



Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun is finally shining whilst the leaves are falling and the heating was switched on in my office this morning. Winter is coming! Please remember to send children to school with coats.

### **Attendance - IMPORTANT**

You may have seen in the news that new regulations on school attendance came into effect across all schools in the UK, including independent schools, from the 1st of September 2024. As part of the government's clampdown on school absences, particularly long-term ones, these changes now apply to us at St Peter's, despite our independent status. The local authority has extended the same principles and policies to all schools. One significant change is that holidays during term time can no longer be authorised by any school. This means any absences due to family holidays will now be recorded as 'unauthorised'. However, we do have some flexibility to grant authorised absences for exceptional circumstances. It's vital that you keep us informed of any planned absences, and we will work with you to ensure that everything is recorded accurately. You will receive updates on your child's attendance at three key points during the school year on school reports. Should attendance drop, we will be in touch to discuss it, as the local authority will now be scrutinising our decisions more closely regarding absences. There's no need to worry about this change, just make sure to communicate with us so we can accurately categorise your child's absence. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the School Office. [Here](#) is a link to our Attendance Policy

### **Outdoor Learning Morning - Next Tuesday**

On Tuesday 17th September, Reception to Year 6 will be having a whole school outdoor learning morning. Children will work in their houses to complete outdoor activities arranged by the teachers. The current Eco Committee members will also help to run the activities. All children need to wear their outdoor PE kit on this day and also bring in a pair of wellies or an old pair of trainers to change into. Due to the chance of rain, please also bring school waterproof coats. Many thanks, Mrs Morris and the Eco Committee.

### **School Uniform - Winter is here!**

Don't forget that we will be in winter uniform from Monday 16th September.

Also, we are more than happy to exchange items that are purchased through the ParentMail shop but please ensure that the items are in their original packaging, with labels and hangers. Items should be returned to the School Office with a clear instruction of the exchange and we will then usually give the new item directly to your child to bring home as soon as we can.

### **Clubs Start Next Week**

Clubs restart from Monday and they're as popular as ever. Your child should have brought home their clubs lists, please keep an eye on the dates. Thank you to all of our teachers and TAs for offering such a wide variety of extracurricular activities.

We're looking forward to our first fixture next week and we have class photos the following week, so do get haircuts booked in. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

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