

St Peter's Newsletter

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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...

This year we are hoping to introduce Singapore Maths into St Peter's through Maths No Problem! Singapore Maths uses problem solving, hands-on materials and group work to engage all learners.

Maths — No Problem! is a series of textbooks and workbooks written to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum and was assessed by the DfE's expert panel, which judged that it alone met the core criteria for a high-quality textbook to support teaching for mastery. As a result, the Maths — No Problem! Primary Series is the only recommended textbook for schools on the mastery programme. If you would like to find out more please visit the website

<https://mathsnoproblem.com/>

This is going to be the focus of our fundraising this year as it will be expensive to implement. We will need to train staff and buy both books and resources. FOSPS have very kindly agreed to help us by raising funds for the textbooks and workbooks. So please come along to ALL the FOSPS events, starting next Friday with the Bingo Night!

Parent Pay consent for outings

Remember, 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.

Our new school website!

We hope you are all finding the new website useful and informative! A couple of parents had difficulty seeing how to access the full website menus on their phones so here is a little help below:

When you click on the main menu, it gives you our main options. There is a little triangle on the right hand side beside each option that you can click to see the further menus.

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.

Rewards and Sanctions

Following a discussion with some parents I thought it would be useful to explain the rewards and sanctions system at St Peter's.

As you know, we have one Golden Rule at St Peter's, which is to treat others the way you would want to be treated. At the beginning of each year in every classroom, the Golden Rule is discussed with the children and then it is used to create personalised classroom rules. We use praise to reinforce the behaviours we want to see, alongside the fair reward system of putting marbles in a jar, so that the whole class works towards a 'treat' when the marble jar is full. This enables us to celebrate children's learning achievements, and to promote and reward good behaviour.

We also take prompt action to deal with those behaviours which undermine learning or which break the Golden Rule. We make sure that the children know what will happen if they break the Golden Rule or their own classroom rules, and that sanctions are seen to be fair.

If a child is breaking the Golden Rule/classroom rule their teacher will remind them of what they should be doing, give them a warning and ask them to correct their behaviour.

If the child continues in a behaviour which is affecting either their own learning or that of classmates, they will be asked to correct their behaviour and given a second warning.

If the behaviour is not corrected, then the child will be given a 'Time Out' sanction. This means that at the next opportunity, for example a class playtime or Brain Break, the child will be sat either on a Thinking Spot, Thinking Chair or another space designated by the teacher for a length of time to consider their behaviour. They should sit for an amount of minutes in line with their age e.g. 4 years old: 4 minutes thinking time.

At the end of the thinking time, the child will be reminded by the teacher of why they had their time out, and discuss what the child can do to manage their behaviour in a more appropriate way the next time. The teacher should ensure that the child has a good understanding of why they were given a time out, and that they are able to take responsibility for that behaviour.

If children break the Golden Rule while on the playground they should be given two warnings, then an immediate time out if necessary. The member of staff on duty must inform the class teacher.

Serious issues will be dealt with by the Head teacher and parents will be informed.

You may also wish to look at the Behaviour Policy on our website.

If you have any further queries then please do get in touch.

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



The Hangleton & Knoll Project
Working for a better community



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

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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.

Upcoming events... Please check the online calendar regularly for updates:

http://www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk/pages/calendar/index?calendar_id=7565

Month	Week	Day	Basic Day	Basic Week	NOVEMBER 2017						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun					
30	31	1	2	3	4	5					
Return to school after half term	Y6 parents: deadline to return secondary school applications	3:15pm Halloween Disco!	3:30pm Y4 residential parent talk in Y4 class 7:30pm FOSPs AGM & Social								
6	7	8	9	10	11	12					
	Y 1 & 2 outing to Hove Museum			7:30pm FOSPs Parent Bingo Night							
13	14	15	16	17	18	19					
		5pm Prospective Parents' Afternoon									
20	21	22	23	24	25	26					
27	28	29	30	1	2	3					
Flu vaccination R - Y4		3:15pm FOSPs Movie Night									
4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
			2pm Prospective Parents' Afternoon								

Michele Lawrie



St Peter's Parent/Carer Comment Slip



Name.....Date: