

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.**

We have felt so proud of your children over these last couple of weeks. Despite lots of illness which resulted in children standing in for others on stage, we had two wonderful productions. The Very Disgruntled Snowman was the Early Years and Key Stage 1 production with Year 2 leading the acting. We were so impressed by how well they knew their lines, their confidence on stage and the beautiful singing. The nativities always get lots of 'Awwwwhs' particularly when Nursery come in, but I think we all secretly enjoy those funny non-scripted moments too!

The Twits was the fabulous KS2 Christmas production. The children did an amazing job after only a week of rehearsals. This was particularly commendable because this was the cast that had the most stand-ins.

Last Monday our choir, rehearsed by Mrs Palmer, performed at the Brighton Centre's annual Schools' Christmas Carol Concert. It always sets the mood for Christmas and it's great to be part of something with all the other Brighton and Hove schools. The choir also performed at a local nursing home – we would really love to do more of this sort of community activity so if you have any ideas please get in touch.

A very special 'thank you' to Holly, a parent of children in years 1 and 4, who donated all the crackers for our Christmas dinner last week. Your kindness was overwhelming and made it so special for all the children! Thank you.

Did you know...

Mrs Neal has had a beautiful baby boy, Reuben, and I'm sure you will want to share with us in congratulating her and her husband Rob.

You have helped raise an amazing amount of money these last couple of weeks!

- Dress as an Elf on the 12th raised £142.60 for The Rockinghorse Appeal, which we support annually.
- The Christmas fayre raised a remarkable £1,800!
- Mr Tyler's Christmas CD has raised nearly £500 so far and is still going!
- The collections at the Christmas performances raised over £300.00.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

On behalf of all the staff, a huge 'Thank you' for our lovely Christmas gifts, they were very much appreciated!

FOSPS made the teacher's day last Friday when they presented £100 for each year group to spend on things for their classrooms. Teachers are forever buying things for their classes from their own pockets, as the lovely FOSPs team said when they presented the staff with the money, so it was very much appreciated.

Rob Button has mislaid his Fiat car keys - if you find them please could you drop them into the office.

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.



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.



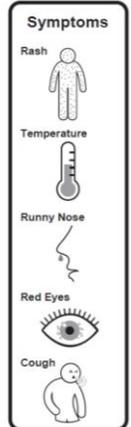
- Measles is in the news again. There have been serious outbreaks in Wales and England and the number of children catching measles is rising.
- Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.
- Your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination.
- Two doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection.
- If your child is due to have had two doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible.*
- If you can't remember if your child has had any, one or two doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP.
- If you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have two doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected.

*In response to a local outbreak then the two doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



Measles is circulating

- measles is extremely infectious and can be serious
- Make sure your children get two MMR vaccines on time; the first at 1 year of age and the second at 3 years, 4 months
- If you or your children missed these vaccines, it's not too late. Ask for the free vaccine from your family doctor (GP) if you or your children aren't up-to-date
- If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others
- symptoms include: high fever; sore red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the first symptoms
- go to nhs.uk for more measles information



And finally

The staff at St Peter's are an amazing bunch and I am so proud of their commitment to the children here, and how inclusive and accepting they are. All the staff here work so hard, and for longer hours than anyone can imagine, even when it has been a long and sometimes very demanding term. We feel quite lucky at St Peter's to have supportive parents, who recognise and value the commitment of our staff, and work with us to provide the best we can afford for all our children, particularly in the light of the financial challenges that schools face. Our governors too are fully committed in their voluntary role. I would like to thank them all, as it is all of their contributions, which make St Peter's a truly wonderful school.

In the spirit of Christmas I would like to wish you all a happy holiday with your loved ones.

Merry Christmas,
Michele Lawrie

Upcoming events... Please check our 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	JANUARY 2018						
					Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1			CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY			9:30am Prospective Parents Tour			
		8				11am Nursery & Reception visit from Firefighters		3:15pm Parent Consultations (Y1 - 6)		Karate Club resumes	
		15				3:15pm Parent Consultations (Y1 - 6)					
		22			Crazy Pet Photo Week - more info coming soon!						
		29				3:15am Parent Consultations (Nursery and Reception only)		3:15pm Nursery Parent Consultations			
		3									
		10									



St Peter's Parent/Carer Comment Slip



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