



# ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

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## Latest News and Events

### Dear Parents and Carers

The children have been working really hard over the past few weeks and as you walk around school you can hear the language of learning and the buzz of excitement as they are getting into their new topics. Later this term you will get a short written report about your child's progress so far. This will be followed by an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher after Easter so that you can discuss their progress since the report.

The teachers have also been working hard behind-the-scenes. You would have been surprised to see a hall full of class teachers practising juggling skills in the hall at the staff meeting on Wednesday. This was a session run by Mr Cronin on the subject of 'metacognition' – thinking about how we think and learn. Some teachers found this incredibly frustrating and we hope this will help them to support children finding learning difficult. The children will be challenged this term to learn something tricky, which will help them to develop the skills and attitudes needed to tackle challenging learning.

If your child complains that their homework is difficult, please encourage them to keep trying. Remember our 'Golden Bucket Rule', "**We work hard and keep trying... we can't do it yet!**"

The other phrase worth remembering is, "**If you're not finding it difficult you're probably not learning anything.**"

### Team News

The football and netball teams have got off to a fantastic start this term. The netball team have been promoted to Division 1, after winning the league last term, and got off to a flying start by winning their first match against Beaulieu 18-3.

The football teams have played St Mary's twice. The A team lost the first but drew in the away match in an exciting 3-3 draw, while the B team won both matches with Jack Dumbrell scoring a hat-trick yesterday in their 4-0 win. Well done to both teams for your fantastic teamwork, demonstrating our 'Community' value.



### Eco News

Mrs Simon is looking for parents who would like to plant trees with their children on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February between 11am and 2pm. A sandwich lunch and refreshments will be provided.. If you would like to join us in this community event, please let Mrs Shorto or Mrs Simon know, so that we can order the sandwiches.

### PTA News

I am sad to inform you that Kathryn Osmand has decided to step down as chairperson of the PTA after many years of commitment to the role. The AGM will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm followed by a presentation, '**Keeping your child safe online**' by **P.C. Jo Carter**. This will be a really informative evening and I urge all parents to attend as this is such an important subject in the digital age in which we live.

May I take this opportunity to thank Kathryn for all the time, effort and amazing enthusiasm that she has put in as chairperson of the PTA for several years. The PTA will soon be sending out a letter asking for nominations for the empty role of Chairperson. If you are interested in stepping up to this role, please speak to Kathryn or myself about what it involves.

### Open Classroom for other Teachers

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January the Foundation Stage have an open classroom for other teachers and nursery leaders. All the outdoor equipment will be left out. Please can you avoid this playground if you are waiting or walking through. Please can you remind your children about respecting our resources. Thank you.

## Reminders

### Safety Concern – please read

**There is an extremely worrying craze going around with teenagers and children at the moment called the 'Tide Pod Challenge' in both the UK and the US. This involves biting down on small, colourful – and potentially poisonous – packets of liquid laundry detergent until they burst in your mouth. Children, teens and young adults are posting videos of themselves taking the challenge – with the gagging, spitting and coughing that follows. Please talk to your child about the dangers of this craze and remind them about keeping themselves safe.**

Please remember classroom doors are opened by staff at 8.30am

The metal gates around school are extremely heavy, please supervise your children in the playground, young children can easily be caught in the gates when they are open.

The overflow car park is closed due to the wet weather, please do not park in the lanes around school.

### Open Door Policy

Please remember we have an open door policy, so don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Mrs Sam Dixon  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

Wk Beginning 29<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March

National Storytelling Week  
Foundation Stage Open Classroom  
for other teachers and nursery  
leaders  
Safer Internet Day  
Half Term  
World Book Day  
Mother's Day

## Staff News

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed two new lunchtime supervisors, Cindy Turmel and Samantha Gicquel. Cindy has already started her induction and Samantha is due to start in the next week or two. Unfortunately our volunteer for the Road Crossing is no longer available, so we are planning to advertise for someone to fill the post.