

St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2018

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Please remember to check the latest school information and news on our website at www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk and you can contact the school by e-mail at office@stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Infant lessons start: 8.40am (doors close 8.50am)
Junior lessons start: 8.40am (doors close 8.45am)
Nursery start: 8.55am (doors close 9.00am)

● Infant Lunch: 12.00 - 1.00pm
● Junior Lunch: 12.00 - 1.00pm
● Nursery lunch: 12.00 - 1.00pm

● Infant end of school day: 3.10pm
● Junior end of school day: 3.15pm
● Nursery end of school day: 3.00pm

Sickness Absence

We have a "48 hour" rule for sickness and diarrhoea, as per guidance from the School Nurse Team. We ask parents to keep their children 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 so we can try to keep our school germs and bugs to a minimum.

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school and can be prosecuted if they fail to ensure their child's attendance at school or provide an alternative education. If a parent or carer fails to secure their child's regular attendance at school, they are committing a criminal offence. A Fixed Penalty Notice, which includes a fine, may be issued in cases of 'Unauthorised Absence'. Please see our website "policies" page for further Attendance information. Holiday requests in term time will not be authorised for any Year 6 children, nor for Year 1 or Year 2 in May and June due to statutory testing.

Hello and welcome to both new and existing St Peter's families.

We are looking forward to the Reception children being in the building from 11th September and to seeing the Nursery children from 17th September. Mr Tyler and his team have done such a good job to ensure the school is looking clean and tidy, and yet again, teaching and support staff have been in during the holidays preparing for the new term by putting up displays and labelling books and drawers. We are looking forward to working with you all this year again and to getting to know our new children and their families.

We try to keep parents informed of what is going on mainly through our school website, but will also direct you to important events and information through letters and text messages too. This Newsletter contains a great deal of important information, some of which is also on our website, but we would also like to draw your attention to it here.

School Times

The gates on both sites open at 8.35am and a member of Senior Management (Head/Deputy/SENDCO) will be there to welcome children and families at each of the school entrances.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 teachers greet parents and children at the door from 8.35am

Years 4, 5 and 6 class teachers meet their children and parents in the Brambledean playground from 8.35am.

At 8.40am Years 4, 5 and 6 children will be lined up and taken to their classrooms by their teachers. The Brambledean Road gate is locked at 8.45am. Year 3 children must also be in the building at this time. **KS2 children arriving after 8.45am must go to the main entrance and sign the Late Book.**

The Reception and KS1 entrance doors will be closed at 8.50am. **Children arriving after this time MUST go to the main entrance and sign the Late Book.**

The doors are open to Nursery children at 8.55am and then again at 12.00pm midday on a Wednesday.

The St Peter's Road gates are re-opened at 2.50pm for collection and the Brambledean Road gates at 3.00pm. Children are handed over individually to parents/carers by the teacher at the end of the day, or, in KS1, assisted by the TA or Nursery Nurse if there is a Supply teacher covering. Messages are left with the teachers in the morning if children are to be collected by a different person.

Parent Helpers

We are always very keen to have parents, carers and grandparents helping out in school so if you can spare some time each week please get in touch with your child's teacher. This applies to our Junior aged classes, too! For our new Reception children we encourage parents to let the children settle into the school routines for the first half term before volunteering in class.

Playground Supervision

We like to see the children making use of the playgrounds before and after school, but please remember to always keep your eye on your child as we have had a few incidents in the playgrounds outside of school hours, which have resulted in injuries and dangerous situations. Please also **DO NOT** use our equipment laid out in the playground before school or get equipment out after school. We ask parents to vacate the playground by 3.30pm.

World Book Day

Each year we celebrate **World Book Day** and we get to see a wonderful array of imaginative and colourful character costumes. If you have any costumes that are still in condition but that your child has outgrown, then we would appreciate if you could donate them to the school, so they can be reused. *Although World Book Day is not until 7th March, we would appreciate any costumes being brought into school before then.*



Charity Events for 2018/2019

Friday 16th November - Children in Need

Wednesday 12th December - Elf on the Twelfth

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief

Information for events will be provided closer to the time.

Bookbags/rucksacks

Please be reminded that children in the infant school (Nursery to Year 2) are not to use rucksacks as bags due to our limited cloakroom space. Bookbags for infant pupils are available from the school office at £4.00 each. Children in year 3 upwards may have a rucksack and these are available at £9.50 each.

PE

All children require a full PE kit, in a named bag, to be left in school. Everything in your child's PE kit should be clearly named. PE kits consist of a white T-shirt (plain or with the school logo), black or navy shorts/skorts/leggings and white/black/navy socks. KS1 and Early Years children also require a pair of trainers or plimsolls. KS2 children should have a pair of trainers for PE as these offer greater support. Children in KS2 who have their ears pierced need to either take their earrings out for PE or put tape over their earrings. In KS1 and Early Years we would prefer that children who have their ears pierced take their earrings out at home on the days that they have PE.

Please take your child's PE kit home to wash on a Friday/at the end of term or at the end of any week when you deem it necessary, but please make sure to return it on Monday ready for the next week.

Therese Mannion, PE LEADER

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF...

Miss Amanda Palmer
Teaching Assistant



Miss Chantelle Parkin
Learning Support Assistant



Miss Emma Wyborn
Learning Support Assistant



Miss Lisa Woozley
Higher Level Teaching Assistant



Mr Alvaro Puertas
Learning Support Assistant



Mr Patrick Palmer
Teaching Assistant



E-safety

We would like to remind parents that the minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat is 13. YouTube requires account holders to be 18, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission.

As of May 2018, WhatsApp's minimum age of use is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, or a country that has adopted the GDPR, as the UK has. It was previously 13 and WhatsApp has not yet said what will happen to users between 13 and 16 who already held accounts under the old terms and conditions.



[WhatsApp: a guide for parents and carers | ParentInfo](https://parentinfo.org/article/whatsapp-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers)

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Most parents are aware of the danger from strangers on these websites but in schools we are becoming increasingly aware of the cyber bullying that takes place there. We would ask that you respect the age guidelines for these social media platforms as our experience here at St Peter's leads us to believe that children have more access to inappropriate material than parents realise and parents are frequently unaware of the bullying conversations that take place.

First Aid training for parents

"Free or £15"

First Aid

For babies and children

"I feel like I have learned so much. The course is really practical. It was easy to understand and the tutor was so helpful."
Hove Children's Centre Young Parents group

"This session has really helped me. I feel more confident about what to do in an emergency with my son"
Hove Children's Centre parent

Day: Thursday
Date: 4th October 2018
Time: 6 - 9 pm
Venue: St Peter's Community Primary
(Enter via Brambledean Road)

Speak to a member of staff to enrol

You will find out what to do in an emergency situation, including if a baby or child:

- becomes unconscious or stops breathing
- gets burned
- is choking
- is bleeding heavily
- has an asthma attack, or goes into anaphylactic shock
- has signs of meningitis
- fits with febrile convulsion

***To be offered a free place you will need to be:**

- 19 and over
- Living in the EU for at least 3 years
- Living in Brighton and Hove area
- AND be unemployed (or working less than 16 hours) or on a low income (less than £18,500 for a single income or less than £18,500 for a combined household income)
- Or have no Level 2 or above qualification

Community Learning

"Education, it is a big challenge now. If we do not change the way we teach, 30 years later we will be in trouble. Because the way we teach, the things we teach our kids are the things from the past 200 years. It's knowledge based, and we cannot teach our kids to compete with machines who are smarter. We have to teach something unique that a machine cannot catch up with us."

Jack Ma, Executive Chairman, Alibaba Group, World Economic Forum, Davos, January 2018

Me, My Child and Robots on Tour

What if we are getting this very, very wrong...

www.memychildandrobots.com

We are delighted to welcome Julie Bravery, the creator and author of Me, My Child and Robots and Laura Thomson of Phenomenal Training fame, to Brighton on the 18th September 2018. Julie, a respected headteacher, who left a highly successful career in education to devote her time and energy to campaigning for a curriculum and education system that is fit for future. As a mother of a young child, she challenges us to consider, are we teaching the right things and in the right way, and what are the consequences for us all if we get it very, very wrong? But don't be naïve in thinking this is just for parents; this debate is for EVERYONE!

COME ALONG AND HEAR WHY WE SHOULD ALL URGENTLY SIT UP AND SMELL THE SILICON

What are people saying about the Me, My Child and Robots UK tour?

"Really enjoyed this and really gave me a chance to think and see what the future might hold. A re-think of the education system is a major priority. Scary and exciting all in one."

"It made me realise that the narrow education system is damaging children and ultimately damages society."

"Interesting and thought provoking"

"Brilliant"

18 Sept 2018 4pm - 6pm

AT

VARDEAN SCHOOL

Balfour Road, Brighton. BN1 6NP

Free Entry. To book a place contact:

Mel Thomas: mel@gavilionanddowns.co.uk

Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (Epipens/Jext/Emerade)

Staff have had their annual epipen training by the school nurse who has reminded us of the need to have TWO epipens for children at risk in school. Nurse Hili has said that if anyone finds their GP reluctant to prescribe 2 that they should contact her and she will make the request on their behalf.

Year 6 parents - Cardinal Newman applications

Please see below information to help you with their application process:-

Make an on-line application to Brighton and Hove City Council either through their website www.brighton-hove.gov.uk or by phoning them on 01273 293653 for a paper copy. This needs to be completed by **31st October 2018** and returned to **Brighton and Hove City Council**. If the student lives outside of Brighton and Hove you must make your application through your Local Authority and it will be forwarded to Brighton and Hove City Council.

Complete our Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which can be downloaded from our website www.cnscs.co.uk under our **admissions** page the document is **Supplementary Information Form (2019/20)**. (A paper copy can be collected from the school).

- If you are expressing a preference for a place for your child at this school and wish to apply in connection with one of the faith criteria, you should complete this Supplementary Information Form (SIF).
- If you do not complete the SIF and return it to the school with all supporting documents by the closing date, your child may not be placed in the appropriate faith criterion. This is likely to affect your child's chance of being offered a place.
- For a Year 7 Admission in the normal admissions round for the Year 2019 /20, the completed SIF, together with all supporting documents, should be returned to the school by 31st October 2018.
- If you are applying to more than one Catholic school, you will need to fill out a separate SIF for each school.
- You must also complete the local authority Common Application Form (CAF). The SIF is not valid without the CAF.

We also require evidence of Baptism or Dedication (where applicable).

Please see our website www.cnscs.co.uk for our Admissions Policy 2019/2020 for details of our admissions criteria.

Our Open Evening is on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 between 4.00 - 7.30pm.
(This is a drop-in event which you do not have to book)

The Head of School will be giving three talks at 4.30pm, 5.30pm and 6.30pm. A prospectus for 2019/20 will be given out at the Open Evening and a copy of the SIF will also be available for those parents who would rather pick up a paper copy for completion.

We will also be holding day time school tours after the Open Evening. If you wish to book a place onto one of these tours please call the school on (01273) 558551.

School Uniform



In our Newsletter dated 15th June 2018 we asked that parents should pay careful attention to what constituted appropriate school uniform, and in particular, to what the expectation was for suitable footwear.

School Shoes Guidance for Academic Year 2018/19

We would like to draw the attention of parents/guardians to the importance of buying the correct school footwear for pupils. School shoes must be plain black leather / leather look, and either laced, with a strap or slip-on shoes.

For reasons of Health and Safety, maximum heel height is 2cms, measured on the outside of the heel.

Trainers/sports branded shoes are not permitted.

Please note: the following do not conform to school regulations and must not be purchased to be worn with school uniform:

• **platform or wedge shoes** • **canvas or other textile shoes** • **Vans, Converse and similar style shoes**

We notified parents in plenty of time (June) so that appropriate new shoes were bought for the new school year.

We would also like to remind parents that leggings are not part of our school uniform. Children may wear grey or black tights or socks with their dresses or skirts, or grey or black trousers.

We recommend that children with long hair should keep it tied back and if hairbands are worn they should only be in the school colours of turquoise, black or white

We do not allow jewellery other than small earrings and watches, and do not permit the wearing of makeup or nail varnish.

We would appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that your child is wearing the correct school uniform; it is unfair on those children who are following the rules to have others in their class who do not. If there is any medical or financial reason why your child is not wearing the correct school uniform then please come and speak to us.

FREE swimming!

Children aged 16 and under can swim for FREE at the King Alfred Leisure Centre, Prince Regent Swimming Complex and St Luke's Swimming Pool. You will need to register your child – leaflets with more information are available at the school office.

After School Clubs

We have a variety of after school clubs running at St Peter's for various year groups – please keep an eye on our website clubs page for the latest information and letters to download:

<http://www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk/parent-information/clubs>

More clubs will start after the Autumn half term so please keep an eye out! A questionnaire about clubs will come home this term.



School Term Dates 2018/19



	September 2018	October 2018	November 2018	December 2018
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30

	January 2019	February 2019	March 2019	April 2019
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	11 18 25	8 15 22	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	12 19 26	9 16 23	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	13 20 27	10 17 24	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28

	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	August 2019
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	7 14 21 28
Thursday	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	8 15 22 29
Friday	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	9 16 23 30
Saturday	11 18 25	8 15 22 29	8 15 22 29	10 17 24 31
Sunday	12 19 26	9 16 23 30	9 16 23 30	11 18 25

Key

 Bank and public holidays (see details below)	 First day of term for pupils
 School holidays	 Last day of term
 INSET day (4 more to be agreed by each school)	

Bank and Public Holidays 2018/19		Number of days (total requirement 195)	
Christmas Day	Tues 25 December 2018	Autumn 1 st half	35
Boxing Day	Weds 26 December 2018	Autumn 2 nd half	33
New Year's Day	Tues 1 January 2019	Spring 1 st half	32
Good Friday	Fri 19 April 2019	Spring 2 nd half	32
Easter Monday	Mon 22 April 2019	Summer 1 st half	23
May Day	Mon 6 May 2019	Summer 2 nd half	40
Spring Bank Holiday	Mon 27 May 2019	TOTAL	195 days
Summer Bank Holiday	Mon 26 August 2019		(incl 5 inset days)

Fitness Classes at St Peter's

We now have a variety of Fitness Angels adult fitness classes running at St Peter's in the evenings and at weekends. Please see below or our website for more details. Some of our staff have tried them out and will be returning - Ms Ward and Miss Lynch definitely felt the burn and highly recommend giving it a go!



We will change your life...
Our Mission: To deliver you from boring workouts

We Teach with Love and Passion

We aim to challenge you to ensure you get Results at the same time, delivering our unique and dynamic workouts exclusive to Fitness Angels. Our classes are fun and effective and you will notice the difference our workouts have on your body and mind.

We are about the 'Feel Good Factor' but there may be some Sweat and Tears along the way! We offer workouts in Boxing - Step Aerobics - Booty Camp - Dance - Stretch - Pilates and Yoga so, if you want to Tone - Shape - Sweat - De-Stress - Sculpt - Stretch or Relax then please contact us. We will get back to you within 24 hours.

Prices:

1 Class pass £7 / 3 class £20 / 5 Class £30 / 6 Month advance Membership £150
Special Offer! £29.99 per month* - UNLIMITED CLASSES - ALL LOCATIONS
(* If you sign up to stay 3 months)

Classes at St Peter's (Brambledean Road entrance)

TUESDAYS

6.30pm - 7.25pm: Pulse and Punch
7.30pm - 8.15pm: Fab Abs and Rock Bottoms

SATURDAYS

(from 8th September)

8.30am: Pound Fit
9.30am: Pilates
10.30am: Zumba

Email: anettesangels@gmail.com

Website: www.fitnessangels.club

Call: 07986 309533

Scoop the Poop

Will you join us in helping to make our lovely Vale Park free of dog mess?

Dog owners make huge use of the park and we welcome responsible ones. It would be wonderful if they all took care of their dogs' toilet habits — but there are a few who don't! Sadly they give other dog owners a bad name.

Unsanitely, smelly, unhealthy, antisocial and illegal

Dog mess can:

- Cause distress to young children, who fall or step in it
- Carry a parasite causing a disease that can lead to blindness
- Spread Parvo, a potentially fatal canine disease
- Create problems for wheelchair and mobility aid users, cyclists and sports players.

So please pay attention to what your dog is up to; clear any mess into bags and put into a bin!

Do **NOT** allow your dog to enter the playground.

The Dog Fouling Act 2016 places responsibility on the person in charge of the dog. It's not an excuse to say that you are not aware of the fouling, you can still be fined even if you are not the dog's owner!

Report online via www.brighton-hove.gov.uk or email cityparks@brighton-hove.org.uk

Thank you.

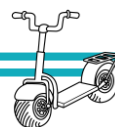
The Friends of Vale Park

www.friendsofvalepark.co.uk



Years 1 -6 Class Talks for Parents

Parents of children in Years 1 – 6 are invited to attend a class talk on either **Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th September at 2.30pm**. The same talk will be repeated on Thursday so there is no need to attend both. Hope to see you there!



Scooters

Please can we remind parents to be mindful when their children are using scooters on the way to and from school? We have had a few near misses with adults and children nearly caught up in accidents/collisions with passing scooters so please remind your children to be aware of others on the pavement. Thank you.

Michele Lawrie



St Peter's Parent/Carer Comment Slip

Name.....Date:

