



# St. Peter's C of E Primary School













Dear Parents,


We are looking forward to sharing the OFSTED report with you when it has been published. It is due very soon and we will put a link on our website and alert you when it is ready. The inspector was overwhelmed with the number of parents who responded to the online survey. The results of the survey were tremendously positive and we thank you all for your support both during the inspection and throughout the year. St Peter's really is a great place to work and learn.

I look forward to seeing you all at the fireworks this Friday. It is always a spectacular event and we are very grateful to the PTFA for all their hard work in making this event such a success.

Best regards  
Sarah Dunning

## Attendance chart for 97%

<b>Caterpillars</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	
<b>Tadpoles</b>	<b>98%</b>	
<b>IJW</b>	<b>98.1%</b>	
<b>ILN</b>	<b>97.2%</b>	
<b>2NH</b>	<b>98.4%</b>	
<b>2JE</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	
<b>3PG</b>	<b>96.2%</b>	
<b>3TS</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	
<b>4CS</b>	<b>99.4%</b>	
<b>4AB</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	
<b>5WM</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	
<b>5ED</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	
<b>6BR</b>	<b>98.2%</b>	

<b>6TR</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	
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### **Penalty notice following an unauthorised absence:**

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that **each** parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for **each** child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

### **Prayer Group**

Meetings this term will be on Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 8.50am in the lobby at the far end of the top corridor of the new building. Please note change of venue. If you would like to know more, then please contact Kathryn Beesley at: [kathryn@abeehive.co.uk](mailto:kathryn@abeehive.co.uk)

### **Donating books to the school library**

We are very grateful to parents for donations to the library but please be selective in what you give. We are looking for attractive, well written fiction by quality authors and in good condition. Examples of the type of contemporary author we would welcome are Christopher Edge, Katherine Rundell, Ross Mackenzie, Frank Cottrell Boyce, Gill Lewis, Abi Elphinstone and Emma Carroll. We have a number of modern classics, e.g. authors like Roald Dahl, Michael Bond, Michael Morpurgo, Rick Riordan, Eoin Colfer, Philippa Pearce and Dick King-Smith, but we will accept more if they are attractive editions. Other contemporary and classic authors are welcome too; the above are just examples. Any factual books need to be up to date and fit the same criteria. Very many thanks for your support and cooperation.

### **New Age Games Club starts this week**

Our sports coaches (CM Sport) are starting a new club on Friday mornings before school (8am-8:40 am). New Age Games has been very popular in other schools and includes non-traditional sports such as: hand ball, dodgeball, Frisbee, tri -golf and capture the flag! Think Harry Potter style sports! It's a great way of keeping fit for all children but if your child does not particularly enjoy traditional competitive sports, this might be a good option. Please register with CM directly or ask for details at the office.

### **Forest Delight**

Class 3S spent their last afternoon of Autumn 1, which was a beautifully sunny day, in Forest School. They practised tying a twine bow onto a stick they foraged for in the woods, before making a journey stick by tying autumn treasures to their stick. The children then made individual pictures on the forest floor out of natural forest materials (pine cones, acorns, sticks, brightly coloured leaves etc.) to reflect their experience of the forest. A great time was had by all. Our thanks go to Mrs Webzell.



### **Farnham and District Cross Country**

This year we took the helm and organised this incredible event for the Farnham and District Schools. Over 450 children from 14 local schools set off at an impressive pace for the Cross-Country event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. We had 43 staff members at the park that morning – we are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team (some of whom arrived to set up at 7am)! The rain held off as children were cheered to finish line by parents, friends and family dogs.

St Peter's fielded a team of 70 children who really excelled. While we have some very talented and competitive runners taking the lead positions, it's really about each child's personal best, so it is very inclusive. We hope that even more children will set themselves a target to participate in May.

#### **Results of Girls' and Boys' events were:**

Girls' individual: **Jemima Henderson** 1<sup>st</sup> **St Peter's**, 2<sup>nd</sup> South Farnham, 3<sup>rd</sup> South Farnham

Girls Team: 1<sup>st</sup> South Farnham, 2<sup>nd</sup> St Polycarp's, 3<sup>rd</sup> **St Peter's**

Boys' Individual: 1<sup>st</sup> South Farnham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holly Lodge, **Tom Wattenbach** 3<sup>rd</sup> **St Peter's**

Boys' Team: 1<sup>st</sup> South Farnham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Waverly Abbey, 3<sup>rd</sup> St Polycarp's

It's important to note that Jemima (1<sup>st</sup>) and Tom (3<sup>rd</sup>) were placed out of over 200 runners! What an inspiration for our younger pupils. Well done everyone!

(Please see coverage in Herald last week)



## **Forest School**

Please make sure that your child has suitable weatherproof clothing for their Forest School Day.

## **Sports Fixtures & Extra Curriculum events**

This year Ms Dawson is working hard to ensure that our children are given many opportunities to participate both in competitive and inclusive sports events. As you may remember, last year we came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Surrey for participation (inclusiveness) in Sports. You will appreciate that as well as attending the events (which takes a considerable amount of staff time) there is a lot of admin and paperwork involved in the organisation. Likewise, we have participated in several curriculum workshops held at other schools.

*Could we please ask parents that if your child is invited to attend an external event, that you return the slip the next day.* We have had quite a few non -replies which have to be followed up. In some cases, it has been too late to organise for another child to attend which has the double disappointment of another child missing an opportunity and the school losing money. Thank you for your support in this. We shall continue to ensure that we take up any opportunity that we feel will be a valuable learning experience.

## **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to accompany us to the church services earlier this month. This year, for the first time, we split the key stages and held two separate services so that the content could be tailored more specifically for the age groups. Both services were reflective and focused on those who do not have enough to eat both at home and abroad. In the KS2 service we reflected on the sunflowers grown in our school garden and the way that a tiny seed becomes a life- giving force.



## **Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Reindeer Run**

At the end of term, all of the children will be participating in a sponsored run to raise funds for the local hospice. The event will be organised in school on the last Friday of term, using our all-weather running track. More details to follow.



## **Farnham Food Bank**

Thank you so much for all your generous donations. They were all warmly received by the Food Bank staff and will be distributed to those who are struggling in the Farnham area.



### **Year 5/6 Football**

A team of mixed year 5 and 6 boys attended an indoor football tournament held at All Hallows School on Tuesday. It was a fantastic afternoon, indoor football proved to be very, very fast and lots of fun! The team made the semi-finals, a fantastic achievement out of the 9 schools competing and were an absolute credit to our school. Well done boys!



### **Are you tidying up your garden?**

If you have any perennials which need separating and you no longer need, Mrs Webzell can find them a home in the school garden. Any donations of perennials would be warmly received - please bring in a bag and leave at reception. Many thanks.

### **Admissions for Reception 2019**

Surrey County Council no longer produce glossy booklets on the primary and secondary admissions process and therefore you are encouraged to access this information online at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-infant-applications/primary-infant-and-junior-school-admissions>

Please check the admissions policy and specific requirements of any school(s) that you wish to apply for. Supplementary Information Forms for admission to **St Peter's in September 2019** may be obtained from the school office, or downloaded from the school website. In addition, parents **MUST** apply to their Local Authority (either Surrey or Hampshire County Council). You can apply online from 29th October 2018 via your Local Authority website. The closing date for primary school admissions is 15th January 2019.

### **Pupil Premium - is your child eligible?**

Many of you may have heard of the Pupil Premium which is a grant fund paid to schools to support children's education. The Pupil Premium is used to fund a range of activities such as extra resources, one to one tuition, intervention programmes and booster groups. So if you receive Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit/Pension Credit (income below £16,190.00), Employment Support Allowance or National Asylum Seekers Support Income, please register with Mrs Parry Shields via the school office. **Registration will be kept in the strictest confidence.** This Pupil Premium also applies to Military Families.