we had an amazing time."

Year 6 Girls' Football Club members

BOYS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT UPDATE...

"The day started off with a frustrating 30 minute wait for the minibus. Whilst on the minibus, our Manager (Mr Logue) discussed formations and tactics. After practice, we started our first match of the tournament. It was an interesting one, as we were still getting used to how each of us play and our formations.

In total we played 6 matches and played well considering it was our first tournament. All the boys enjoyed it and we hope to do well in the school league. We hope the St Peter's younger children will take part in this tournament too."

Year 6 Boys' Football Club members

2017/2018 Sports Premium update

For 2017/2018, our Sports priorities will be to build on the progress made by pupils and teachers in the development of their skills and to ensure sustainability through evaluating the impact of Sports Funding as part of our normal self-evaluation and provision mapping arrangements.

This year, our priorities are:

- To offer a free activity breakfast club to our Key Stage 2 children here at St Peter's.
- To continue and increase our provision of after school activity clubs.
- Track children's uptake in clubs.
- Continued Sports Coach support from Mr Hance.
- Entry and exit conversations with children, detailing their involvement in clubs and their sports' skill development.
- Annual questionnaires to staff about the impact the sports coach is having on their own and the children's skills' development.
- Change for Life Club to run again in the spring term.
- To take part in more sporting competitions.
- Introduce 10 minutes of daily exercise for all year groups.

Please see our website for more information.

<p>Level 1 CYCLE TRAINING </p> <p>at Preston Park and Hove Park</p> <p>Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.</p> <p>Places are limited and on a first come first served basis. For more details and to make a booking, please contact: Emily Tester, Child Road Safety Training Development Manager, on 01273 293847</p> <p>10am – 12.30pm Friday 20 October Friday 27 October Ages 9 –14</p> <p> Brighton & Hove City Council</p>	<p>Level 3 CYCLE TRAINING </p> <p>at Preston Park and Hove Park</p> <p>Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.</p> <p>Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.</p> <p>Places are limited and on a first come first served basis. For more details and to make a booking, please contact: Emily Tester, Child Road Safety Training Development Manager, on 01273 293847</p> <p>1pm – 3pm each day Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 October Monday 23 to Wednesday 25 October Ages 11–14</p> <p> Brighton & Hove City Council</p>	<p>Level 1 & Level 2 CYCLE TRAINING </p> <p>at Preston Park and Hove Park</p> <p>Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.</p> <p>Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.</p> <p>Places are limited and on a first come first served basis. For more details and to make a booking, please contact: Emily Tester, Child Road Safety Training Development Manager, on 01273 293847</p> <p>10am – 12.30pm Monday 16 to Thursday 19 October Monday 23 to Thursday 26 October Ages 9 –14</p> <p> Brighton & Hove City Council</p>
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 **The Hangleton & Knoll Project**
Working for a better community



Hangleton & Knoll Parent Carer Coffee Mornings
A friendly group inspired and led by local parents.

Do you have a child with a disability, health problem or who is having difficulties at school? Come and meet families in a similar situation at our coffee morning.

9.30 – 10am Time for a cuppa and a chat with other parent carers

10-11am – Join us for an opportunity to discuss diagnoses, challenging behavior, transition, Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC), and problem solving. A chance to discuss ideas and gain new knowledge with Sasha Nye, Family Support Worker specialised in ASC, and other parents.

11 – 11.30am Any questions

Tuesday 18th October
Meet The Family Support Worker from Autism Sussex
9.30 - 11.30am

Want to know more?
Our parent volunteers are happy to chat to you about the support a group like this can offer.

Call Louise on 01273 905549 / 07990728830
or
Rhianydd on 01273 733126 / 07997633007

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SCHOOL JACKETS AND FLEECEs

We are happy to be able to offer our very own school waterproof jackets and fleeces! They are available to order from The Dropped Stitch and will be available to collect from the 25th October. The waterproof jackets are £15.99 each and they are reversible with a hood hidden away. The fleeces are £10.99 each and are very cosy to wear on a dry, cold day. We must advise the fleeces are NOT an alternative to our school sweatshirt or cardigan and are to be worn **over** these items. We have samples in the foyer - please come in and have a look.

FOSP's AGM

School funding and falling budgets are hot topics at the moment and you may be wondering how you can help our school. Our PTA (Friends of St Peter's) work very hard to raise money to support us in these tight financial times, but they and we need more help!

On Thursdays 2nd November, the PTA Annual General Meeting is being held at school in the evening (a letter is coming soon with the details). We would encourage as many parents as possible to come along and find out more about how you can help. There will be drinks and snacks and an opportunity to socialise with other parents.

Upcoming events... Please check the online calendar regularly for updates: <http://www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk/parent-information/events-calendar>

Road safety at St Peters

Neighbours and local businesses
We have been receiving daily complaints from parents, neighbours and local companies about the general parking and road safety around St Peter's Road and Brambledean Road.

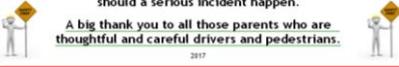
Consideration for other drivers and pedestrians
There have been several near misses recently and we need to remind you of the importance of careful and sensible driving and being aware of road safety, particularly at the start and end of the school day.

DO NOT park on corners
DO NOT park on double yellow lines
DO NOT park on our zig zag lines
Drivers AND pedestrians must be vigilant at all times

Car registration numbers can be logged and reported to the Parking Team at Brighton and Hove Council by emailing parking@brighton-hove.gov.uk if someone's driving is repeatedly causing concerns.

This is a real safety concern and we ask you to take a moment to consider just how devastating it would be for everyone should a serious incident happen.

A big thank you to all those parents who are thoughtful and careful drivers and pedestrians.



Michele Lawrie



St Peter's Parent/Carer Comment Slip



Name.....Date: