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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.

In the news.....



As you know we were hit quite severely with a nasty sickness bug this last week with almost 40 children off and some classes still with significant numbers missing. Some of our staff were very unwell too and those staff and children not taken ill bravely down soldiered on! We were very grateful to Mr Tyler, Mrs Blewett and Mrs Ward who carried out deep cleans across the school to try to contain the outbreak. Please see our homepage for guidance on how to reduce the spread of germs: <http://www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>

Our Christmas choir the concert at the Brighton Centre on 3rd December was a beautiful evening. Our children were seated in the front row and sang so well – we were very proud of our little choir! It was a lovely way to start that festive feel to the run-up to Christmas.

Mr Logue and Mrs Mannion are very proud of our Year 5 and 6 boys who played a great game of football against Hangleton, in atrocious weather conditions. The boys showed fantastic dedication, resilience and team spirit. There was not even one complaint (except Mrs Mannion who wished she'd had her waterproofs!). Well done, boys!

Year 3 have entered a nationwide PSHE writing/poetry competition held by Premier League Primary Stars, where Rio Ferdinand, Olly Murs, Lauren Child and Joseph Coelho are celebrity judges! Their poems are based on a theme of diversity and the winners will be announced in March.

Year 5 and 6 went to Chichester Observatory on Tuesday 4th December and took part in a fantastic space-themed presentation, where we developed our understanding of the solar system, which has been out topic for Autumn term. There was even time to learn a song about the sun and an end-of-day quiz!

Year 5 went to the Apple Shop in Brighton's Churchill Square on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th December. We took part in a workshop where we learned how to use a music app called Garage Band. We all had fun recording our music from scratch using a variety of instruments, so watch out for some late chart entries for this year's Christmas number one..!

Our Christmas events were amazing as always – the Christmas dinner was such a festive feast (and all being dressed as elves made it all the more fun!) and the concerts were fabulous, despite the sickness bug epidemic.

Hoping everyone stays as healthy as possible over the Christmas holidays and enjoys some relaxation and indulgence! Thank you so much for your support this first term and for all our Christmas gifts, cards and well wishes. It really makes us feel appreciated.



FOSPs

FOSPs have purchased lots of resources for our school so far this year. Please keep supporting them with your help wherever possible and your attendance at events. We really appreciate all the time given by our parents in support of our super school!

Parent Pay – School Dinners

We had 19 accounts in arrears at the end of this term for school dinners. Please be reminded that dinners **must be paid for in advance**. When accounts are not cleared, we send text reminders requesting that parents must immediately bring their account up to date. Please ensure that we start the New Year off on the right footing by paying for dinners in advance. Thank you.



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 we are delighted to announce that Mrs Humphrey is going to have a baby next year?!



- Infant start: 8.40am (doors close 8.50am)
- Junior start: 8.40am (doors close 8.45am)
- Nursery start: 8.55am (doors close 9.00am)
- Lunch: 12.00 – 1.00pm
- Lunch: 12.00 – 1.00pm
- Lunch: 12.00 – 1.00pm
- Infant end of day: 3.10pm
- Junior end of day: 3.15pm
- Nursery end of day: 3.00pm



The importance of good attendance...

DO YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR BRICK BUILDING SKILLS TO THE ULTIMATE TEST?

LEGO MASTERS

The popular Channel 4 series is looking for imaginative building pairs to take part in the creative brick-building competition to find the UK's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv for more information.

Unfortunately, we are unable to answer all the requests individually. Under 18's must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part and a parent or guardian must email on their behalf. Tuesday's Child is committed to safeguarding and protecting your Personal Data. Further information can be located on our website - www.tuesdayschild.tv

TUESDAY'S CHILD

Fringe Competition 2019



Children from across Brighton and Hove are being invited to design the cover of the 2019 Brighton Fringe Family Guide. England's largest arts festival is challenging children 11 years and under to create a piece of original cover art inspired by the tagline for Brighton Fringe 2019: 'Dare to Discover'. They should use an A4 piece of paper, in landscape orientation, to design what they think 'daring to discover' looks like. The final cover image will be shrunk down to A5 – so they should make sure not to write or draw too small. The winner will see their work on the front of 80,000 Brighton Fringe Family Guides and receive a gift voucher worth £200 to spend on tickets at Brighton Fringe 2019. They will also receive a Gold Friends membership entitling them to 2 for 1 offers on events and many more benefits. Three runners-up will win two tickets to a Brighton Fringe children's show of their choice.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, 19th December. Include your name, age, school, and your parent or guardian's email on the back of the picture and send your landscape A4 artwork to:
'Dare to Discover' Competition, Brighton Fringe Ltd, Brighton MET Pelham Street, Brighton BN14FA

If you have any questions please contact:
marketing@brightonfringe.org
Brighton Fringe 2019 runs between 3 May and 2 June.

After School Clubs

We have lots of after school clubs running for the Spring term – view the most up to date information here on our [clubs page](#).

Thank you to all parents that returned the extended school provision questionnaire. We have been investigating how to meet your needs and have made some changes based on your feedback. Something very exciting to come out of the feedback was that parents would be interested in us starting a daily, childcare after school club here at St Peter's, alongside still offering our skills clubs. We would like to trial a daily club in the Autumn term and are currently investigating this. To read the overview of the questionnaire feedback, please visit our "[Letters Home](#)" page and download the document: "After School Club questionnaire PARENT OVERVIEW 2018". We will keep parents informed and will notify you all as soon as we can confirm that we are able to offer this provision.

Sid's Healthy Little Steps Club

SID'S (Healthy Little Steps) BREAKFAST CLUB-coming soon!

Mental health and Physical well-being with a twist! A refreshing brain and body boosting club for children to help them develop a greater understanding of the benefits of eating smart, staying active and managing mind power. We aim to inform and inspire children by encouraging a playful and fascinating outlook on personal health, well-being and educational attainment. The club will be physical but not technically challenging, linking insights and games with food and body science to help carry key messages.

We will be looking for families willing to become FREE club members, in return for contributing toward extensive feed-back assessment questions. Parents/guardians/carers will also be welcome. More information will follow soon about days and times!