



# St. Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School



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*Through Jesus we love, we learn and we grow together*

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Dear Parents / Carers,

## WELCOME BACK

**We are delighted to welcome you all to the Autumn term at St. Peter's. We have had an amazing first week back—all children have made a great start to this academic year.**

We will continue to make regular contact with you and provide you with updates about your child's progress. This will be achieved by being present at the gate each day, class dojo updates and invitations to parent/carer assemblies and consultations. Our whole school liturgy is on Monday's at 9.00 am, and celebration assembly is at 2.45 pm on Friday's; parents/carers are warmly invited to join us. The staff are looking forward to a busy, hard-working and enjoyable term ahead, and greatly value your continued support.

Mr Moran

Headteacher

*Lord Jesus, we ask for your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience your presence in the many blessings you put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Amen.*

## SCHOOL DINNERS

CATERed are the school lunch provider at St. Peter's. From Monday 5th September, the cost for a hot, two course meal is £2.40 per day. You can pay daily or in advance to the school office (cash only). Our meals are popular, and freshly made on the school premises each day using materials which are locally sourced. Please view the current menu on our website.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free universal infant free meal. If you think you may be entitled to a free school meal based on household income, we would encourage you to complete a form at the school office.

## DON'T BE LATE, GET THROUGH THE GATE!

### BE HERE, EVERYDAY, READY AND ON TIME

A reminder that children can arrive from 8.30 am each morning at the Newcastle Gardens gate. School starts at 8.40 am. The gate closes promptly at 8.50 am.

## OUR CLASSES THIS YEAR:

Reception / Year 1: Assisi Class Mrs Drew & Mrs Ford

Year 1 / 2: Nightingale Class Miss Harding & Mr Hibbert

Year 3 / 4: Romero Class Mrs Balfour & Mr Hibbert

Year 4 / 5: Thunberg Class Mr Farr

Year 5 / 6: Ormrod Class Mr Dobinson

## ATTENDANCE

At St. Peter's we continue to improve our school for all children and as well as them coming fully equipped and in the correct uniform; we would like to raise your attention to attendance and punctuality.

As a school, we expect a minimum of 95% attendance, to enable the children to make good progress both academically and socially. **Good attendance at school is not just beneficial it is essential**

If your child is absent, we will be asking for you to supply a form of medical evidence (doctors note / medical card or copy of the prescription) to support this illness. We will also be reviewing the patterns of absence where appropriate. The Educational Welfare Officer visits our school monthly to inspect every child's attendance. If medical evidence is not provided, the absence will be unauthorised and if there are more than 8 sessions of unauthorised absences, this could result in the EWO being notified.

There are always exceptional circumstances, including long term illness and bereavement, and we will continue to take these into consideration on a case by case basis.

## LATENESS

Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over the year. Lateness is just as serious as non-attendance and could also lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice. The start of the school day is an important time for children to develop their social skills with their peers, as well as preparing them for their learning. We start our school day at 8.50 am; our school gate is opened from 8.30am, the whistle is blown at 8.40 am in order to settle children for teaching to begin at 8.50 am.

Again - we do understand that there are reasons as to why a child may be late but all children, where possible need to arrive on time from the playground entrance as lateness does have an impact on the other children in class. Many thanks for your support with both attendance and punctuality.

## PARKING

It is clear from many conversations on the gate that parking is a real source of frustration and concern for many parents. We appreciate that not having the use of a car park, or a place to stop to drop-off or collect your children, causes issues for you. However - for the safety of your children - **please do not park on the pavement or wait in the road**. Parking on the pavement forces families, sometimes with pushchairs, out into the road and this is very dangerous.

We would ask that if there is not a place to park outside school that you park nearby and walk back. Alternatively, you could circle around and try again a few minutes later. **Please do not park on the pavement**. Thank you very much to our families who are following these rules to help keep everyone safe.

### **MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:**

Please avoid booking doctor and dentist appointments during the school day. These times away from school cause disruption. If your child has a hospital appointment during term time, please bring the letter to the school office as evidence, prior to the appointment—thank you.

### **CONTACT DETAILS:**

Please can I remind you to keep the school informed of any changes to your contact details, i.e. mobile numbers, and home addresses. In case of emergencies, or if your child is unwell, it is vital that we have up to date information.

### **YEAR 6 PARENT / CARERS**

All information around secondary school applications can be found at:

<https://new.plymouth.gov.uk/apply-secondary-year-6-year-7-school-place>

You can apply online from Monday 5 September 2022 to Monday 31 October 2022

### **PARENT / CARER ADVICE AND SUPPORT**

Advice and support is available from our SENDCO and PSA. If you would like to arrange a meeting with Ms Caldwell, our SENDCO, please email [alisoncaldwell@st-petersrc.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:alisoncaldwell@st-petersrc.plymouth.sch.uk) or call the school office. Ms Caldwell is in school each Tuesday.

Miss Cork our Parent Support Advisor is available daily by calling the school office, via Dojo, or by email: [scork@st-petersrc.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:scork@st-petersrc.plymouth.sch.uk)

### **COLD WEATHER**

As we move towards the colder months, please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat to wear each day with their name clearly marked.



### **Please check Class Dojo on a daily basis.**

A lot of information is communicated through the app to ensure parents/carers are updated regularly.

Please ask your child's class teacher if you need any assistance with Dojo.



## UNIFORM

All children are looking fantastic in their uniforms, thank you to Parents / Carers for your efforts with this.

**Boys:**            Grey trousers (short or long)  
                          White shirt  
                          School tie  
                          V-neck navy blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo  
                          Black or grey socks

**Girls:**            Navy blue pinafore or skirt  
                          Grey trousers (short or long)  
                          White blouse  
                          School tie  
                          V-neck navy blue school jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo  
                          Navy tights or white socks

**Reception class:** Grey trousers and or navy blue pinafore or skirt (girls can wear trousers)  
                          Navy blue polo shirt with school logo  
                          Red sweatshirt with school logo  
                          Black or grey socks (boys), navy tights or white socks (girls)

**Footwear:**            Boys and Girls: Plain black shoes only, suitable for playing outside, not 'slip-on'. Trainers can be worn (plain black no logos or branding)

### **PE and Games Kit:-**

**All pupils:**            Black shorts and plain red T-shirt (with or without with school logo), and trainers. In winter, children can wear plain black tracksuit bottoms. Strictly no football shirts.

For external school sporting events, your child will be loaned a St. Peter's tracksuit.

**Jewellery:** Children are permitted to wear single, plain studs on days when they do not have PE. Ear-rings such as loops, patterned studs are not allowed. Children can wear a watch, but no other jewellery, of any kind, is permitted.

**Hair:** Headbands or ribbons etc. should be navy blue. Children should not come to school with coloured hair or designs / logos cut into their hair.

No makeup or nail varnish

*Our school logo uniform is available to buy from the National School Wear shop, 105 Mayflower Street, Plymouth City Centre, PL1 1SD, telephone 01752 252025.*

## DIARY DATES (more to follow)

### SEPTEMBER 2022

6th: Term starts

13th Y2 Oral Health Assembly

19th School closed— Bank holiday for the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

22nd Nasal Flu Vaccinations

26th FOS Meeting 2.15—3.15 pm School Conference Room

30th Macmillan Coffee Morning

### OCTOBER 2022

3rd Open Morning for Prospective New Parents / Carers

5th Whole School Mass

7th CAFOD Harvest Festival

Week commencing 10th NSPCC Pants Week

Week commencing 10th Parent /Carer Consultations

21st Finish for half term

### NOVEMBER 2022

1st First day back after half term

7th Parent Session 'Read With Me'

11th Remembrance Day

19th Children in Need fundraiser

21st Y5 Swimming Instruction (3 weeks)

22nd Tempest Photography

### DECEMBER 2022

8-9th Christmas Nativity

11th Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's Church

16th Christmas Parties / end of term

### JANUARY 2023

4th First day of spring term

### FEBRUARY 2023:

### MARCH 2023

### APRIL 2023

### MAY 2023

8th—12th SATS Week

### JUNE 2023

### JULY 2023

# TERM DATES

## **AUTUMN TERM 2022**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	School re-opens
<i>24<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Half Term Holiday</i>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School re-opens
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of autumn term
<i>19<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> January</i>	<i>Christmas Holiday</i>

## **SPRING TERM 2023**

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Staff Professional Development Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens
<i>13<sup>th</sup> February – 17<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Half Term Holiday</i>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of spring term
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Easter Holiday</i>

## **SUMMER TERM 2023**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed – Bank Holiday
<i>29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June</i>	<i>Half Term Holiday</i>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	End of School Year