



## **St. Peter's C of E (V C) Primary School** **Sible Hedingham, Halstead, Essex, CO9 3NR**

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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to a new term! There's always a great feeling of optimism and endeavour at the start of September, and always feelings of hope and achievement as children start back, with their new teachers.

If you are a new parent/carer, I hope that you will soon become familiar with our school systems. Staff, governors and parents/carers are really friendly and approachable and I hope that you will soon feel part of our school community. If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to approach either the office staff or teaching staff for clarification, (but it might be best to avoid the start of day, as staff are busy settling the children into their routines).

We are a school that has high expectations of all its pupils. By expecting our children to behave appropriately, study diligently, care for others, be responsible, fair and kind, we are developing a community where individuals achieve academically, take personal responsibility, use self control and always consider the wider good.

At St Peter's we expect our pupils to be TERRIFIC citizens and to study with focus, resilience and determination.

Obviously, learning is a partnership and by signing the home school agreement, when your child first starts with us, you are making a commitment to supporting our endeavours at home.

At St Peter's, there are expectations regarding:

- hearing your child read regularly,
- reinforcing times tables knowledge
- supporting your child with their topics.

Amongst other reasons, home study:

- promotes independent learning
- teaches pupils how to prioritise and problem solve (reasoning is a key component of the new Maths SATs)
- gives pupils 're-enforcement time'
- enables teachers to evaluate how effectively the child understands a topic

- gives parents/carers the opportunity to see what their child is learning in school.

This academic year, homework expectations will be clearly explained to your child, but if any further clarification is necessary please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Following suggestions made via the Summer Parents Questionnaire and Feedback form, we will be hosting an evening in school, in the Autumn term (for KS1/2 parents/carers), where our Numeracy Co-ordinator, Mr Hancock, and Literacy Co-ordinator, Mrs Craig, will explain how Numeracy and Literacy are taught in school; giving examples, strategies and discussing expectations. Obviously we hope that many of you will be able to attend. (For parents/carers of Reception children, Mrs Wicks will be hosting sessions to include Maths, Phonics and Reading).

Thank you for being supportive of the school's aims to promote deep knowledge and understanding, and will ensure that your child is able to continue the learning partnership at home.

In school, we will also be 'naming' our house teams. We are asking for suggestions of key 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> century British figures who have excelled in the following areas:

**Sport / Arts / Science / Technology**

If you would like to make suggestions please complete the form below and send into class asap. Children and staff will also be making suggestions and the selected group will be announced at a forthcoming celebration assembly.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Harper  
Headteacher



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**2016 St Peters School *HouseTeam* names:**

**I would like to nominate the following 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> century key figures in the following areas:**

- **Sport -**
- **Arts -**
- **Science -**
- **Technology -**