



# ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

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*"Together we hold the keys to success"*

## Latest News and Events

Dear Parents/Carers



### Home Learning Evening

We were delighted with the response to, and feedback from, our Home Learning evening. Teachers provided ideas for supporting children's learning at home, explained our new handwriting scheme, LetterJoin, and demonstrated TT Rockstars, a programme for children to practise their times tables. Thank you to all the staff who arranged and supported this event. We plan to arrange further information evenings for parents in the future.

### Big Education Conversation

We recently hosted Jack Norris from the Government of Jersey as part of the "Big Education Conversation". He spoke with teachers and support staff, our school council and a small group of parents (thank you). He sent us a lovely email thanking us for welcoming him and for sharing our views, which he found to be very valuable. He has heard a consistent message across the island about the challenges schools are currently experiencing, which will be published in a report in March.

We are particularly proud of the children, about whom he said, **"They were an articulate and informed group and I am positive for our futures if they are the young people coming through schools today"**. Well done School Councillors for being such excellent ambassadors for our school!

### After School Club

The new Freedom After School Club was launched in January; the children have settled in really well and numbers are growing. This club is managed by Mrs Turmel, supported by several other school staff. Further information and application forms are available on the notice board outside the multi-purpose room and also on the school website.

### St Peter's School Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to our parent survey. We value your feedback for helping us to prioritise further improvement actions. We had a total of 70 responses. Here are some of the highlights from the responses:



- 99% of parents feel their child is well-looked-after at St Peter's School
- 97% feel their child is encouraged to accept and value differences
- 94% feel the standard of behaviour is good or better
- 93% say their child feels safe at St. Peter's School
- 93% feel their child is well prepared for transition to the next class/school
- 92% feel the school deals with bullying effectively (up from 85% last year)
- 91% feel we listen to concerns and respond effectively.
- 91% feel their children have exciting cross-curricular opportunities (up from 83% last year)

#### We have identified these particular areas for improvement:

- Communication between home and school (currently 87% feel this is good, 13% disagree)
- Quality of teaching and pupil progress (currently 86% agree this is good, 14% disagree)
- Promoting a healthy lifestyle (currently 81% feel we do this (19% disagree)

Full survey results for the past three years can be found on our website:

<https://www.stpeter.sch.je/page/?title=Parent+Survey&pid=49>

### Thank you Mr Cronin

I am very grateful to Mr Cronin for leading the school during my recuperation from foot surgery, and for dealing so effectively with the day-to-day issues that have arisen. We have been in constant touch, and I have been able to work from home and catch up on paperwork, strategic planning and keep on top of emails. I have greatly missed seeing all the children, parents and staff and am looking forward to being back after half-term, all being well. Thank you to everyone on the staff who has stepped up in my absence.

### Open Door Policy

Please remember our school has an open-door policy and we aim to resolve any problems through working together with parents and children.

Some parental comments on the survey suggest that a few of you have ongoing concerns that have not been addressed.

If you have spoken to a teacher but do not feel your concern has been resolved, please speak to the appropriate phase leader – Mrs Brady (EYFS); Mrs Brown (KS1); Mrs McDermott (KS2).

If you still have concerns, please speak to Mr Cronin or me. If this does not satisfy you, please refer to our Comments, Compliments and Complaints policy for how to proceed.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sam Dixon,  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February:	Non-Uniform Day - £1 towards school funds
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February:	Half Term holiday
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> February:	Fair Trade Fortnight begins
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> February:	Lent Prayer Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March:	World Book Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	Swimathon
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	Sport Relief
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> , Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March:	Year 4 Residential Visit
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April:	Last day of term – Non-Uniform day

## Infection Prevention

Please talk to your child about washing their hands regularly with soap and teach them to use a tissue to catch any coughs and sneezes, as per current advice for Coronavirus. Please also remember that Education policy is for children to remain off school for 48hrs following any incident of diarrhoea and/or vomiting. Thank you for your support with preventing the spread of infections.

