



St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

September 2015

Welcome Back! I hope you have all returned back into routine and that your children have had a successful week. A really warm welcome to our new families, we hope you will have an enjoyable and successful time at our school. Everyone who joins St Peter's is automatically a member of our wonderful PTFA (Parents, Teachers, Friends Association) so do look out for their events as they are not to be missed. Their annual (AGM) meeting is being held on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.45pm in the hall so do join us and learn more about what we do over a glass of wine. There will also be a short presentation beforehand at 7pm from the senior team about our school development plan and how we will be improving our school even further this year.

We put your children at the centre of everything we do at our school and they have an exciting curriculum ahead of them this year. A curriculum newsletter will be with you shortly. We are developing a new assessment process which we will be sharing with you soon so you can understand what progress your children are making when you receive reports and have conversations with staff.

Don't forget our new Parent Handbook is on our website which has been written alongside parents to give you all the information you need. However, never hesitate to come and ask us. You will have already met our super friendly and efficient admin team in the office who always have the answers!

Our children look incredible in their smart, new school uniform and everyone is now dressed in the new style. Thank you to the children for taking pride and always having their shirts tucked in, their hair tied back or cut in a sensible and conservative style and for only wearing small stud earrings. Learning is our top priority and we do not want accessories or unusual hairstyles to form any distractions in the classroom. The summer uniform (dresses/white polo shirts in KS2) can be worn until October half term. After half term we expect all KS2 to be wearing a shirt and tie. Please avoid ties with polo shirts. Thank you for all your support with our policy.

Emails are the most common way that we communicate with parents so do ensure we have an up to date email address from you and that you check your emails regularly. Newsletters are sent out on the last Friday of every month. We also have a notice board on the front of the new building and a PTFA notice board on the fence close to the new building with reminders and promotions.

We will be asking soon for parent volunteers for our reading program so do look out for the letter which should be with you very soon. It was so successful last year with parents reading with children from 8.45-9.00am. We would love to encourage Dads and Grandfathers to join us too, as male role models reading with children is so powerful. Also we are looking for volunteers to help with the successful drop off zone. This is from 8.30am-8.45am. If you feel you can help please see the office.

Over the holidays we have had our roofs replaced and in some areas we have solar panels. This is an exciting way to help sustain our energy and to support our drive to become an Eco-School. Thank you for

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your patience whilst the scaffolding has been in place. The old parts of the building will now be better insulated.

Mr Steve Daniel from Planet Education has joined our teaching team to support the PE curriculum and will be with us every Monday for the year. He will also be seen running outdoor activities at lunchtime for our younger children as well as our school football team.

I am looking forward to a successful term with much learning, progress and joy. Please come and speak to us at any time if you have a query or a concern.

Kind regards
Sarah Dunning