

## 14th September 2018

### Welcome back!

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope the children enjoyed the summer break and are ready for another busy and successful year. I would like to welcome new families who have joined St Peter's this September. The boys and girls in Nursery and Reception have made a very positive start and I am sure they will settle into our school very quickly.

We officially became part of Future Generation Trust on 1st September, and we are now St Peter's CE Primary Academy! We are very proud that our new school badge features not only St Peter's keys but also the name of 'Hednesford', as it recognises that we are part of the Church community, and also part of the wider community of Hednesford.

Other than a slight name change, for us, it is business as usual! The school has been a hive of activity over the summer break; not only have the teaching staff been busy preparing the classrooms for their new classes, our Site Supervisor Mr Holroyd has been re-furbishing the Keystones building. As well as installing brand new toilets, he is installing a kitchen and decorating the interior; you may have already noticed that Mr Holroyd has also painted the outside of the building. We have had a new 'Keystones' sign installed as well as a new front door. The Keystones building is used by our Keystones before and after school club, and we are committed to ensuring that the children who use that facility have a lovely environment, just as we have in school. If any parents would like to have a look at the provision and meet the staff, then please contact Miss Bullock in the school office and she will be more than happy to arrange a visit for you.

In addition, Mr Holroyd has co-ordinated the contractors who have completed some electrical work, some external rendering, and fitted new signs in and around school. He has worked very hard over the last few weeks continuing the task of maintaining high quality buildings and school environment. I am sure that you will notice further improvements over time and I am pleased that we have a clean, bright and safe school, of which we can all be proud and in which our children can learn and grow.

I would like to re-affirm that all staff at St Peter's are committed to providing the best education we can for your children. We know that happy children learn better and so if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance, either in person, by telephone or email (details below). Myself and Mr Stevens, Deputy Headteacher, can also be contacted if you have any problems and we will ensure that your concerns are dealt with.

Telephone: 01543 227205

Email: [office@st-peters-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-peters-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk)

**With our strong, committed team, our delightful pupils and the support of parents and families, I am confident that St Peter's will continue to go from strength to strength.**

## Staffing

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Tammy Collins back to school just before the summer break, following her maternity leave. She is working with our Nursery children and also supporting the learning in Y3.

We welcome 2 new members of staff: Miss Samantha Rawlings joins us as a Year 1 class teacher, and Mr Jack Garner joins us as a sports coach on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They have both made a great start as part of the St Peter's team and the children have made them very welcome.

### Year 6 SATs 2019

Next summer's SATs for our Year 6 pupils will take place between

**Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2018.**

I do hope that parents can avoid taking pupils out of school during this period so that their child can sit the tests at the appropriate time.

## Uniform

As the new term begins the children look very smart in their uniforms, and from chatting with them, I know that many children have had new clothing, shoes, bags etc. I can imagine how frustrating it is when they come home without their jumper or cardigan, or as winter arrives, gloves and scarves. Can I please remind parents to name all of your child's clothing and belongings-it makes it much easier to re-unite mislaid items with their owner and reduces the amount of 'lost property' we have in school.

**Please be assured: there is no compulsion to purchase uniform with the new academy logo if you have perfectly serviceable uniform with the 'old' logo, or no logo at all.**

**If your address or contact details change, please can you let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you.**

## **Topic Information, PE days, Take 15**

Our school website is a great source of information, such as dates, school policies and latest news. Each year group has an information page. Follow the link from the **Home Page >Pupils >Year Groups** and you will find information about what your children will be doing this half term: the topics, PE days, and other useful information. You will also find details of the 'Take 15' Homework tasks for this half term, as well as spelling and maths homework. Please take a look and re-visit regularly to check for any updates.

Our school newsletter, published every fortnight, is available on the Home Page; additionally you can subscribe to receive an electronic copy straight to your mobile device. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the school office. You can also follow us on Twitter! @StPeters\_tweets

## **Website and email address**

As we have moved from the Local Authority to Future Generation Trust, our email and website addresses will be changing in the next few weeks. If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter into your inbox once the new website goes live, you will need to re-subscribe as we are not permitted to transfer personal information from one website to the other. The new addresses will be:

**office@stpetersprimary.academy**

**www.stpeters-keys.com**

For the moment, the current email and website addresses remain and we will let you know exactly when the changeover will happen.

## **School Photographer**

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 8th November 2018. Further information on the arrangements for photographs with siblings not in school to follow.

## **Drinking Water in School....Let's Stay Hydrated!**

From **Y1 upwards** children are welcome to bring in a **clearly named drinking bottle** to have available in their class room so that they can access a drink of **water** during lessons. Only bottles with 'sports caps' are permissible as these reduce the likelihood of spillages on clothing and pupils' books. Children can then re-fill their bottles as necessary from the drinking water taps available in every classroom.

**Fruit juice and squash type drinks are not suitable to drink in lessons, but can be brought in to drink at play time and with packed lunches.**

Children in **Nursery and Reception** do not require a water bottle as drinking water and cups, as well as milk and fruit, are available at all times as part of the 'snack bar'.

### **Break-time snacks**

If they wish to, pupils from **Year 1 to Year 6** can buy milk (20p a carton) and toast (25p a slice) at morning break. (Please bring change, if possible, in a named purse.)

### **Sunscreen**

In the event of some late summer sun (!), we would advise parents to apply a thorough application of high factor sunscreen, or sun block, before pupils come to school, and to provide a suitable sun hat, sunglasses, etc (all named please), for children to wear when they go outside. If you wish your child to apply further sunscreen during the day then **we recommend that you show your child how to do this** as school staff are unable to apply sunscreen to pupils. **It is important that** pupils understand that they should not share sunscreen with other children. Please label sunscreen clearly with your child's name. Thank you .

**Key Stage 2 pupils** are able to enter the lower playground from 8.30am when the gates are opened, and should wait there until 8.45am when the doors are opened. Y3 , Y4 and Y5 pupils should enter the building through the door by the Y4 classrooms, and Y6 pupils through the door leading to the Y6 corridor. Two teachers are on duty on the KS2 playground from 8.45am, so messages for class teachers can be passed on via these staff, or parents can go to the main school office and speak to a member of the office staff. Can I remind parents that they should only enter the school building via the main office, after signing in. This is a key part of our safeguarding procedures and I am sure all parents will support us in ensuring that safeguarding procedures are adhered to.

# Autumn Term 2018 Dates

Date	Time	Year Group	Event	Where	Who for
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.30pm	Reception	Parents Meeting	Hall	Rec parents
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30	Nursery and Reception Open Morning			
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2pm	Y4	Harvest Performance	Church	Y4 Parents
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9am	Rec/Y1	Celebration of Achievement	Hall	Invited Parents
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4pm-7pm	all	Parents Evening	Hall	Whole school
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9am	Y2/3/4	Celebration of Achievement	Hall	Invited Parents
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4pm-7pm	all	Parents Evening	Hall	Whole school
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9am	Y5/6	Celebration of Achievement	Hall	Invited Parents
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov <b>Half Term</b>					
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30	Nursery and Reception Open Morning			
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Photographer in				
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All	Invited to attend 100 year Remembrance			
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need				
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	INSET Day				
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.15	KS2	Communion	Church	KS2

## INSET Days 2018-2019

We would like to remind you of our remaining INSET training days for the academic year:

**Friday 16th November 2018**

**Friday 24th May 2019**

**Monday 22nd July 2019**

## Nursery and Reception places September 2019

If you or someone you know is looking for a place in Nursery and Reception from September 2019, then come and visit us here at St Peter's. We will be hosting tours of our Early Years provision at **9.30am** on:

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018 and Wed 7th Nov 2017**

Please phone or email the school office to let us know if you would like to join us on one of those mornings.

Further information about Early Years can be found in the school prospectus, which is on the website, or by contacting the school office.

**Don't forget we now offer 30 hours funded provision (if eligible) as well as Nursery Lunch Club and Nursery Wraparound!**

See our website for more details:

[www.st-peters-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk/parents-1/keystones](http://www.st-peters-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk/parents-1/keystones)





A ceremony will be held on  
**SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 at 11am**

in **MARKET STREET, HEDNESFORD**

to present the

**Royal Air Forces Association (Cannock Chase Branch)**

**The Freedom of Entry into the District**

Parade formation will take place at 10.30am

**RAF100 Military supported Parade**

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