



St. Peter's
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Dear St. Peter's families,

We have all returned to school today after a long and sunny Summer (this morning's rain was right on cue!) and are ready and raring to go! The staff have already been in during the holiday to make sure that the school is bright and ready for learning. I am really looking forward to the new school year and am excited to tell you about some of the new things we have coming up!

Thank you

Firstly, on behalf of myself and all of the staff at our school, I would like to say a huge thank you for all of the very generous gifts that we received at the end of the Summer term. It is always overwhelming to receive such kind words, cards and gifts and your generosity is very much appreciated by us all!

Staff

At the end of last term, we welcomed a new person to our team. Mr Maguire has joined our staff as the new school caretaker. He will be mostly working after hours so you may not get to meet him straight away, but already he has made a striking impact on our school. Over the Summer he painted Mrs Frost and Mrs Traynar's classrooms, making them fresh new learning spaces for our classes. He is highly skilled and I am looking forward to lots of continuous improvements that he will make over the coming weeks.

In July, we also appointed a new teacher to our team but sadly, over the Summer holiday, Mrs. Grana has had a change in circumstance and will not be able to join us after all. Luckily, Mrs. Frost has agreed to teach class 2 on a full time basis until new arrangements can be made. Thank you to Mrs. Frost for taking on this commitment for the best interests of our children. We are blessed to have such dedicated and committed staff!

Data

We will be re-issuing the data collection forms to all families this week. These are essential for the smooth running of our school. Please complete them and return them to school as soon as possible so that the information we hold can be as current as possible.

School Closure service

Please can I remind all families to sign up to the Local Authority's 'School Closure Service' online. In the event that we need to close the school before opening or during the day, the local authority will alert you immediately via a text message. To access this service, Google 'School Closure Warwickshire' or visit:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

Curriculum Extras

We have arranged Swimming lessons for Year 1, Year 2 and the Year 3 children in Class 2 this year. These lessons will continue to take place on a Thursday morning. In addition, we have also arranged a specialist Music teacher to teach The Year 3 children in class 3, Years 4, 5 and 6 once a week for the year. This has been paid for by the PTFA.



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Class Room Introductions

Last September, we introduced start of the year meetings for parents so that they could come and see their child's class and get to know their teacher. Many parents spoke of how helpful this was at the beginning of a new year so we have arranged meetings for each class next week. The meetings will take place at 3.40 on the following days:

- * Monday 12th September – Mrs Hancock's introduction to Class 1
- * Tuesday 13th September – Mrs Frost's introduction to Class 2
- * Wednesday 14th September – Mrs. Traynar's introduction to Class 3
- * Friday 16th September – Mr Rooney's introduction to Class 4

All meetings should run for about half an hour.

School uniform

I would like to comment on how fantastic the children looked in assembly this morning. We now have almost 100% compliance with our new school uniform; I only spotted one old style jumper. Many thanks to all parents for making the effort to ensure your child is dressed appropriately for learning and is representing their school well.

Key Priorities for the Year

Every year, we have a set of Key Priorities that we as staff work on to ensure that we provide the best education possible for our children. This year, we have 2 aims that the staff, children and wider community will be working together to achieve. The first is that we give children learning opportunities that stretch, challenge and enable them to exceed their own expectations in every lesson. Our second priority is that we look to Christ as our example and aim to live like He did. We will bring you more information on both of these aims as the year progresses.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a happy and peaceful return to 'normality'; whatever that may look like for you! I'm sure that this year will be exciting and successful as we grow and develop.

Best wishes,

Miss T. McNamara
Headteacher