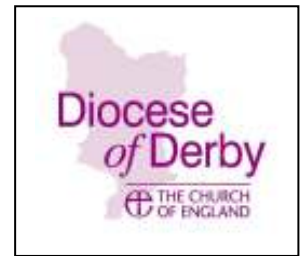




# St Peter's C.E. (VA) Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would just like to thank all the pupils and parents of St. Peter's for a wonderful start to the school year. All the staff have commented on how good the beginning of the school year has been. Let's hope as the weather starts to change and it becomes darker that we can all keep in good spirits!

### The start of the school day:

The new morning system has on the whole been a great success. Children that arrive at **8.40am** go straight into their classroom to work with friends on fun activities in their class. These are 10 minute activities and games and as such are finishing at 8.50am – 8.55am. A big thank-you to all the families who are arriving on time to access this important time in the school day. Unfortunately though there are a number of children who are regularly late. Children arriving after 8.40am are missing this opportunity to take part in activities with their friends. It also means that they start their day on 'catch up' which is not as settling for them. Therefore as a staff we are making a **BIG PLEA** for all families to try and get their children here at 8.40am. Of course there may be occasions when for unforeseeable reasons your child is late to school. However, anyone persistently arriving late will be recorded as such in the register, and this will be checked and followed up by our Education Welfare Officer. If you feel you have a real issue with getting your child here for 8.40am please see your child's class teacher at the end of the day or put your reasons in writing. Thank-you.

### Church Street:

Many of you will be aware that we have (at present) a lollipop man on Church Street. We are really delighted to have him there as we know that many cars use Church Street as a short cut and do not always respect the fact that children are around. Sadly he has reported to me that many parents are driving onto Church Street, dropping off their children and allowing them to cross between cars without insisting they walk up and use the service he is providing. I am sure all of you understand just how dangerous it is for small children to walk out from behind parked cars, especially on a road as busy as Church Street. Thornhill Road is also a favourite shortcut, and staff have reported seeing many children running across the road without using any care or attention.

In a bid to increase road safety awareness I have asked if someone from the Road Safety Unit can come in and speak to all the children during assembly. However, the children very much rely on their parents and carers to make the right decisions when dropping them off and collecting them from school. I am therefore appealing to all parents and carers to consider the safety of all children. Please do not allow your children to jump out of the car and run blindly across the street. And if you see a child from St. Peter's struggling to cross the road please offer them the help to cross safely. This way we can protect the entire school community from an accident that would devastate us all.

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### **Lost property:**

Please note lost property is now kept near the office. It is vital you write your child's name on the label inside their clothing. With the colder weather coming the children must be able to wrap up when they go outside and the only way we can ensure your child is reunited with their lost clothing is by labelling clearly. Please also take the time to ensure your child brings home their own clothes and that you return clothing that does not belong to your child.

### **Second hand school uniform:**

From next week we will be selling good quality second hand uniform. This is available from 3.30pm on Wednesdays and will cost £1.00 an item from my office staff. If you have any items of good quality second hand uniform you would like to donate, please hand it to a member of staff. All proceeds will go to the school fund.

### **Free school meals:**

If you qualify your child can have a school meal every day free of charge. To qualify you must be getting one of the following: Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit, Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit or Income Related Employment and Support Allowance ESA(IR). If you would like to apply please contact the Free School Meals team at derby City Council on 01332 255114.

### **Scholastic book fair:**

The book fair will be open after school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. There will also be a coffee morning for parents on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 8.40am to 9.45am for those who want to look at the books and perhaps buy some early Christmas presents.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Bookfair in school for a week
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Cycle training for 2 weeks across Y5 and Y6
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Break-up for half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	INSET
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School re-opens
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School photographs
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent's evening
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Break-up for Christmas
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term 2010
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Break-up for half term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School re-opens
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Break-up for Easter holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET and break up for half term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Break-up for summer holidays

Yours sincerely,  
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