



# ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

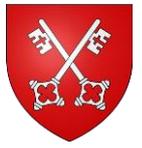
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## Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of St Peter's School,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Mini Open Day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to share your child's learning so far this term.

**Children in Need:** Thank you for your support on Children in Need Day. We raised an amazing £375 pounds!

**Deco Day Tomorrow:** Please remember that it is Deco Day tomorrow. Children may come dressed in non-uniform with Christmas jumpers, tinsel etc. However please be aware that children will be doing art activities all day, so please don't send them in their best Christmas clothes. Thank you to everyone who has already offered to come and help. Any other help would be greatly appreciated. At the end of the day we will be putting up our enormous Christmas tree in the hall, which is quite a task so if anyone can stay and help Mr Laffoley with this we would be most grateful.

**Christmas Events:** You should have received a separate letter about Christmas events and will have noticed that this year each key stage is holding their own event. The Key Stage 1 Nativity is being held at 3pm. Having the performance straight after school will allow the staff to get the children dressed calmly during the afternoon, so that the event is not too overwhelming for them. We recognise that this may not be convenient for everybody, but hope that you will be able to negotiate with your place of work so that you can come along to the performance at the end of the afternoon and have some tea and cake with us. There will be a maximum of four guests for each child. We will ensure the performance is filmed for any parents who can't make it. Key stage leaders will be sending out information about parties and the organisation of Christmas events soon, so please watch out for these.

**Outdoor Area Improvements:** Mrs Valentine has been working with Mr Parkes, one of our parents, to give our wild garden a complete overhaul. We now have a beautiful amphitheatre around a fire pit so that we will be able to take learning outdoors and start having Forest Schools lessons in the New Year. We are hoping to arrange a day one weekend in the spring to finish this makeover as there are still a lot of brambles to take out, so will be looking for willing volunteers! We are also looking for help to dig over the nursery garden. We have had a quote, but it was quite expensive, so if anybody has a rotavator and would be able to help with this, please get in touch.

**Uniform:** Parents may choose whether their children wear trousers, shorts, skirts or skirts during the winter months. If your child chooses to wear shorts to school, please be aware that they are expected to play outside for half an hour at lunchtime and 15 minutes at playtime. They need to be prepared to be outside in whatever they wear to school in the morning. Children are not allowed to come in and change halfway through playtimes as this cannot be adequately supervised and would be a health and safety issue. We do expect children to wear tracksuits on P.E. days, but understand that some children find these uncomfortable. We are looking to find a more suitable design in the near future. In the meantime, children may wear any **navy blue unbranded tracksuit bottoms** with their tracksuit top. Please also make sure your child has a waterproof coat as we try to get outside whatever the weather.

## Healthy Eating

You may have seen in the news that a recent survey has raised awareness about the health and weight of primary school children in Jersey. We understand the pressures of busy working lives, but would encourage you to try to ensure your child has a healthy lunchbox. Please find attached some ideas. Please remember we discourage chocolate and sweets in lunches, except as an occasional treat.

## Reminders

**Santa is visiting St Peter's on Monday 3rd December at 5.25pm. Don't miss him!**



**Christmas Fayre Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6pm**

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations of chocolate or wine for our Christmas Fayre. **There is a box outside each class in which to put your donations. Remember there is a prize from the PTA for the class who collects the most.**

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped selling raffle tickets this year. As this is our biggest fundraiser, we hope you will be able to be there to support.

The children have been busy making creations to sell. Granny Val has been working with individual children in some classes on sewing projects, which look amazing!

**Parent Support:** Our parent discussion group on Dealing with Challenging Behaviour held on Tuesday was really well-attended. We would love to hear your feedback if you went along – please email [admin@stpeter.sch.je](mailto:admin@stpeter.sch.je) if you would be willing for your feedback to be shared on our Facebook page.

## 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. You can either pop into the school office, telephone or email to arrange to speak to a member of staff, whenever you have a query or concern.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sam Dixon, Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Deco Day: Old Non-Uniform/Xmas sparkle
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	Christmas Fayre
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carol Service KS2 only 6.30pm
<b>Weds 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	The Sleepy Shepherds (Y1 and Y2) 3pm
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	A King is Born (Nursery/Rec) 11 am
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	Christmas Parties / KS2 Ice Skating
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	Disco (Year 2 and above only)
<b>Weds 19<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	TERM ENDS (Non-Uniform Day)
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	Spring Term begins

## Feedback

### Parent Survey

Our parent survey closes at the end of this term. Please make sure you voice your opinion as we really value your feedback to help us improve further.

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TA0PB/>