Church Newsletter April 2016

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We have started the summer term with enthusiasm and energy. Our children are continuing to make us proud with their achievements and behaviour. They have taken part in many activities and events since our last newsletter. The Junior choir performed at the Woking Music Festival along with 200 other children. Both the children and their families had a wonderful experience and were prepared well by Mrs Goddin, a year 5 teacher who leads the choir. This musical adventure complimented our own spring music concert in which over 60 children took part either playing a solo, in an ensemble or as part of the orchestra. The finale of the evening was our new, family orchestra in which six of our parents joined us with their musical expertise We hope to build on the fun that we had by involving more adults in our orchestra throughout the year.

Our children love to feel part of their community and an activity a small group took part in recently was to entertain the day visitors at Gostrey House. Children from both our school and Waverley Abbey joined together and sang hymns and played their instruments to the day centre members. They then heard stories from the adults over lunch. One lady had photographs of her youth which she was sharing with our children as they talked about the war. We also met one of the previous head teachers, Roger Ellis, who had plenty of stories to share!

Equally our children love to raise money for a variety of charities. Recently we received a very informative assembly from the NSPCC which alerted children to the fact that not all young people have a happy life. They also promoted their services should anyone ever need to get in touch. Our children took part in a sponsored dance in which on the hour, every hour they danced to the Olympic’s theme tune. This included staff and any visitor in the room at the time! The children raised £4,800!! We are so proud of their positive attitude to want to help other children across the UK.

We are really enjoying having St Peter’s congregation use our school each week as it brings us closer together. Many of our families joined your Easter service and we also had a lovely service for the whole school on Maundy Thursday. Every child waved a palm cross in the air which was a wonderful sight and also a great witness as they took their crosses home to their families.

As you know we received an outstanding grade from the church school inspection called SIAMS. As a result, we have shared our journey and success with many other leaders as they have since visited us which was arranged through a leadership course provided by the Diocese. We are proud to show visitors what our staff and children achieve every day which makes our school distinctly Christian.

If you would like to visit our school please ring the office as we would be happy to show you around.

Thank you for continuing to pray for our staff and families of St Peter’s school.