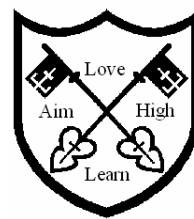


# St Peter's News



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## Friends of St Peter's School (FoSPS) AGM—Thursday 22nd September 9.00am in school

FoSPS play a vital role for St Peter's and raised the funds to buy many of our i-pads. They also paid for the Rainbow Theatre, Year 6s Bowling & Canoeing Treat and they built an outdoor stage on the school field.

Recently they have paid for the patio and garden that

has been built to make our playground a better place for the pupils.

This success is down to the dedication of a core of parents but they do need more support. New faces are really needed to sustain the group. FoSPS do so much to enhance the school for all the children so please do come to this meeting and offer some help. However small an amount of time you can offer, it'll always be useful. Many of the FoSPS team have left the school now so some new 'blood' is needed to sustain things. You do not have to do any more to help than you have time for. The commitment is very flexible.

## OUTDOOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

Fathers Keith & Martin are going to hold a Harvest Festival Service on our **Outdoor Stage**. Please do come along join us at **9:15am** on **Monday 26th September**. Of course this is subject to it being a nice morning! If it's wet we will go inside. A letter will go out soon about bringing in cans / food.

## INSET DAYS

These are the dates of our INSET Days this year 16-17.

Monday 31st October  
Monday 12th December  
Monday 27th February  
Monday 5th June

## BREAK TIME SNACK FOR KEY STAGE TWO

Just a reminder that Key Stage 2 are only allowed a healthy snack at morning playtime. Fruit, vegetables or other healthy snacks. No sweets, chocolate, cake or crisps. Key Stage 1 do not bring a snack as free fruit is provided. THANK YOU

## N.B.

**'4 weeks in' meeting for parents of new reception children  
Friday 30th September 9am.**

The aim of the session is to share some information about settling in to school and the ways parents can support their children. This is not a consultation session about individual children. Those take place later in the term (see calendar). I do hope you can make the '4 weeks in' meeting as it is very useful and gives you a chance to find out more about St Peter's.

Letter 1, 16.09.16

## Term dates—Autumn 2016

### September

- Thursday 22nd - FoSPS A.G.M.—9am
- Monday 26th - Outdoor Harvest Festival 9:15am
- Monday 26th - First week of clubs
- Wednesday 28th - Year 6 Exchange Trip to West Green School, Crawley
- Thursday 29th - Poppy Planting for WW1
- Friday 30th - '4 WEEKS IN' meeting for Reception Parents

### October

- Tuesday 4th - Nasal Flu Vaccine (Yrs 1-3)
- Friday 7th - Year 6 trip to the Imperial War Museum
- Thursday 13th - Parents' Evening, 5.30pm To 8pm
- Monday 17th - Parents' Evening, 3.30pm To 6pm
- Monday 24th - Half term begins
- Monday 31st - INSET Day

### November

- Thursday 10th - Individual Pupil Photographs
- Friday 11th - 'Going For Goals' Afternoon
- Friday 11th - Remembrance service in school - led by Year 6
- Thursday 17th - Open Morning for 2017 Reception starters.
- Friday 18th - BBC Children In Need Non-Uniform day
- Tuesday 22nd - Book Fayre

### December

- Thursday 1st - Christingle Service, 5:30pm in the church
- Friday 2nd - Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair
- Monday 5th - Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10:30am
- Monday 5th - Last week of clubs
- Tuesday 6th - KS1 Nativity – 10:30am
- Wednesday 7th - KS1 Nativity – 10:30am
- Friday 9th - Christmas Fair 6-8pm
- Monday 12th - INSET Day
- Wednesday 14th - Christmas Service at the church, 9.15am
- Thursday 15th - Christmas Lunch & Rainbow Theatre
- Friday 16th - End of Term

## 2017

### SPRING TERM

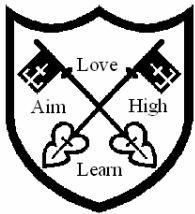
**Starts:** Tuesday 3rd January  
**Half term:** Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February  
**INSET DAY:** Monday 27th February  
**Ends:** Friday 7th April

### SUMMER TERM

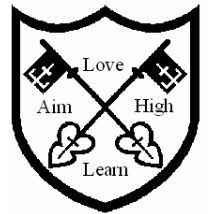
**Starts:** Monday 24 April  
**Half term:** Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June  
**INSET DAY:** Monday 5th June  
**Ends:** Tuesday 25 July

## INSET DAYS

Monday 31st October 2016  
Monday 12th December 2016  
Monday 27th February 2017  
Monday 5th June 2017



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### Facebook

The school has seriously considered using Facebook as a means of communication. However, we work very hard to maintain our website which includes a school diary and copies of recent correspondence. We think it will be confusing to keep a Facebook site updated as well and information may get missed off it.

Therefore, whilst we know the unofficial 'Parents of St Peter's' Facebook page is very useful and has been used helpfully by parents to support the school, can I remind parents to refer to all 'official' communication by email, letter or on the website if in doubt about anything (or just ask a member of staff)?

Of course St Peter's understands how useful Facebook is, as a support system between parents, and the school thanks all that do so to help the smooth running of the school. Can I just ask everyone, though, to please remember our pledges in 'The Home-School Agreement' to treat every child, parent, governor and staff member with respect whilst on social media? Frustrations can occur as part of daily life but please do always contact us at school to get something done about a concern, rather than making a comment that doesn't fit with the ethos of 'The Home-School Agreement'. Thank you.

### Stay and Play

Country Mice offers an exciting, fun after school hours child care service. Available Monday to Friday:

- ☐ Breakfast Club: from 7.30am – 8.50am
  - ☐ Afterschool Club: 3.10pm – 5.30pm
- To register or enquire: **01403 864 011**  
email: **kerry@countrymicenursery.com**

**Places are filling up fast for this academic year so don't forget to book in soon if you need this excellent service.**

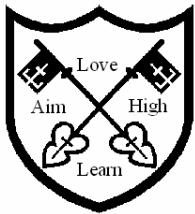
### Christmas Cards

The children will be making Christmas cards again this year so please remember to factor this in when you're buying cards.

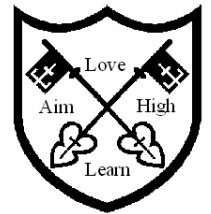
### NEWS FROM THE RESIDENTIAL TRIP



Mr Kolter visited Year 5 and 6 at Marchant's Hill yesterday. He found everyone in good spirits and the children couldn't wait to tell him what an amazing time they were having. The PGL instructors were very complimentary about our children, saying they were brilliantly behaved and were getting the most out of the activities by listening well and working as a team. Our teachers were very proud of the way the children were up for a challenge. The beautiful weather was making the experience even more enjoyable for them all.



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### **END OF DAY PROCEDURE**

Just a reminder that:

#### **KEY STAGE 1 & Yr R**

Children are handed over when the teacher sees the parent / adult collecting. Please collect ENNIS from side door and HOLMES from the 'Buddy Bus Stop'. Please step forward to collect your child.

#### **Year 3 / 4**

Unless special requests are made Lower Key Stage 2 children are allowed to leave their teacher's side on the playground when the child says they can see their adult.

#### **Year 5/ 6**

Independently leave the classroom to find their adult. Those with permission slips to walk home alone do so.

If you have any questions please do ask.

### **YEAR 6— Secondary School Applications**

Just a helpful reminder for parents of year 6 pupils. The secondary school online application process closes on 31st Oct. A prospectus for Millais or Forest are available from our office.

### **Hall Of Fame**

Recent additions:

**Lysander Seymour  
Imogen Martin  
Lydia Barnett  
Reggie Humphries**

Congratulations

### **Medicine Regulations**

Following the 2014 regulations set by the DfE and Health and Safety Executive, schools are not allowed to hold and administer medicines unless they are prescribed for on-going medical conditions (i.e. asthma inhalers, epi-pens for extreme allergies, diabetes etc); antibiotics cannot be administered unless they have been prescribed for four times a day. We cannot administer Calpol, Ibuprofen or Aspirin and we are not allowed to put cream on children. We appreciate your co-operation on this matter. Thank you.

### **Year 5 Walking Home Alone**

The intention is to begin this after the October half term. We would like to have a few weeks for everyone to settle back into the routine and then a few more weeks to get the letter (where parents give permission for pupils to do this) out and returned. We would like the children to fully understand that there are a variety of safety factors involved in this and also that every family has a different set of circumstances and factors in making this decision. Please expect a letter soon.

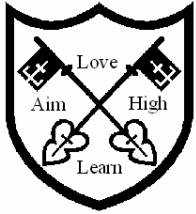
## **MEET THE TEACHER INFORMATION**

Many thanks to all who attended the Meet The Teacher Evening on Thursday 8th. It is always such a good chance for the staff to explain the routines and homework expectations for the year ahead. We find it clarifies things for you at home and enhances your child's 'Home Learning'. We do understand that it was not possible for every parent to attend. If you were unable to come please go on our school website; <http://stpetersce.eschools.co.uk/website>

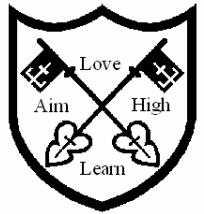
Then click on the class page that your child is in. On those class pages (and attached to them) you can see the routines and 'Meet The Teacher' presentations. Also attached are Topic Overviews for the term ahead for all.

My presentation is attached to INFORMATION on the CORRESPONDENCE Tab (as is The General Procedures Booklet).





# Church News



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Welcome to our church of St Peter

**Prayer and Worship** St Peter's church is open for private prayer daily. If you see the gate open, feel free to step inside.

You are of course; always welcome to come to any of our services.



Details can be found in church, and on the website: [www.stpeterschurch-cowfold.org.uk](http://www.stpeterschurch-cowfold.org.uk) or from Judy Penhaligon (Church Warden) 01403 865500 or email: [penhudsons@aol.com](mailto:penhudsons@aol.com)

Taize worship by candlelight is held at Cowfold on every **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of the month at 6pm. This is a special time for simple chants, and quiet meditation on short passages of scripture.

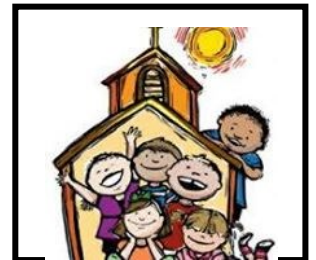


A special service is held at St Peter's Church, at 10am on the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** of each month, for people of all ages and stages of faith.

Although we don't have a structured Sunday School at St Peter's, we do have "Church in a Box" at all our main services where children can dip into a box of themed activities and books. These are changed on a weekly basis.

## Especially for Families in the Parishes

If you are looking for something fresh, why not come to "**Short and Sweet**", our new family service? It is held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of every month here in Cowfold. "**Short**" because it starts at 10am and lasts for 20 minutes, and "**Sweet**" because the service is followed by refreshments.



**Harvest Service 10am on 2<sup>nd</sup> October** will be our Harvest Service this year, with guest preacher Archdeacon Fiona Windsor. Everyone is welcome to bring donations of goods to be sent to Family Support. "**Short and Sweet**" Our new 20 minute service will meet again at **10am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. The theme for our worship will be Harvest. We shall be celebrating food. Everyone is welcome. There will be craft activities for the children.

**Churchyard:** We really appreciate the diversity of wildlife in our beautiful churchyard and during the second part of October we will be constructing a "Bug Hotel". It is hoped that children will become involved with this project both in its construction and use as a learning opportunity.

## Also – Forthcoming events:

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October** 7pm to 10pm in Cowfold Village Hall - Bring and Share Harvest Supper with Open Mic. Prize for the best act.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** 2pm to 5pm in Cowfold Village Hall – Autumn Fair – Lots of stalls to start you off with your Christmas shopping. Refreshments and games for all.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December** 2pm to 5pm in Cowfold Village Hall Reading Room. Cake sale and Christmas Wreath Sale. Beautiful wreaths to adorn your front doors during the festive season at a very good price.