

20 July 2010

WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR BEST

Final Tune in on Tuesday of Academic Year 2009/10

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends of St. Peters,

Property - Please ensure you take all PE kits, coats, wellies, water bottles, lunch boxes etc. before the end of the week. We hope to clear all classrooms and cloakrooms by the end of term. Thank you.

Year 4 Leavers Service - Parents/Carers and family are invited to join the Year 4 pupils for their leavers service at St. Peter's Church at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday 21st. Tea and coffee will be served in the school hall immediately after the service.

School Year 2010/11 - Just a reminder that children start back to school on Thursday 2nd September 2010.

School term dates for the year 2010/11 are available on the website (News and Diary) including teacher education days. The calendar is currently being finalised and will be sent out in the new school year.

Reading and Library Books - Please ensure that any outstanding library and reading books are returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

A reminder..... If anyone has an outstanding medical information form or worship questionnaire, could they please return them to school as soon as possible.

Gifted and Talented - Mrs John, our G&T co-ordinator, sent out a letter requesting examples of how pupils shine in their areas of interest outside of school. Any contributions already made will be put into a display in the Autumn term by Mrs John. Thank you.

Goodbye and Good Luck - We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Crawford at the end of term. Mrs Crawford has been appointed to a new post for September 2010. We will miss Mrs Crawford (particularly her excellent teaching and fiercely competitive streak!) We wish her every success and happiness at her new school.

Email and Text to Parents - Please ensure that you have returned your mobile phone number and e-mail address to the office in order that we can begin to correspond with you electronically.

Medication - All medication held in school will be sent home on Friday so that no medication will be on school premises over the summer holidays.

Please take this opportunity to check the use by dates on the medication and your child's care plan. Then return it to your new class teacher on Thursday 2nd September. All medical details will be passed on to your child's new teacher and TA so they will know what medication to expect. Many thanks.

POW - Any parents who are eligible for POW funding, please be aware that the deadline for us to process Summer activities is Wednesday 21st July. Please see Susanna Taylor via the school office. Thank you.

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Governors Annual Newsletter - This will be available on the school website over the summer holidays and will be distributed in hard copy to all parents in September.

Family Activities Booklet - We have just received a delivery of 'Family Activities Booklets which suggests 'Things to do and place to go around Worcestershire'. If you would like a copy to help plan your action packed summer holidays please collect one from the front entrance. You can also access the information at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/familyinfo

LPPA - We will send out the report at the beginning of the next academic year.

Message from the Head... Please find a letter from me to accompany this final TIOT, with a brief overview of success this year. Please remember to acknowledge and thank the teachers, teaching assistants, administrative staff, operational staff and volunteers who work so hard for our school. They work hard to ensure that your children have a happy and fulfilling time at St. Peter's.

PTA - My sincere thanks to our PTA for their tireless efforts in organising events and raising funds this year. They have been a joy to work with! My sincere thanks for my invitation to the Year 4 leavers ball. It is the first time that I have ever attended a school event without being involved in running or organising it. Like everyone else I had a wonderful evening. Thanks and well done to our PTA.

☺ Have a lovely and relaxing summer break.

PTA News - Year 4 Leavers Ball - We would like to thank everyone who came along on Saturday. It was a fabulous evening and really lovely to see the children with their families and teachers all enjoying themselves. Good luck to all the Year 4 leavers from the PTA.

Double Your Pound - This has been a huge success. Thank you so much for all the hard work and effort put in by children and parents. There has been some fabulous fundraising ideas, it seems the children have been very busy cleaning houses and cars, gardening, making and selling cakes, guessing how many sweets in jars and lots of sponsorship to name a few. **Thank you.** Some children have even sent in some beautiful photos and letters - we really are amazed by all of your efforts. Absolutely every pound raised, whether it be £2 or lots more is very much appreciated and we have raised an amazing £1,130.41. There are still bits coming in so this figure will increase. Could we please ask, that if you still have your £1 you could return it in your child's book bag.

As it is the end of the school year, we thought you might like an update. Since we took over last October, we are very pleased to tell you that you have helped us to make a fabulous £6,004.14 profit! We have recently been asked by teachers and have given £2,000 towards new library books and £50 per class (£650) to update the equipment in the lunchtime play boxes. Thank you so much for all your support and also all members of staff and governors. We hope to do it all over again starting in the new autumn term. If anyone would like to come and join us we would be very happy to see you - it would be great to see some new faces. Happy holidays! - Helen, Sonia, Nikki, Jacqui and all PTA members.

Note for your diary - PTA AGM will be held on 16th September for anyone who wishes to come along 7.30 p.m. staff room.

St Peter's Church News/Services - This Sunday at 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Yours sincerely

Tracey O'Keeffe-Pullan
Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year. I want to take this opportunity to share with you some of the successes that we have enjoyed at St. Peter's. Once again it has been a busy and exciting year.

The list below is certainly not exhaustive, but highlights some of our achievements since September.

- Very successful Ofsted and SIAS inspection
- Successful academic results in terms of attainment and progress
- The introduction of the House system
- Continuation and development of 'university afternoons'.
- Numeracy week / open day
- ECO week
- French Day
- St. Peter's Day (including picnic)
- Community outreach and involvement projects
- Year group performances
- Family Church services and Christmas service
- Stay and play session (Reception) Stay and Read Sessions (KS1)
- Sports Day
- Further enrichment / after school opportunities
- Eating lunch in the hall
- Further partnerships for before and after school care both on and off site
- Our PTA and all of their successful events
- Achieving the LPPA Award (Leading Parent Partnership)
- The Parent Voice Group
- Festivals; sporting, music, dance, SEN etc.
- Playtime provision including equipment and peer mediators
- The appointment of Mr Parker as our Site Manager
- Achieving the Financial Management Standard in Schools for the second time.

As always we are seeking to build upon our successes in the coming year and some of the areas on which we intend to focus are listed below (more detail will be given in the School Development Plan in the Autumn term).

- Continue to focus on raising standards in Numeracy and Literacy
- Develop provision for learners with English as an additional language
- Development of the indoor area in the Early Years Foundation Stage to improve provision further
- Monitoring of subjects taking into account the views of pupils
- Focus on learning to include context for learning and sustaining challenge
- Further development of ICT and Learning Platforms (virtual learning environments)
- Investigate the possibility of hot school meal provision
- Continued improvement to the school environment (indoor and outdoor).

I feel that we have had a very successful year in school with pupils achieving well both academically and socially. The children have, as always, been a delight this year. I am so privileged to share in so many young lives. (I'm still not sure who gets more excited about stickers and tea parties - me or the children!)

I am very fortunate to be supported by an excellent team here at St. Peter's. My colleagues are so committed in sharing my vision for school improvement and wanting to ensure the best for every child.

It has been my pleasure to work alongside such dedicated staff, governors, PTA and parents this year.

I hope that you will be able to spend some quality time with your families and loved ones during the summer break, as I will.

I look forward to hearing news from the children in September and seeing how much they've all grown, how many teeth have fallen out and who has a new hairstyle or lunchbox!

I am proud of all that we have achieved together with year. I look forward to next year.

I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely

Tracey O'Keeffe-Pullan
Headteacher