



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the new academic year, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our students, staff, and parents, especially those joining us for the first time. The summer feels like a distant memory, I was completely caught up in the Olympics. I hope everyone had a relaxing break. It's fantastic to have the excitement of students back in our school once again.

### **School Uniform**

It's lovely to see the children looking smart as they return to school. We'll all be in Winter uniform from Monday 16th September. All children should wear regulation sports kit, which includes the full tracksuit. Shin pads and gum shields are required for Games from Year 1 upwards.

### **Parking Reminder**

Please drive and park carefully around the school. It is busy for the first weeks of term, so:

- Drive down the Crescent, slowly
- Park considerately of neighbours and other road users
- Apply for a permit (forms available from the school Office) if you intend to leave your car
- Do not mount the curb or verge and do not attempt to turn in the road.
- Do not park on the yellow zig-zags.

Please help me keep our community safe and happy.

### **Music and Co-Curricular Lessons**

- Children in Year 2 need an ocarina in school every Wednesday for their class music lessons with Mrs Palmer.
- Children in Year 3 need their ocarina in school on Thursday.
- Year 4 are learning PBuzz which has been provided by the School.
- Year 5 have their recorder sessions on Wednesday.
- Year 6 won't need their recorders in school until Lent Term as they will be learning the ukulele.

If your child does not have a recorder or ocarina, you can purchase these via Parentmail.

Individual peripatetic music lessons start next week. Please make sure your child has their instrument and music on the correct day:

- Monday 9th - Vocal and Cello lessons
- Tuesday 10th September - Violin and Woodwind lessons
- Wednesday 11th September - Lower School Piano and LAMDA lessons
- Thursday 12th September - Upper School Piano and Drum lessons plus Tennis coaching
- Ballet lessons start on Wednesday 18th September.

There is a waiting list for instrumental lessons but there are [still spaces for Piano, Ballet and LAMDA](#). If you're interested, please contact the School Office ASAP.

## Data Sheets

Your child will have brought home a data sheet today. Please check all of your details and return it to school ASAP, especially if there are any updates or changes. Thank you.

## Clubs

We continue to work really hard to create an exciting and varied set of clubs for the Michaelmas term. If you've requested a space at a club the confirmation will be sent to you next week. Some club numbers are capped but we've done our best to give you all the choices you asked for. Unfortunately some are full. Please read your clubs sheet carefully. [Clubs start on Monday 16th September.](#)

## School Council

As many of you know, I believe School Councils play a vital role in creating a thriving school community (next week the current School Council will be helping choose the style and colour of the new school water bottles based on children's feedback). Giving children a voice is essential, and next week we're excited to launch this year's School Council campaign. Last year's councillors were actively involved in various events and had plenty of opportunities to share their views. Each class will elect a representative, ensuring all students have a platform to express their ideas. Older students will need to prepare a manifesto, either as a poster or a short presentation, while younger students will engage in guided discussions and answer questions to help choose their representative. We will then hold an election where every child will get a vote. This process is always a highlight for the children, teaching valuable lessons in teamwork, humility in victory, and resilience if not elected this year—an important but challenging lesson. Class teachers will support every step of the way, and I look forward to keeping you updated on the School Council's progress throughout the year.

## Dates for your Diary

We've added key dates to our calendar which you can see here, <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/calendar>. You can also subscribe to this calendar on your phone or device to get the latest dates and details. The most up to date events can always be found on the front page of our website. Below are some of the key dates for parents for your diaries:

- Monday 16th September - Michaelmas After School Clubs Start
- Monday 16th September - Pupils to Wear Winter Uniform
- Monday 16th September - Clubs start
- Tuesday 24th September - Individual and Class photos
- Thursday 26th September - School Council and Eco Committee Elections
- **Monday 30th September - EYFS & Lower School Harvest Supper**
- Monday 14th October - P-Y6 Share Your Work
- Friday 18th October - Last Day of Michaelmas Term 1
- Monday 18th and Tuesday & 19th November - P-Y6 Parent Teacher Consultations

- Monday 2nd December - Reception and Preschool Nativity
- Wednesday 11th December - Y3-Y6 Michaelmas Games Afternoon
- Friday 13th December - Christmas Carol Service
- Friday 13th December - Last Day of Michaelmas Term 2 (Half Day)

All dates are subject to change and do not include fixtures or trips.

### **Google Surgery**

We know that some parents are struggling to get on to Google Classrooms. If you'd like help setting this up on your phones or devices we're happy to help. Mr Burgham is going to have a drop-in clinic next Tuesday before and after school. He will happily show you all how to use it and help with any technical questions. This will be in his room from 8.20am until 8.40am and from 3.20pm until 3.50pm

### **Socks**

Short white socks for PE, blue games socks for Games, and grey socks for winter uniform (white socks for girls summer uniform for one more week).

### **Year 6 Reminders**

Don't forget to get your bikes ready for Bikeability next week. Also, don't forget that girls can wear school ties in Year 6 from the 16th with a plain white shirt, in preparation for secondary school. You have a week to learn to tie them yourself!

### **Useful Links**

We have a huge amount of useful information on our website. Please save these shortcuts:

- [Timetables](#)
- [Term Dates](#)
- [Parent Portal \(useful sites\)](#)
- [School Calendar](#)
- [Curriculum](#)

It's great the sunshine has finally appeared this week. Have a wonderful weekend.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

*Headteacher*

Here is next week's menu: [www.st-peters.org.uk/menu](http://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu)

