



ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank you all for your fantastic support over the past term and throughout the year. It has been a busy term, which had a tricky start due to the industrial action, but thankfully this now seems to be over and we can look forward to a positive year ahead.

It must feel like we are always asking you for something, and we are aware that there have been a number of requests rather too close together recently, for which we apologise. However we really do appreciate all your support, either financial or in terms of your valuable time, that enhances what we can provide in school.

Over the past month alone, we would like to say the following thank yous:

- To those of you who braved the weather to support the **opening of our 3D sign for our wild area, 'The Wild'** (do go and have a look next time you are in the playground).
- To those who attended our **St. Peter's Day service in church**, when the children carried fish pictures and nets into church and learnt that St Peter is referred to by Christians as the "Fisher of Men". Father Michael once again commented on how beautifully behaved the children were and said they are a credit to the school and their parents.
- To everyone for attending our **community picnic and sports afternoon** on a very hot afternoon; this was a wonderful community occasion and so well supported!
- To everyone who donated a coloured item to our **colour raffle** or bought raffle tickets. The hampers looked fantastic – this was a great new innovation by the PTA!
- To all the **Nursery parents** who attended the **Fun Sports** and took part in the mums' and dads' races!
- To so many of you for your **incredibly generous donations of books towards our new library**. Mrs Nolan and Mr Robinson have worked tirelessly to sort through all the books. Mr Robinson is determined to have our newly revamped library stocked with only the best, inspiring books, so all the old tatty ones are being given to charity. This is an expensive venture, and as our resource budget is limited, every donation is greatly appreciated and kind donors will be recognised via book plates. For anyone who would still like to donate, the link to the list is:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/CJHYWJPYMKBZ?ref_=wl_share

- To everyone who **organised and supported our PTA cake sales, discos and cinema nights (don't forget the Leavers' Disco on Thursday evening!)**
- To all the parents and family members who have **supported our many visits this term**: to the beach, the zoo, on our year 6 activities week, Millbrook Park, Greenhills Country Hotel, to name but a few. (We hope the Year 2 parents enjoyed their afternoon tea or coffee morning at Greenhills!) We could not run these trips without your help so thank you so much for your support!



Parent Meetings/ Reports

We hope that those of you who took up the opportunity to meet class teachers found the new booking system helpful. It seemed to work really well from our end. If you did not come to a meeting, we hope you all received your end of year summary added onto your child's mid-year report. Thank you to everyone who has returned their reply slip. We appreciate hearing your views, so please do send in your slips if you haven't already done so.



School Council

Our new school council was elected on Tuesday. The Year 5 candidates did a fantastic job of presenting a speech to the rest of the school in a special assembly. Our school council procedures are now well-established and we are looking forward to really listening to our pupils' voices next year and developing our new house

Leavers' Assembly

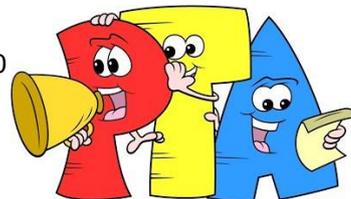
On Thursday we say farewell to our Year 6 leavers in their final assembly for parents. Tea and coffee will be available from 1pm and the assembly will start at 1.15pm. Don't forget to bring tissues! We hope the values, skills and attitudes developed over their time at St Peter's will stand these amazing young people in good stead and we wish them all the very best for their future lives. We hope they will pop back to see us in their new school uniforms in September

Nursery Graduation

We will be sad to say goodbye to several of our Nursery children who are moving on to pastures new. The Nursery staff are looking forward to welcoming parents on Friday for their Graduation ceremony.

PTA Feedback

The PTA work tirelessly behind the scenes. They are currently fundraising for playground improvements, and so far, with your help, have raised in excess of £5000 towards this project! However, as you can appreciate, a big revamp of the playground will cost a lot more than this, so they would like to gather your thoughts through a quick survey – <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/V5IA2/>



We would like to thank all the committee members for all their hard work and support over the past year – your efforts are greatly appreciated.

You all make an enormous difference and embody our motto – **“Together we hold the keys to success!”**

Homework Survey

As you know, we value your feedback so that we can improve further. As we were unable to arrange a parent forum to discuss homework, we would like to gather your thoughts about homework through a short survey, which shouldn't take more than 5 minutes to complete. <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/V5IA2/>

We will use this information to inform our new policy, which we will share in September at our Meet the Teachers' evening. **Save the date - Wednesday 11th September 6.30pm-8.30pm.** The evening will start with a short presentation and PTA AGM in the hall, followed by two chances to hear about the expectations for your child's class from their new teacher/s. To encourage you to come along, we will be providing free cheese and wine, **so please arrange childcare for that evening** as CYPES policy does not allow us to serve alcohol when children are present.

Staff Farewells and Welcomes

We say goodbye to Mrs Humphreys on Friday, who is retiring after many years of dedicated lunchtime supervision. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and enthusiasm over the years and wish her many years of health and happiness in her retirement. We are looking forward to Mrs Williams joining our team of lunch supervisors in the autumn term.

Miss Freer and Mrs O'Connor are also moving on to their new and exciting ventures and we wish them every success at their new schools. We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Banks and Miss Young to the team in September.

Last day of Term – Non-Uniform

As always at the end of term, Friday will be a non-uniform day. You will be pleased to hear there is **no charge for this**. We are always happy to accept outgrown uniform for our second hand uniform shop, so feel free to send any contributions in on Friday.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We wish all our families a very safe, happy and restful summer and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sam Dixon, Headteacher



Dates for your diary

- Start of term – 5th September (**Please note school is CLOSED on 4th September for staff training**)
- Meet the Teachers/PTA AGM and Cheese and Wine – Wednesday 11th September 6.30pm-8.30pm - **please do not bring children**
- Battle of Britain INSET 12th September – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- French Trip week - 16th to 20th September