

Dear Parents

Thank You, Mrs Hinde!

Tomorrow Mrs Hinde, our caretaker, hangs up her keys as she begins her well-deserved retirement. We give thanks to Sue for her years of dedication - and it is years - Sue has been caretaker at the school for 31 years, beginning October 1990. During this time she has overseen tremendous change at the school.

During the seven headships that Sue has worked under the school has grown from 210 to 420 pupils, along with our Little Fishes Pre-school going from strength to strength. Building work, interior changes, adaptations for accessibility and general maintenance to ensure the children have a lovely environment have been overseen by Sue. We are very fortunate to have the outside areas - something that really enhances life at St Peter's and something that Sue has been passionate about maintaining.

Sue shared some of her 'forever' memories - of running the cake stall for the PTA Summer Fayre, along with being involved in the setting up of the annual firework display. My forever memory of Sue was her kindness and support when I joined the school on secondment. We needed those around us to help us as we steered the St Peter's ship into safer waters and Sue did just that. Within a fortnight of me arriving Sue was decorating what is now our 'Starfish' room – an initiative that has enabled many children to grow and flourish.

Sue also told me that many of the staff who have been through the school during her years here have left a mark on her heart. We reply saying she has left not only a mark on our hearts but also greatly enhanced the life of all who have been at St Peter's, children, staff, governors and parents. Thank you Sue for being you. We wish you a wonderful retirement of enjoying your family, friends and a few cruises thrown in!



W. H. DAVIES

Leisure

WHAT is this life if, full of care,

We have no time to stand and stare?—

Another year ... so many to thank

Once again I'm surprised as to how quickly this school year has gone..... and yet again what a year! I thought the previous two years had been tricky and, although I give thanks to the fact we didn't have a lockdown, keeping the school open – through the various waves of Covid that we have had has been difficult. But with a fantastic team we managed to ensure no closures, and ensuring the children continued to flourish.

I would like to thank every member of the St Peter's school family for all they have contributed this year. Thank you to all the teaching team, teachers and TAs who have supported the children pastorally and academically. The children's end of year results are very good. Our chair of governors shared these with you in greater detail last week.

I would like to personally thank Mrs Hutchins, along with our leadership team, for helping to provide direction and aid the smooth running of St Peter's. We are ably supported by a wonderful office team - which I am so thankful for.

I would also like to thank Ms Backhouse and the governors for the support and challenge they provided to ensure the children get the best we can give them. A special mention must be made about Amy Paterson and Mairead Mulhall who, after years of service, have stepped down from the role. They have been pivotal in helping to drive school improvement. We will really miss their counsel and support.

I would like to thank Father Mark for his time throughout the year. Father Mark attends school, at times weekly. His time and effort is very much appreciated by all.

Thank you Mrs Hinde and her team of cleaners. We know we have a beautiful school and grounds that you work hard to maintain. We also know our cleaners will be working hard during our summer to get it ready for September.

Finally, although last but not least, I want to share that we think our children here at St Peter's are awesome. I now just want to ask for God's blessing on all our families and staff - that you remain safe over the following weeks away from school, find time to replenish and so are ready to come back refreshed on Thursday 1st September.

Pope Francis said: "Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport." Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer. God bless. Louise Buxton



*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!"*

Psalm 107:1

We currently have a vacancy for a part-time Teaching Assistant in EYFS. Please see our website for further details and an application form: <https://www.stpetershants.co.uk/vacancies/>

If you have pre-school children and like the sound of St Peter's School then why not contact us to find out about the application process? Telephone 01962 852820 or email admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk.

Best wishes

Louise Buxton (Miss)

Headteacher