



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.....



Well done to everyone for making it in today - though it wasn't just the children who were disappointed at how quickly the snow melted! Our Year 5 and 6 children were able to make their trip to the theatre, Mr Logue and Mrs Mannion were able to take their running group to the park, Mrs Palmer and Lagoon class were able to erupt their volcanoes and Mr Haywood was able to deliver 'ladder training' to all the adults! A shout out too to our athletes who went to their first indoor athletics tournament this week and were placed 6th out of 8 (better placed than some bigger schools too!). We are always so proud of how well our children do in these sporting events. And finally a big thank you to Mr Tyler for getting the pathways cleared and gritted this morning so that the paths around school were safe.

FOSPs Quiz Night – 8th February 2019

Please come along and help us raise some much needed funds for our Science Week at our Quiz Night on 8th February 2019 - tickets are £8.00 for fish/sausage/veggie burger and chips and there is a bar 😊. It's always great fun (always some 'unusual' games to be played in the break) and of course the opportunity to show how much smarter you are than the teachers!

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...

Weather experts have stated that last night (Thursday 31st January 2019) was the coldest night in the UK for 7 years?



- 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



Lateness

There are an unacceptable amount of children coming in late through the front office. We understand there are unavoidable occasions when your child may be late but it is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

Prolonged or frequent absence and lateness can be highly detrimental to children's progress in school and research has shown that there is a direct link between attendance and punctuality and achievement in later life. As I am sure you are aware, the Educational Welfare Team are closely involved with schools in monitoring school attendance figures and we are now required to send out official warning letters for repeated lateness. We are also required to mark any lateness that is beyond 45 minutes late as unauthorised absence.

Joining the classroom late when everyone else is settled and learning already often causes children to feel anxious, embarrassed or unsettled at the start of the day. We all want our children to have a positive, happy experience to begin their school day so to avoid confusion with dinners, missing out on important learning time and disruption to the children, please ensure you get your child(ren) to school on time.

Infant classroom doors open: .8.40am (register is taken at 8.50am)
Junior classroom doors open: .8.40am (register is taken at 8.45am)
Nursery classroom doors open: 8.55am



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.

FOSPs Treasurer!



FOSPs are in urgent need of a new Treasurer. You don't have to be an accountant or a bookkeeper, you really just need to be able to use a spreadsheet. If you know someone who could help us with this role please mention it to them. It could be a grandparent or a neighbour. This role is CRUCIAL because we wish to apply for charity status as then we are able to match fund. We can't register as a charity without a treasurer therefore we can't match fund, which could potentially double the monies we raise. Please can you also ask your employers if they match fund - many do - as the more we can raise the better it is for our children.

TREASURER REQUIRED

Do you love numbers? Then FOSPS needs YOU!

We urgently need someone who can fulfil the role of Treasurer for St Peters Community Primary School PTA (aka FOSPS). This could be a parent/carer or grandparent of a child at the school who is looking to develop or use their skills on a voluntary basis. We need someone in this role to really help us manage our finances especially when we apply for Charity Status.

What is the role?

You will be required to maintain up-to-date records of all PTA financial transactions, preparing financial statements and complete statutory annual finance returns. You would also need to prepare floats for events, do the banking afterwards and where possible attend to help at events.

What skills do I need?

Excellent organisational skills and MS Excel to maintain up to date records, financial/bookkeeping experience preferred.

What is the time commitment?

Attend AGM and FOSPS committee meetings (approx 1 or 2 per term) where possible to provide a financial overview but this can be delegated to other committee members if you are not able to attend. Most of the tasks can be done at times convenient to you. Generally when we don't have events it would be half an hour to an hour a week, sometimes not even that. However, when we have events a few hours would probably be needed to record everything, arrange floats etc.

This is a volunteer post so it is great role if you are looking to get some work experience (great for your CV!) and at the same time enables you to help the school and support PTA fundraising activities.

How do I apply or find out more?

If you want to apply or find out more or please email fospcommittee@gmail.com or talk Carol Ward.



University Research



We are researchers from the University of Leeds, and we are conducting a study to find out more about children's eating habits and food in the family home. In particular, we are interested in the views of parents of primary school aged children. I've attached an information sheet below, that gives more information about the research.

We have developed an online questionnaire and are trying to get as many parents to fill this in. The questionnaire takes about 8-12 minutes to complete, is anonymous and voluntary. *We would be grateful if you would consider sharing the questionnaire link (below) with parents of children at your school (e.g. in your school newsletter/bulletin)*

*Questionnaire link - <https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/food-in-the-family-home-2018> *

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Many thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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