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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.....



Happy New Year! We hope all our families enjoyed the festivities and are looking forward to all that 2019 brings us.

Mrs Mannion and Mr Logue are running a drop-in Running Club every Friday lunchtime at Vale Park for Years 5 & 6. We are encouraging them to come in sports gear on a Friday (with their school jumper) so that they can go straight there when morning lessons end and return to school in time for the second lunch sitting. We did so well at Withdean last year and want to build up the skills and stamina of our runners as well as introducing it to children who might be interested. The club will be open to Year 4 in the Summer term.

We have Parent Consultations next week and we really encourage parents to attend these. Teachers have met with the Senior Leadership team, (Mrs Bennett, Mr Haywood and myself) last week to look at the progress the children have made in their learning since the summer term and identify those who may need additional support. These meetings are really important as they keep you informed too and enable you to support your child at home. This is vital if we want all our children to make the very best progress possible.

Classes have all had their stunning starts this week with explosions and RSPB visitors and bug hunts and Tudor dances going on around the school – an exciting term ahead!

Our new after school Book Club starts next week and we are very grateful to Mrs Dines and Mrs Mudie for running it for us.

Mrs Lawrie would like to say thank you to the lovely person who gave her some homemade shortbread for Christmas but she's not sure who it was from! So 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



Free School Meals Entitlement

ALL YEAR GROUPS – PLEASE READ! Free School Meals entitlement is not the same as Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). UFSM are received by all children in Reception to Year Two, inclusively and is solely the provision of a meal at lunchtime with no cost to infant aged children.

Free School Meals entitlement can apply to children from Nursery onwards. All parents and carers, including those with children currently receiving UFSM, should still apply for Free School Meals entitlement if they are eligible as **Free School Meals entitlement brings extra, long-term funding to the school and can also give parents access to funding for trips, after school clubs uniform and other school related costs.** The funding can also be accessed for several years after entitlement has ended.

Your child may be entitled to Free School Meals if you are eligible for the following (even if your entitlement is only temporary):

Income Support

- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
- **Universal Credit – if you apply on or after the 1st April 2018 your household income must be less than £7400 per year**

The Free School Meals Team can carry out a check for you so **speak to the School Office if you could be entitled. All that is needed is your full name, DOB and NI number.** Thank you!

Did you know...

Sharks lay the biggest eggs in the world?



- 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
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- Infant end of day: 3.10pm
- Junior end of day: 3.15pm
- Nursery end of day: 3.00pm



St Peter's Community Primary School Newsletter

The importance of good attendance...



After School Clubs

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

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.

ARE YOU A CONFIDENT PARENT?

TV PRODUCTION COMPANY MONKEY KINGDOM ARE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 & 13 FOR A BRAND NEW PARENTING EXPERIMENT!



ARE YOU CONFIDENT IN YOUR PARENTING ABILITY?

DO YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR PARENTING STYLE?

ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR PARENTING?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR APPROACH WITH OTHERS?

WHETHER YOU'RE A COUPLE OR A SINGLE PARENT, WE WANT YOU TO GET IN TOUCH AND TELL US WHAT MAKES YOUR PARENTING STYLE SO GREAT!

CONTACT
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Vacancies



Occasionally we need to employ someone on a one off or very short term basis to cover our teaching assistant staff and cleaners when they are ill or on training. If you would be interested in covering these positions occasionally and have experience or skills in these areas, please email Colette at office@stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk so we can arrange for an informal interview.

Uniform



Please remember to send your children with warm coats, hats and gloves now that the weather is so cold. Please also ensure that they are wearing leather or leather-like shoes and not trainers or canvas shoes. If your child chooses to wear boots then we recommend that the boot has a heel of no more than 1.5cm, rather than a solid or wedge sole. Please also remember that we permit trousers but not leggings to be worn and recommend that tights be worn with school skirts.

Be present with your child

It's very easy in this digital world to become 'hooked' to our phones. It can mean that we spend less time talking or engaging with our children and more time gazing at Social Media.... Use every opportunity you have to talk with your child. The most valuable thing you can give them – your time and attention, particularly on their walk to and from school. It impacts on their spoken language which in turn affects their writing and reading. The greater a child's vocabulary in their early years the greater success they are likely to achieve as an adult.

For information, letters sent home, after school clubs, photos of our school activities and much more, visit:

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