



St. Peter's Church of England Middle School

NEWSLETTER

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Left: New Year 5 students



*Right:
New Year 5 students*

Dear Parent/Guardian

After a wonderfully hot summer, it is my pleasure to welcome you all back to the start of this new year here at St Peter's Middle School.

I would like to say a very warm welcome to all of the parents of our new Year 5 students. The students have looked smart and behaved wonderfully and after a few initial tears (staff included), the term is now well underway!

To our existing parents, I hope that you have enjoyed the time with your son/daughters over the past 6 weeks. They may have come home and told you about some of our exciting upgrades during the summer. The lower school corridor has had a new floor and the wall between the Hall and the corridor has been replaced, coupled with even more new lockers; this area is now looking very smart.

For this academic year we have moved to a two week timetable. This timetabling format gives us more flexibility and should allow us to continue to provide a broad and enriching curriculum. I do appreciate that it seems a little complicated, however I am confident that everyone will have learnt their own timetable off by heart within a few weeks.

This year we have welcomed two new members of staff in to our family of teachers. Mrs Copsey is our new Music teacher and will be working on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Miss Boreham is our new KS3 Maths teacher. I am certain that you will join me in welcoming them both warmly to our community.

Speaking of community I must once again remind parents of the importance of respecting our neighbours and the local residents of Crimp Hill. Please do not park across gates and driveway access. Even if you think that you will only be a few moments it does still cause an unnecessary inconvenience. Please also refrain from using the entrance to the Alms houses to turn your vehicle around. This really does upset our elderly neighbours with whom we share a wonderful relationship. May I take the opportunity of thanking you all in advance for your adherence to these requests.

Lastly, this should prove to be a very exciting year for us here at St Peter's. You may remember that this time last year we were graded as Good by Ofsted. That success was followed up by a record set of results for students in Year 6 completing their KS2 SATS examinations. Well done for collectively achieving grades above the published National Average! So as we continue to build upon these fantastic results we also hope to begin building our new KS2 block. This will sit on the site of the current 'Pod' and will provide a new and dynamic learning environment for Years 5 and 6.

Lastly, please do check out the school website. This has term dates; a calendar with important events; Homework page for students and other information which you may find useful.

I look forward to working with you all throughout the year. **Andy Snipp, Headteacher**

Lunch and After School Extra-Curricular & Enrichment Programme

The Autumn 1 programme is up on the school website under Parents/Information.

Students need to collect a letter and return the completed form as soon as possible.

Facebook pages

The school has a Facebook page: St Peter's Church of England Middle School, Old Windsor. Please Like our page and follow us.

The school PTA has a closed Facebook group: St Peter's PTA Group. Parents and carers can request to join this group.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in on Thursday 13th September to take individual photographs and sibling groups.

Harvest Assembly

Our students will be celebrating Harvest with a Harvest Assembly on Wednesday 19th September.

The Rev Adel Shokralla will be visiting us on that day.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Share in Windsor. These can be tinned foods; dry pasta; UHT milk; UHT fruit juice; canned fruit

PTA

If you would like to join the school PTA, please email the school office: Office@st-petersoldwindsor.org.uk with your child's name.

The AGM is taking place on Wednesday 19th September at 7.15pm at The Old Windsor Club, St Luke's Road, Old Windsor. We look forward to welcoming our new parents.

Year 5 Welcome Evening

A letter will be coming out, shortly, regarding the Year 5 Welcome Evening on Tuesday 25th September from 6.30-7.45pm.

Let's talk about Safeguarding

Our newsletter often features a little focus on safeguarding, as this is the first newsletter of the year it might be a good idea to introduce the staff at St Peter's with particular safeguarding responsibilities.

If you or your child has any concerns feel free to speak to any member of staff and they will point you in the right direction. With students we often use the wording "trusted adult" and encourage them to share their worries or concerns with any adult they trust: teacher, tutor or support staff.

Mr A Snipp is our designated safeguarding officer and as our Headteacher has the ultimate responsibility for all safeguarding concerns.

Mrs C Hardy is our Deputy Safeguarding officer and supports Mr Snipp in the day to day tasks around safeguarding and will often be your first contact.

Mrs S Newell is our governor with safeguarding responsibility.

Safeguarding is defined as the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. **Safeguarding** means: protecting children from abuse and maltreatment, preventing harm to children's health or development, ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care.

If you have any worries or concerns please do contact us via email or on the school number 01753 866253.

Term Dates for 2018/2019

Autumn 2018

Term 1

INSET Day: Monday 3rd September 2018

Term starts on: Tuesday 4th September 2018

Term ends on: Friday 19th October 2018.

October Holiday: Monday 22nd October 2018 to Friday 26th October 2018.

Term 2

Term starts on: Monday 29th October 2018

INSET Day: Tuesday 27th November 2018

Term ends on: Thursday 20th December 2018

Christmas Holiday: Friday 21st December 2018 to Thursday 3rd January 2019

Spring 2019

Term 3

INSET Day: Friday 4th January 2019

Term starts on: Monday 7th January 2019

Term ends on: Friday 15th February 2019

February Holiday: Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019

Term 4

Term starts on: Monday 25th February 2019

Term ends on: Friday 5th April 2019

Spring Holiday: Monday 8th April 2019 to Monday 22nd April 2019
(Good Friday: 19th April 2019; Easter Monday: 22nd April 2019)

Summer 2019

Term 5

Term starts on: Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Term ends on: Friday 24th May 2019

May Holiday: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019