

# ST. PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HESWALL

## NEWS UPDATE – October 2016

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Thank you to the parents who have put themselves forward for the current parent governor vacancy. We had more than one nomination and so a ballot will need to take place over the next couple of weeks. Information regarding the governor vacancies and the candidates will be sent out in a separate letter. Ballot papers will be issued in paper form and will need to be returned by 4pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The outcome of the ballot will be announced soon after.

### Playground Resurfacing Project 2016/17

Following the external building work in the summer, we had hoped to be able to resurface the playground. Unfortunately, the cost of the building project was such that there were insufficient funds to have the work carried out. This has been a real disappointment and has meant that the project will not happen this year. However, it still remains a priority and we hope that through our fundraising efforts organised by Friends and the relatively small allocation we receive centrally for capital work, we will be able carry out the work later in the year. If anyone is able to help in anyway with this project, please speak to Mr Penn.

### Class Assemblies

This month one of our classes will be leading Collective Worship. Parents and family from the class are welcome to join us at 9.15am.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Mrs Allport & Mrs Penn's Class 5/6AP

### Singapore Maths - Parent Workshop

**A date for your diary** - We plan to run our annual workshop for parents on the **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** (time to be confirmed). This year the focus will be on the teaching of Maths and the introduction of 'Singapore Maths'. It is one of our key school priorities for this academic year. The format of the evening will provide a general presentation in the hall followed by the chance to visit year-band classrooms. It will provide the chance to explore some of the resources and methods used to teach Maths in your child's year group and time to talk with members of the teaching team. Further details will be sent out after half term.

### Winter Uniform & Individual Photographs

It has been lovely to have had such a warm and relatively dry start to the school year. Now as we enter October, please could you ensure that pupils are wearing their winter uniform.

This also coincides with our photographer coming into school on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** for individual and sibling photographs. All pupils should come to school in winter uniform on this day, including those who would normally wear their sports kit/tracksuit. It would be helpful to have some parent volunteers for both the morning and afternoon session to help with smartening uniform, particularly after the lunch break!

## Parent & Teacher Meetings

Our Parent Meetings take place this half term on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. We are able to offer a small number of appointments at the start of the school day as well as after school between 4pm and 7pm. Parents can select their appointment times using the on-line booking system. We would, however, request that once appointments are made they are not changed or swapped as this has caused some disruption and confusion previously.

Details of how to book your appointment will be sent out to families with siblings first, followed by pupils with only one child in the school. This will be in the next few days.

## Lost Property

We strongly encourage the children to take responsibility for looking after their belongings, but from time to time items are mislaid and end up in 'Lost Property.' When such items are clearly named it enables them to be quickly reunited with their owner. Unfortunately, far too often, items are not named or the name has faded making it impossible to return them.

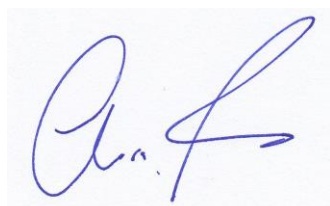
All named items are collected and stored in Reception at the front of school (by the school office), whilst unnamed items are kept separately outside the new sports cupboard, below the new staff room. **Please can you help us to help you by ensuring all of your child's belongings are clearly named** – Thank you.

## Parent Helpers

We always really appreciate the additional help and support from parents and grandparents, who are able to spare a few hours during the week to help in school, whether it be to hear readers, work with a small group or provide general support in the classroom. We welcome help for all year groups and so if you are free to help in school, please send a note in to the class teacher. It may be necessary to arrange a DBS clearance before you are able to work in school, but we will let you know this. Parents in FS2 will be contacted after half term once the children have settled in.

## Half Term

Just a reminder that pupils break up for half-term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and return to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.



**Chris Penn**  
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