



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.

In the news.....



There have been lots of amazing activities as St Peter's since we returned from half term. It's hard to believe just how many activities are arranged for our children!

- Years 1 and 2 had a mysterious landing in the playground on 6th November! We went outside to investigate and used our detective skills to try and find out what had happened! As part of their stunning start, the children brought in memory boxes to tell stories of their lives so far. The children loved sharing their boxes with their friends.
- Red Class – had a Naughty Bus make a big mess in their classroom and went on a bus journey to discover Autumn at a local park.
- Year 5 /6 were invited to the Amex to participate in the Enterprise Cup, building confidence and team skills!
- Years 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed some golf taster sessions.
- We also had a special Assembly about Pom Pom Whiting and years 3 and 4 enjoyed learning about the history of football and trying on the various kits over the years.
- Years 5 & 6 boys and girls participated in 2 different football competitions and their progress has been amazing!
- Year 4's marble treat was going to see "The Greatest Showman" at the cinema.
- This week, our intrepid cross country runners took part in a competition against other Brighton and Hove schools. They showed tremendous resilience and have inspired Mrs Mannion and Mr Logue to continue to run a lunchtime cross country club throughout the winter months.
- Anti-bullying week took place and we were pleased that lots of our children took part in the odd socks day to support anti-bullying.
- Nursery had their "gorgeous grannies" visiting last week.
- We were victorious in our netball match against Peter Gladwin school
- Years 3 and 4 went to Newhaven Fort as part of their World War II topic.
- Years 1 and 2 went to the Royal Pavilion for their Marvellous Middle of their Time Travellers topic.

FOSPS support



FOSPs had a very successful AGM on Wednesday 14th November and were delighted to see so many new faces. Keep an eye out for their Christmas Fayre posters and the Wreath making workshop on the 6th December.

Dreams car park



Please remember to respect our business neighbours and do not park in the Dreams car park at collection time at the end of the school day. They are very accommodating about parents' parking in general but really need their car park to be accessible for customers during pick up time.

Uniform



Just a reminder that leggings are not part of our school uniform. Children may wear trousers, skirts or pinafores and black or grey tights or socks. We only permit the wearing of trainers for PE and expect to see all children in appropriate, heeled school shoes. Please also remind your children to wear their coats to school and hunt out the gloves and hats as we make our way into the winter months.

School communication



Our website is kept up to date so please remember to check it 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

Did you know...

That Pom Pom Whiting, a true Brighton hero, was goalkeeper for the only Brighton and Hove Albion team to have won the Charity Shield?





The importance of good attendance...

Miss School Miss Out

Did you know?

- 29,000 pupils** in Brighton & Hove have 29,000 pupils in our schools
- 190** There are 190 school days in each academic year
- 15 = 2 weeks** If you're 15 minutes late every day you lose two weeks of learning by the end of the school year
- Two school days missed each month during your school life adds up to one whole year of school lost
- 90%** 90% attendance may look impressive but it means missing 19 days of education a year
- 4...5** Our data shows pupils with more than 95% attendance achieve GCSE results at least one grade higher
- It's the law!** Parents and carers can be fined and even sent to prison if children do not attend school*
- You can go to school with nits, conjunctivitis or a headache. Find out more: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sicknessguidance
- When you're older, colleges and employers can ask to see your school attendance record
- If you don't want to go to school, tell someone what's wrong so you can get the help and support you need
- Every school has someone to help you build your confidence to come to school and help tackle any concerns

* Since 1 September 2013, holidays during term time are not allowed in almost any circumstances

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Individual photos

As is our usual tradition, Miss Lynch has taken individual photographs of all the children and will be sending out order forms soon so you can order photos of your child in time for Christmas!

Brighton Centre Christmas Concert

Our Christmas choir have been working very hard on learning their songs for the concert at the Brighton Centre on 3rd December. You can purchase tickets for this event directly from the Brighton Centre. More information for the choir members will come home on Monday.

Miss School Miss Out

If you're not going to school you will miss out on...

- Learning new skills
- Your friends
- Support and help
- School activities
- Having fun

Being in school and on time is good for you. 90% attendance may look impressive but it means missing 19 days of education in a year. Don't be one of the few to miss school and miss out!

If you need help with school attendance, please talk to your school for advice.

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