



St. Peter's Church of England Middle School
NEWSLETTER

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*Left: Year 8 picnic
 in The Great Park*



*Right:
 Grease*

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing as the summer term draws to a close to thank you all for your support throughout the past year and to give you some important information for the new academic year ahead.

Start of Autumn Term Tuesday 5th September 2017

All students return to school at the normal time of 8.25am for an 8.30am start.

New Pastoral System

We are making a significant change to our pastoral system in order to improve the support of all of our students. From September students will be placed into a tutor group with other members of their year group only. There will be two tutor groups in each year. The tutors for years 5 and 6 will be the students' main class teacher. In years 7 and 8 the tutors will be taken from the KS3 teaching team.

5 EOI	Ms Oliver
5 KCu	Miss Cutler
6 LNu	Miss Nunez
6 ARr	Mrs Rycraft Richards and Ms Mehta
7 JKi	Mr Kirkby
7 IQu	Mrs Qumar and Mrs Sayer
8 Aim	Mr Imbastari
8 PDe	Mr Denis

Students will continue to be placed into one of our four Houses and we will focus on our House system as a whole school competition.

As always the first point of contact will be your son/daughter's form tutor. Mrs Hardy and I are the school's designated safeguarding team and you should contact one of us should you wish to discuss a safeguarding issue.

Classes for September

The senior team and teaching staff have been looking at the way in which we group our students. Traditionally students remained in their class from year 5 to year 8 and there was very little movement. Moving forward we will regularly move students from one class to another to support the very best outcomes for each student. For September many students will find that they are in a new class.

Maths teaching and Learning- KS2

For some time now the school has delivered all lessons as mixed ability. From September we are introducing 'Stage not Age' into our delivery of Maths at KS2. This means that your son or daughter will be taught in one of five maths classes across both years 5 and 6. Some of these classes will be set according to ability and some will remain as mixed ability. This will give us the very best opportunity to ensure that every student reaches their full potential in Maths.

Staffing Update

As usual we have some staff moving on at the end of this year. This is always a sad time and we wish them all the very best for the future. However we have made some excellent appointments and I am pleased to say that we are fully staffed this year.

Staff leaving us in July

Mrs Prevost- East to West

Miss Ramirez- KS2

Mrs Chimutwi- Science

Mrs Guinane—not returning from maternity leave

Staff joining us in September

Ms Oliver- KS2

Miss Cutler- KS2

Mrs Kumar- KS3 Science

In addition to the above named staff, Mr Denis will be joining the KS3 team.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and relaxing summer break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September for the start of the new academic year.

Andy Snipp

Head of School

Year 8

We are very sad to say goodbye to our Year 8s today. On Monday, in beautiful sunshine the Year 8s went into the Great Park for a picnic, some photographs and a walk. With Mr Imbastari in the lead, most (if not all!) students went at a great speed and we were able to take in The Copper Horse, Cow Pond where we enjoyed our picnics, and then walk back through the Deer Park. Many of the students knew the route better than staff, others had never been in the park before, so it was a great activity for everybody involved. Thanks to Mr Imbastari for leading and to Mrs Hardy and Mrs Caffyn for keeping the troops moving and on the right path!

On Wednesday night the achievements of the Year 8s were celebrated in their own evening of celebration, supported by the PTA who have also generously donated a surprise for the leavers at the disco on Thursday night.

Sports during the year

It has been a very successful year for sports at St Peter's School, starting way back in October when St Peter's took two teams to the Windsor Schools Sports Partnership Dodgeball Competition. We walked away as winners and runners up in the competition.

Shortly afterwards in the month of October was the Windsor school hockey tournament and we were defending champions. This year we went with three teams and again, success breeds success and we came away 1st 2nd and 4th. This meant we had two teams qualify for the Berkshire School Games in hockey, a county competition.

After a successful start in October we continued with improvement in the RBWM netball league and the Sportshall Athletics in November. Dedworth have gone unbeaten in this competition for several years in a range of age ranges. This year saw St Peter's beat them in two out of the three competitions finishing 1st in the boys 7/8; 3rd in the girls 7/8 and 1st in the 5/6 categories. Again this saw St Peter's qualify for the Berkshire school games with the two winning teams.

December saw the first inter-house rowing competition at St Peter's and this proved to be a very popular and exciting event. Overall winners were York with some outstanding performances, but Hannah Liddell showed excellent use of the school values racing for her House.

Mr Imbastari has worked tirelessly hard with football teams this year and has achieved some fabulous results. With the help of Mr Jones, they have successfully run and won a Year 5 competition that was nail biting close at times. In the final of the Grenfell Cup the Year 7 team came away against the giants of St Bernard's school with a win in the dying seconds of normal time.

January and February saw St Peter's train hard and prepare for the Berkshire School Games in hockey and athletics.

Come March in the Berkshire School County Games we did fabulously well finishing 4th in the whole county for Year 5/6 in athletics and 6th for the Year 7/8 boys. Hockey saw in some tough groups but we finish 8th and 15th in the entire County.

Throughout January and February we saw the netball teams grow and develop to come 3rd in Hi five netball competitions and the Year 7/8 teams were moving from the bottom half of their leagues to finish towards the top halves.

In the summer term we have again had great success becoming the winners and runners up of the Windsor School Sports Partnership Ultimate Frisbee, also the winners of the Kwick Cricket competition which allowed us to qualify for the Summer Berkshire school games at Wokingham cricket club where we came 6th overall in the County which was a fabulous achievement.

The month of May saw St Peter's do well in the orienteering coming first in the 7/8 category and second in the 5/6 category.

This year has been a very successful year, seeing some excellent results throughout the year and being part of a fellowship that is growing and believing in itself more. Let's hope to have another prosperous year of sport in 2017/18.

Mr Kirkby

Let's talk about Safeguarding

Snap Maps

You may have already heard in the news about Snapchat's new 'Snap Maps' feature.

'Snap Maps' allows Snapchat users to see, with very impressive accuracy, the geographical location of other users on their contact lists and the specific locations of photos and posts. This of course also means that other users will be able to do the same for you, unless settings are carefully looked at! The right privacy settings are most important.

Many of our students use Snapchat regularly as part of their daily lives, so it is very important to be aware of this development and to have a conversation with your son/daughter as necessary.

You can find out more at http://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/A-beginner-s-guide-to-Snap-Maps/?utm_source=July+2017+Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter

Another Snapchat feature that is even more hot off the press is Snapchat 'Paperclip', which allows weblinks to be quickly shared between users. This is not in itself an issue, but it would seem at the moment that there is no filtering option for weblinks that are sent, so there is the potential for Snapchat users to click unsuspectingly on something they would perhaps rather not have seen – something of concern especially to younger Snapchat users.

You can read more about 'Paperclip' at <https://waynedenner.com/blog/snapchat-paperclip-what-do-parents-need-to-know>



SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

Autumn 2017

Term 1

INSET day: Monday 4th September 2017

Term starts on: Tuesday 5th September 2017

Term ends on: Friday 20th October 2017

October Holiday: Monday 23rd October 2017 to Friday 27th October 2017

Term 2

Term starts on: Monday 30th October 2017

INSET day: Friday 24th November 2017

Term ends on: Wednesday 20th December 2017

Christmas Holiday: Thursday 21st December 2017 to Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Spring 2018

Term 3

Term starts on: Thursday 4th January 2018

Term ends on: Thursday 8th February 2018

INSET day: Friday 9th February 2018

February Holiday: Monday 12th February 2018 to Friday 16th February 2018

Term 4

Term starts on: Monday 19th February 2018

Term ends on: Thursday 29th March 2018

Spring Holiday: Friday 30th March 2018 to Friday 13th April 2018

(Good Friday – 30th March 2018; Easter Monday – 2nd April 2018)

Summer 2018

Term 5

Term starts on: Monday 16th April 2018

Term ends on: Friday 25th May 2018

May Holiday: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018

Term 6

Term starts on: Monday 4th June 2018

Term ends on: Friday 20th July 2018

INSET days: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July 2018