



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Peter's! The children have returned to school brilliantly and there has been a real feeling of excitement throughout the building, with children and staff getting to know each other again and starting to get stuck into work across the curriculum. I want to make a particular mention of our new Reception pupils who have been with us for mornings or afternoons so far and have settled into school life so well. We are already very proud of them all!

The new year has also seen two new staff members join our teaching team. Mr Hunt has made a great start in his roles as Class 2 teacher and Deputy Head whilst Miss Gulliford has also settled into teaching Class 1 very well. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher at our 'Meet The Teacher' event next Wednesday (19<sup>th</sup> Sept), 3.30pm to 3.50pm. In the meantime, if you would like to get in touch with myself to discuss any areas relating to school please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Best wishes,

Mr Buckley

#### STAFF NEWS

Mrs Margea's last day before commencing maternity leave is 21<sup>st</sup> September. Miss Weeks will be taking over the SENCo role, so if you have any concerns please contact her.

#### MEET THE TEACHER

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September between 3.30 - 3.50 pm, there is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher about the year ahead. This is an informal occasion to learn about the range of curriculum activities your child will be experiencing over the next academic year. I look forward to seeing you there.

#### OPEN MORNINGS/AFTERNOONS - Academic Year 2018/19

We are pleased to announce the school will host various Open Afternoons/ Mornings, which will give prospective parents the opportunity to have a look around St Peter's and meet myself, the children and staff of the school. Please keep these dates in your diary, and let your friends/family know. Please feel free to bring family members to look at our fabulous learning environment. The Open Mornings/Afternoons are on the following dates:-

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1.15pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9.15am

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1.15pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am



### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As with all areas of school life, including pupil achievement, we want to set ambitious targets for the year ahead. This year, we have set an attendance target of 97% for the school. Our target for the last academic year was 96% and we managed to surpass this. In each newsletter, we'll be sharing the class with the highest attendance and letting you know how we are getting on against our target. Research shows that great attendance makes a real impact on learning and so I'd like to thank-you in advance for your support with this.

### TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

You will be aware that schools now have very little discretion in authorising term time absence from school, especially for family holidays, and that the school's response to such holiday requests has been to issue an 'unauthorised absence' letter. I want to remind parents of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued if a "holiday in term time" request would mean that your child will have had more than 10 sessions\* of unauthorised absence in any 7 week period in the school year. \*A session is either a full morning or afternoon in school.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

I would be grateful if parents would make sure children are dressed in accordance with the following school policy.

The school colours are kingfisher and black.

#### Girls

Skirt/pinafore (knee Length) or trousers in black or grey

White blouse/polo shirt

School sweatshirt/cardigan

flat black shoes (**NOT trainers**)

flat sandals worn with socks

Sun cap

Green and white checked or striped summer dress (optional)

Green gingham playsuits

No makeup should be worn or nail varnish.

Long hair should be tied back.

#### Boys

White shirt/polo shirt

Trousers or shorts in black or grey

School sweatshirt

Black shoes (**NOT Trainers**)

Sun cap





**School bag** - Children will also need a small bag in which to carry items (reading book, reading record book, homework, lunch box etc) to and from school. All items (clothes and equipment) should be clearly named, in an effort to minimise loss and enable possessions to be returned to their owners. Please check clothing regularly to ensure that the correct name is clearly visible. Book bags, caps and sweatshirts are available to order from the office.

### **ARRIVING LATE**

If your child arrives late (after 8.55am) they must report to the office and sign the late book. This ensures our registers are correct.

### **PARKING AT THE SCHOOL**

The car park and drop off zone is potentially a dangerous place for our children. Can I therefore remind everyone that in the interest of the safety of our children please **DO NOT** park in the bus bay in the school grounds or near the **bend** by the bike shelter. The drive is for dropping off only in the mornings. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Additionally, please can I ask that dogs are not brought into the school grounds and would politely ask that dog mess is not left on the pavements.

### **POLITE REMINDER**

**In the interests of the children's safety please do not use the staff car park for dropping off or picking up children to and from school. Thank you.**

**CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE 01454 631137 for:**

- Notification of sickness/medical appointments
- To make an appointment with a class teacher or the head teacher
- General school queries: trips, uniform, dinner money, dates.

### **SWIMMING LESSONS FOR CLASS 3. FIRST SESSION - FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

This year Class 3 will be using the facilities of Thornbury Leisure Centre between 1.30 - 2pm. The cost is £45 (£5 per session) for Terms 1 & 2. A letter listing the dates for swimming was sent home with your child in the first week of term. Please send payment to the school office (cheques payable to 'South Glos Council').



### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

The School Photographer will be in school on 21<sup>st</sup> September to take individual photographs of all the children. He will be happy to take family photos (an opportunity to bring in external siblings for a family photo) from 8.30 am - 9 am. Please let the office know if you are interested.





## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**TERM 1 - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUN BY TEACHERS COMMENCING W/B 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPT - LETTERS WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN WHO SHOW AN INTEREST**

Monday - Film Club run by Mrs Cannock starting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - (Classes 1-6)

Monday - Lacrosse Club run by Miss Weeks starting 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - (Classes 4,5, & 6)

Tuesday - Football Club run by Mr Hunt starting 18<sup>th</sup> Sept - (Classes 3 & 4)

Thursday - Football Club run by Mr Truan starting 20<sup>th</sup> Sept- (Classes 5 & 6)

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUN BY FOREVER SPORT & MOJO ACTIVE (PAID FOR CLUB) COMMENCING W/B 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

Monday KS2 (Classes 3,4,5 & 6) Mojo Active Club off site

Wednesday KS1 (Classes 1 & 2) Multi Sports Club

Wednesday KS2 (Classes 3,4, 5 & 6) Basketball Club

Thursday All Years (Rec-Year 6) Dance Club

## TEXT & E-MAIL SERVICE

If you find you are not receiving any text messages or e-mails, please contact the school office to advise them. Thank you.



## MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

In light of Government legislation, the following point applies "***Schools should only accept prescribed medicines that are in-date, labelled and provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist with full instructions***". Please can you check that all asthma inhalers are in-date & we have the prescribed statement so that we are very clear about how they are to be used. Thank you.

## SCHOOL TRIPS

For your information - local trips and swimming trips that take place at different times throughout the year do not require completion of permission slips, these being required only for day trips/residential trips.

## ADMISSIONS FOR PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2019

Parents and carers can register and apply on-line for a 2019 school place from 5th September 2019. Information is now available along with the new electronic Admission to Primary School Booklet and Admission to Secondary School Booklet and can be found on the [South Gloucestershire Council website](http://www.southgloucestershire.gov.uk).

The deadline for Secondary applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 and the deadline for Primary applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## PRICE INCREASE FOR SCHOOL DINNERS - SEPTEMBER 2018

### TERM 1 2018

Payment for school dinners **MUST** be sent into school on a weekly basis (£2.20 a day, £11 a week)



Payment for Term 1 is **£85.80** (39 days x £2.20) Please make cheques payable to 'South Glos Council'. Many thanks.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - New Reception class start full time
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - Fire Service to visit Year 2
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - Police car and dog to visit Reception children
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sept - 'Meet the Teacher' Year1-Year 6 3.30pm - 3.50pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sept - Year 6 Bikeability course
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sept - EYFS Parent Morning
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sept - Individual photos to be taken 9 am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sept - Bingo Night 6.30pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sept - Open Afternoon 1.15 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept - Open Morning 9.15 am
- 1<sup>st</sup> Oct - Book Week/Book Fair
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct- Open Afternoon 1.15pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - Open Morning 9.15 am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - Dress Up Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - Year 3 swimming 1.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct - Year 3 swimming 1.30pm

- 15<sup>th</sup> Oct - Grandparent afternoon - EYFS
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct - Year 6 Life Skills visit
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct - Halloween Disco after school
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct - Year 3 swimming
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Harvest Service at Church
- 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - Year 3 swimming
- 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - last day of term 1
- 29<sup>th</sup> Oct - 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Half term
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - Term 2 starts
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Flu vaccinations for Reception - Year 5
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 3 swimming
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Year 3 swimming
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 3 swimming
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 3 swimming
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Fayre
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 3 swimming
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - INSET DAY

Inset Days for 2018/19 are - 3rd September 2018, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018, 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 & 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.

Rhys Buckley, Head Teacher

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Start Time: 7.45 am (last serving 8.30 am)  
 Arrive at the school entrance to be met by Karen Clapp and Lesley Smyth  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2018 there will be an increase in cost to: **£4.00** per session plus money for breakfast.



**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**



Open term time after school from 3.30- 6pm where a drink and healthy snack will be provided.  
 Fees £9 per session  
 Please contact Abi Welsh if you have any queries or wish to make a booking on the following number: 07342 657815



## September Newsletter 2018

Wed 12 September 2018

16:00 – 18:00

South Gloucestershire Music Hub

Little Stoke Lane

Little Stoke



South Glos Music Hub are hosting a 'Hands On' event where students will be able to try out all the instruments that we teach.

This is a fantastic way to inspire your child to start instrumental lessons and join a band or orchestra. South Glos Music Hub offer lessons on the following instruments, and you can try them all!

**STRINGS:** Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

**WOODWIND:** Flute, Recorder, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone,

**BRASS:** Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Tuba

**OTHER:** Guitar (Classical and Electric), Bass Guitar, Piano, Voice, Drum Kit, Percussion

It won't be long until your child is ready to join one of our development centres on a Saturday morning. This is when the fun really starts as they can join one of our bands or orchestras, make new friends and have fun performing around the county.

There are different types of lesson to suit your budget and you can hire one of our instruments to get started straight away. Please contact us for more information and we are happy to answer any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you!