



SAINT PETER'S METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs Kristina Dyer

18th December, 2019

Dear Parents

I really cannot believe that the Autumn Term has come to an end and that Christmas is only next week!

I have had a truly enjoyable term getting to know the children, staff and parents.

The team at St. Peter's have achieved so much already this year:

- We have introduced our Achievement For All project which has had a positive response from all the parents involved so far. The teachers have had training on structured conversations and coaching.
- We have introduced Growth Mindset in each class to encourage a positive approach to our work and activities.
- We have implemented a trial Behaviour system in Class 6, which has clearer rewards and consequences. This has been received positively by the staff and children in the class.
- We have taken part in the NSPCC project to encourage children to feel empowered and to speak out.
- We have introduced the Eco-Team.
- We have started the idea of a Language of the Term across the school to promote equality so that our pupils understand, appreciate and respect difference in the world.
- We have introduced the Parent Council to make sure all views and concerns have a platform to be raised and listened to.

All of this as well as Forest school, sporting events, trips, class assemblies, Nativity performance and our Christmas Fair.

The PTFA have made us very proud this term by organising the Quiz night, the present wrapping event, the café and Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fair. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Esther, Hannah, Tracey and all of the team for all their hard work and commitment to raising money to make the children's experience at St. Peter's an even better one.



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We have many exciting opportunities to look forward to next term. Our music specialist teacher, Mrs Willmott starts on Friday 10th January, she will be teaching music to each class.

We are currently looking at our Behaviour Policy and will be sending out an alternative to parents in January so that your feedback can be sought. We will also be asking the children's opinions.

We are investigating updating our website so that it is more user friendly.

Mrs Pickles will be stepping up to Deputy Head from January so that she can concentrate on supporting me with the teaching and learning improvements across the school. I am sure that you will join with me on congratulating her with this promotion.

Mrs Duffy continues as Assistant Head Teacher and SENCo. She is currently completing her SEN accreditation at Christ Church University to make sure that our provision for our SEND children is meeting all requirements and that our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of these pupils.

The teachers are working hard leading their subjects alongside the school improvement plan and the teaching assistants are also contributing to the same vision.

The Governing Body has also been very supportive to the school. I would specifically like to thank the Chair of Governors, Mr John Benner, for all of his support since I joined the team. He gives up his free time to support and challenge me in the development of the school on a weekly basis. Thank you.

It feels an exciting time here at St. Peter's. As always, I appreciate your comments and feedback and look forward to working with you in 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a restful break until we return on Monday 6th January and thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely

Kristina Dyer
Head Teacher