

9 September 2016

AUTUMN TERM (1) –NEWSLETTER 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of the school year at St. Peter's and we hope that you enjoyed the holidays. This year we welcome twenty two new children to our Reception Class as well as three new children, Sofia who has joined Class 1 and Annabelle and Ellie who have joined Class 2. We do hope that you will all enjoy being part of our school and community. We also welcome Mrs Tagliati who is our new office administrator. And just in case you want to know a few interesting facts... she lives in Witney, is mum to a 21 year old who has just started her teaching career, has two labradors called Rolo and Maya and is married to an Italian chef!

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate the May Family on the birth of baby Samuel.

THANK YOUs

I just wanted to say Thank You so much for all your kind wishes on my retirement and for the flowers, cakes and gifts - my St Peter's jug and Swarovski owl are safely on display in our cabinet and I am looking forward to using my Witney Spa vouchers and going to my Owl Evening.

I think that my being retired only hit home on Monday when term started and I was not in my usual place in the office! I have so enjoyed working at school during all those years and shall miss you all. I wish you all the best.

Love from, Mrs Waters

All the staff would like to thank everyone who gave cards and gifts at the end of last term. Your words and sentiments were all very much appreciated.

CONVERSION TO A FULL PRIMARY SCHOOL

As you all know, St Peter's is currently in consultation to become a full primary school and we would appreciate any comments or responses that you may have to support our proposal.

Please accept our sincere apologies that there was an error in the information sheet that was sent home to parents last Monday regarding St Christopher's Primary School's Admissions Policy. Please see below for the revised response to the question:

Will there still be places at St Christopher's for families who want siblings to be together for Years 3 – 6?

Parents have the right to remove their child from a school at any point, although staff and Governors hope that as children are happy and thriving at St Peter's they will want to remain in the school for all their primary years.

For the year 2017/18 St Christopher's admission policy continues to have six admission places for Year 3 children, with priority criteria given to children from St. Peter's. Given our proposed transition to a full primary and their additional new classroom, it is not inconceivable that the provision of Y3 admissions places beyond September 2017 may change. Both schools remain committed to work in partnership to serve the families and children within our community and any changes to future admission policies of either St. Peter's or St. Christopher's would require consultation.

If parents want to move a child to join a sibling at St. Christopher's, or another school, they can apply for a place using the appropriate admissions application process and it will then be up to the school to allocate any places that are available.



SCHOOL MEALS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO MENU- ON FRIDAY OF WEEK 1 (FROM 23RD SEPTEMBER) THE MEAL WILL BE SAUSAGE AND CHIPS.

School meals are free to all children at St Peter's. Your child can have meals every day or you can select days but once you have decided which option you want, your decision will remain until you inform Mrs Kowalski otherwise. Menus will be sent out fortnightly with the newsletter for those children who are having meals on selective days. These menus need to be returned by **9am** the following **Wednesday** as food has to be ordered in advance and must be put in the **red post box in the school entrance**. If there is no menu order for your child by Wednesday, we will assume that you do not require hot meals and that your child will be bringing their own packed lunch. **Menus will not be given to those children, who are having meals every day.** Mrs Steph Kowalski (mother of Reid in Class 2) is the Catering Supervisor and will be dealing with all queries and orders concerning school meals, plus the distribution and collation of menu orders, so if you have any queries, please put a note in the **red letter box** and she will deal with them. If your child's requirements change, please put a note in the red post box for Mrs Kowalski.

Pupils whose parents/guardians are in receipt of particular support payments and meet certain criteria may be eligible to receive free school meals. Should you feel you might qualify, please contact the School Office for an application form.

MILK MONEY

Milk money for the first half of term will be **£1 a week (£7 for the term)** in cash please. Please discuss with your child whether they would like milk and, if they would, inform the school by returning the slip by **Friday 16 September**. If we receive no slip or payment by then we will assume that your child is **not** having milk.

N.B. Please note that Reception children now receive **free** milk until the Friday before their fifth birthday. If your child is eligible for free milk, the slip does still need to be returned.

In order to ensure that all money coming into school remains safe we ask you to place all monies in the black post box on the wall outside Mrs Tagliati's office. Please do not leave money on the desk or give to teachers. We cannot accept any responsibility for money left on the desk in the office. Please make sure that money is in named, sealed envelopes stating clearly what the money is for and that you use separate cheques/cash for different accounts. Thank You.

REMINDER: PROCEDURE WHEN ARRIVING LATE AND WHEN TAKING CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

Could you please remember to follow the following procedure with regards to children arriving at school late and taking children out of school during school hours.

Lateness: If your child arrives late for registration i.e. after 8.30am, you will need to come to the office and sign the Late Arrivals Sheet, which is held in the folder in the school office: on this sheet you will need to put the time you arrive and the reason for being late.

Signing in/out: If you need to take your child out of school for any reason, could you please first come to the office and fill out the Signing In/Out Sheet. Your child will be collected from their class and brought to the office.

Please **do not** go straight to the classroom to collect your child. Similarly, when you bring your child back to school, please come to the office first and sign them back in and your child will be taken back to class. It is important that we have an accurate record of all children at school at all times. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PANTO TICKETS

We are taking all the children to the pantomime, 'Robinson Crusoe', at the Chipping Norton Theatre, during the normal school day, on Tuesday 13 December and have to pay for the tickets very soon. Could you please let us know before next **Friday 16 September** if you know of any reason why your child will not be in school that day and, therefore, will not be coming to the panto, as we will be able to cancel the ticket. Once the ticket has been paid for, we cannot provide a refund if you take your child out of school on that day.

EMERGENCY PLAN FOR EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS

We seek the permission of parents for an emergency telephone contact list to be held outside school by an appointed governor. This is a precautionary measure in the event of an emergency arising. This information will be kept for this purpose only and will not be divulged to any third party. We will assume that all parents are happy with this procedure unless we hear from you.

NEWSLETTERS AND PLANNING

We will send a newsletter home on a Friday, fortnightly, so please make sure you look in your child’s bookbag. Planning will be sent home for each class with the first newsletter of each term. We hope that these plans will help you to talk to your children about what they have been learning at School.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sam King
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We are trying to inform you of dates as far in advance as we can. Please appreciate that some dates may be subject to change, but we will inform you as soon as possible if this happens.

Monday 19 September	After School Clubs begin for Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 28 September 7:00pm	Consultation Meeting – Conversion to a Full Primary School
Sunday 16 October at 10:30am	Family Service at St Peter’s Church: Harvest Festival
Monday 17 October 3:00pm – 5:30pm	Class 1 Parent Meetings
Monday 17 October 3:00pm – 5:30pm	Class 2 Parent Meetings
Tuesday 18 October at 7:00pm	Foundation Stage Parent Meeting
Wednesday 19 October 1:15pm – 4:30pm	Class 2 Parent Meetings
Monday 24 October-Friday 28 October	October break
Monday 31 October	Term 2 begins
Friday 4 November	School Photos
Saturday 26 November 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Christmas Bazaar
Monday 28 November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Years 1 and 2
Wednesday 7 December 9:30am	Nativity Performance for Pre-School Children and Parents
Thursday 8 December 1:30pm	Nativity Performance
Thursday 8 December 6:30pm	Nativity Performance
Sunday 11 December 4:00pm	Christingle Service
Tuesday 13 December	Whole School Trip to the pantomime ‘Robinson Crusoe’ at the Chipping Norton Theatre
Friday 16 December	Last day of term

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MILK

I would like my child, to have milk mid-morning and enclose **£7.00** cash.

I would like my child, to have free milk as they are not yet 5.

SIGNED..... DATE.....

