



St Peter's Out of School Club News Spring Term 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year has been very eventful for the Out of School Clubs at St Peter's. We have had children from another school join us. We have held several themed days for children to join us and take part in specific activities, like baking. We have had a member of staff leave us temporarily as she had a baby. It seems like too much to have happened in one year, to be able to mention it all in one newsletter!

I am very pleased that the children at St Peter's After School Club have welcomed the children from St John's Primary School, they have settled in so well. Many new friendships have been formed through this partnership and as it has been so successful we will be continuing with this next year. We will have some of the familiar children coming back to join us in September and will hopefully be welcoming some new ones too.

Speaking of welcoming new children, we are very excited to meet the new Rainbow children and their families in September! The staff members always have so much help from the older children in the Out of School Clubs to welcome the new entrants and to ensure they settle in well. We do like the parents and the children to visit the Clubs before they begin attending so the invites to the taster sessions will be sent out in the new term.

Whilst being very excited about the new children that join us, we do have to remember that we are saying good bye to our current year six children! Some of the staff that work at the OOSCs have worked there since before these children started in Rainbow class! We have had the absolute pleasure of watching their journeys from start to finish and it will be very hard to imagine St Peter's without them. Many of them have used the OOSCs at some point and we are so very grateful for the support that the parents and children have given over the years.

We have some staffing changes coming up in the new academic year which are very exciting however, one is a great loss for the Clubs.

Miss Nicholas, who has worked with us for the last two years, will be leaving us to embark on an amazing adventure of her own. We have enjoyed working with her very much and she has become a very popular member of staff with both the children and adults. Miss Nicholas has contributed so much to the After School Club setting and was often responsible for the homework table that we have at the Club. She provided the support and (at times) much needed encouragement that ensured that the children were completing their homework every week. I am sure you will all join us in wishing her the very best for the future and saying a huge thank you for all of her hard work. We hope she stays in touch!

We will be welcoming a new member of staff to the After School Club. Miss Sophia Gavriilidis will be starting with us in September and will be working Monday – Friday. We are very excited to welcome her to the St Peter's family and look forward to working with her.

I am hoping to return to the school in the new academic year for a few weeks as my maternity leave is due to start in October. I am so very reassured by the choice of people to run the Clubs in my absence. Mrs Julie Meadows will continue as the fantastic Deputy Supervisor that she is and Miss Rebecca Collier will step up into my role as the Supervisor for the OOSCs. I have worked at the OOSCs for ten years so not being there every day will be very strange for me but I have absolutely no doubt that Julie and Rebecca will do an amazing job of running the Clubs in my absence.

We will have the super support of Mr Alex Brogan and Mrs Sue-Mae Tooth continuing with us next year but will also have the pleasure of welcoming Mrs Sarah McClanaghan to both the Breakfast Club and After School Club.

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As many of you are aware, at the moment we have no Miss Nevelt but a big congratulations is in order to her as she gave birth to a lovely and healthy baby girl in May. Miss Nevelt is due to return in January.

What we have been doing.

The children really enjoyed the task of ordering new toys for the Clubs. As always, they were completely in control of what items were purchased and gave so many great suggestions. We ordered as many of the items on their wish list as our budget would allow and they did not seem disappointed. We posted images of the toys purchased on Twitter and Facebook. The new items have been so very popular and have provided hours of entertainment for all.



We have been baking things and making playdough in the After School Club, which hopefully you also got to enjoy when at home. We have the art trolley out every day so get to see all sorts of amazing art, much of which can be seen on our display board near the hall. Most of the time has been spent outside due to the warm summer weather. Although we have continued to create things and often have craft activities outside too. Loom bands have become very popular at OOSCs again this term. Many of the children have tried their hand at knitting and making Pom Poms with the wool, this often requires several very patient staff members to offer support and then to tidy up numerous balls of knotted and messy wool! Origami has also been a big hit at both Breakfast Club and After School Club throughout the year and some of the children have mastered some of the trickier designs. This is all very positive as helps to develop the children's fine motor skills and dexterity.

The children have been enjoying a very active Breakfast Club over the last few months and more often than not have asked to pack all the quieter activities away so that they can play dodgeball, football or other ball games in the hall or the playground before the gates open at 08:30. It really has been a pleasure to see the children enjoying a healthy breakfast in the mornings and to see them interacting with one another, before they finish eating and go off to play their games together. We have also used the air flow a few times this year and we are pleasantly surprised that it has managed to survive yet another year! The children have enjoyed making smoothies for their snack in the lovely summer weather, we have had some very interesting combinations. The Easter Holiday Club was very successful this year and we had a super amount of children attending. Thank you to all of the parents and children that chose to use this part of our OOSCs.

Thank you all so much for using the Clubs throughout the year. We really appreciate all the support from both children and parents.

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