



St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

30th November 2018








I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair tomorrow. A huge thank you in advance to everyone who is helping to set up, sell and tidy up. It is always such a successful event.

We have a new Parent Code of Conduct Policy. Although this term has been hugely positive so far, the Governors and I have written this policy to ensure that should we need to tackle any inappropriate behaviour from a parent or a group of parents we have a set of guidelines. This policy will be available on our website in January.

Our homework policy can also be found on our website and should answer all your queries. Do contact the school office if you have a question which you require answering.

Best regards
Sarah Dunning

Attendance chart for 97%

Caterpillars	96.9%	
Tadpoles	96.4%	
1JW	97.6%	
1LN	96.4%	
2NH	93.7%	
2JE	94.3%	
3PG	95.3%	
3TS	98%	
4CS	98.5%	
4AB	97%	
5WM	97.8%	
5ED	97.6%	
6BR	96.3%	
6TR	98.3%	

Safeguarding – Everyone's Responsibility

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, young person or an adult you can contact Mrs Dunning in school or the Surrey County Council's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) responds to initial enquiries about children, young people and adults. The MASH is based at Guildford Police Station and combines Children's Service social workers, Adult's Service social workers, and health and police staff.

Availability: 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

- **Phone:** 0300 470 9100
- **Out of hours phone:** 01483 517898 to speak to our **emergency duty team**.
- **Email:** emails are dealt with during normal office hours
 - **For concerns for a child or young person:** csmash@surreycc.gov.uk
 - **Secure email:** if you want to report concerns for a child or young person using secure email, please contact: csmash@surreycc.gcsx.gov.uk
 - **For concerns for an adult:** ascmarsh@surreycc.gov.uk

Surrey Young Carers

We have recently had two very positive assemblies with Jill Beaumont, the Education Officer for our area of the charity, Surrey Young Carers. She was able to explain to our children what it means to be a Young Carer, when there is somebody at home, often a parent or a sibling, who has extra needs that are long-term that in some way impacts on a child. She also spoke about the support that is available from Surrey Young Carers, which includes fun days out. As the Home School Link Worker at St Peter's, I am wanting to make sure that we know who all our Young Carers are, so that I can offer them support too. If you would like more information or think we may not be aware that your child is a Young Carer, please contact me via the School Office to have a chat. Rosemary Pointon, Home School Link Worker.

At St Peter's School we are developing our support for young carers. Young carers are young people who have caring roles for family members, often parents or siblings, or friends with physical or mental health problems or disabilities, or drug or alcohol problems.

If your family is affected by any of the issues mentioned above, and you and your son/daughter would like support, please contact me at the school through the school office or on 0758 7171230 so that we can arrange to talk. If no help is required just at this time, the school would still appreciate your sharing of any circumstances that may have an impact upon your child's education as they progress through the school. This will allow us to be aware and offer support as required. Anything you do tell us will be treated sensitively and will not be shared without your knowledge.

The school receives extra funding for each child who is eligible for free school meals, which can be put towards additional support for young carers. It is therefore important that children who are eligible are registered onto the Free School Meals register, even if they not need or want the meal. For more information on eligibility and registering, please contact me.

With thanks and best wishes
Rosemary Pointon

Ofsted

We are delighted with the outcomes of our Ofsted inspection and thank everyone who responded to the parent survey. We had a high response rate and feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

When the inspector arrived his first statement was: *"Your website sells an exciting curriculum and a broad learning experience. I want to see how well this curriculum meets the needs of all pupils and enables them to achieve well across a range of subjects."*

Throughout the day, the inspector went into all classrooms and met with a group of 24 children (who he selected randomly from the registers). The following quotes are lifted directly from the report.

- *"The school is founded on clear Christian values and is wholly inclusive. It offers a warm welcome to all pupils and families, whatever their background or individual circumstances."*
- *"Pupils love coming to school. They enjoy the learning because teachers make learning interesting and relevant. These very positive attitudes to learning, underpinned by strong respectful relationships, help pupils to become confident and purposeful."*
- *"Senior leaders have designed a rich curriculum that opens a treasure chest of exciting learning opportunities for pupils."*
- *"Morale among staff is high"*
- *"Parents and carers are also overwhelmingly positive about the school. Many single out for praise the way leaders combine a care for individual pupils with a successful drive for pupils to achieve well academically."*
- *"Links with other schools from other countries, as well as those in their local area, help pupils to encounter people, ideas and situations that are very different from their own. This helps pupils to develop an understanding of their place in the world and to think about ways in which they can make a positive contribution. Pupils are actively involved with global issues such as fair trade and learn about environmental issues faced by themselves and others around the globe."*
- *"The curriculum is rich in opportunities for physical education, music and art, both in lessons and in the extensive out of school activities. Regular visits to the forest area of the school help them to learn at first-hand about a range of subjects."*
- *"Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is well catered for."*



Communication

We can never win on this one! Some say there is too much- others say there's not enough. We're always open to suggestions and feedback but as it warranted a mention in our Ofsted report, we felt it might be worth reminding parents of the communication which is currently in place.

Monthly newsletter

Termly Diary Dates

Termly Curriculum News

Termly EYFS/KS1 topic grid

Regular letters about specific whole school events/clubs

Class/Year group letters about specific events

While the curriculum information is always available on the website, you will also find detailed information about our Pupil Premium Strategy and our Sports Strategy. The website also has a photo gallery and up to the minute news. If you use Twitter please remember to follow us!

Governors' update

It was a pleasure to talk with some of you at the parent teacher consultations and we are grateful for your feedback. Comments will be considered, shared with staff as appropriate and acted on to the best of our ability.

We are obviously delighted with the outcome of the Ofsted report which recognises the school's achievements in so many areas, particularly the way that the rich curriculum prepares pupils to become active members of the global community. We will now support staff in addressing the main points for improvement; primarily, continuing to raise the standard of writing and levels of attendance. Having just completed an evening of training on safeguarding, governors are also better equipped to continue ensuring strict compliance with requirements.

November sees a number of exits and entrances. We are sorry to say goodbye to our clerk, Kate Parry-Shield, to whom we are deeply grateful for sterling administrative support. Kate will continue in her other roles on the school staff.

Campbell McArthur and Kathryn Beesley are both stepping down as governors, having completed four and three years' service respectively. We thank them for all they have contributed, their dedication and hard work. At the same time, it is a pleasure to welcome two new governors: Theresa Meredith-Hardy, who is director of a PR company, and Mark Adam, who is an HR professional and parent at the school. We have also begun the process of electing a new parent governor, so please give this some consideration and use your vote! All these new appointments will bring invaluable skills and insight to help us meet the challenges ahead.

Year 6 residential – Osmington Bay

...we all marvelled at the giant structure of the Zip Wire...it was terrifyingly high and long...the instructor said I could go and I leaped off into nothingness...soaring along like an eagle...

...inside the tunnels it was like a haunted house, the darkness seemed to swallow you up...my group were lurking in the darkness either hiding, chasing or searching...some were incredibly hard to slither through... Excerpts from recounts by Peter and Jemima

Farnham Christmas light Switch On

Thank you to parents who supported us by taking the time out to deliver their children who are in the Young Voices Choir and Junior and Senior Choirs, to Gostrey Meadows on Saturday 17th for the Farnham Christmas light switch on. The children sang their three Christmas songs beautifully and with great enthusiasm which was a lovely start to our Christmas count down. Also, a special mention to our very own 'Little Drummer Girl' - Isla Shaw.

Parent Readers

As you know we have a sizeable group of parents who volunteer two sessions of 15 minutes a week to read with an individual child. This takes place between 8:45 and 9am. If you think you could spare two sessions (days to suit) we would love to hear from you as we have a few children who would really benefit from this 1:1 support. Please contact Mrs S Marshall or Mrs Jane Cook for further information.

Library helpers

Our school library is a great resource for our children and many like to pop in after school to browse and borrow or change a book. We are unable to do this without an adult supervising them. Would you be able

to help for 15 minutes (3.20-3.35pm)? We appreciate circumstances change so will ask on a term by term basis - we are currently looking at the Spring term (starting in the new year). If you are able to, please leave your name and any days you are able to help with the office or e mail office@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you.

Yoga in School - an update



As you know this term, all classes have participated in two half hour yoga sessions. This is part of our focus on well-being and it has been a huge success. There is a lot of research to show that children who participate in yoga programmes in school show improvements in many areas, including:

- social interaction
- attention span and ability to concentrate
- self-regulation and managing anger
- dealing with stress and anxiety
- confidence and self-esteem

Feedback from children and staff is overwhelmingly positive. The sessions take place in the classroom and are designed to give children strategies to regulate their emotions and develop resilience. Two parents have asked how the sessions sit with the school's Christian ethos, so it may help to give some detail. We would like to assure parents that the sessions are not yoga as it is typically portrayed in the media. There is no chanting or meditation – but there is calmness and a time to slow down. The sessions are adapted to suit the age group and include games, songs and teamwork exercises. Purposeful pauses are introduced to allow children to reflect.

The sessions are led by experienced yoga teacher, Natalie Perry and focus on four elements:

Movement – developing flexibility, strength, balance and coordination

Breathing – learning how the breath can be used to relax, energise or re-focus

Mindfulness – focusing activities to increase self-awareness and manage emotions

Relaxation – taking the opportunity to slow down and unwind

Comments from children:

"I find it helps me to improve my posture."

"It just gives me a little bit of time to think about all the good things that happen."

"I didn't know I could stand still like that for so long – it gives me control over my body."

"I know it sounds funny, but I find I forget about anything that is worrying me."

"I'd like to do it more often – I really like the partner work."

"It's a bit like PE but slower and you have to concentrate on what you're doing. I found I can balance on one leg for quite a while."

Phyllis Tuckwell Reindeer Run

A reminder that your child will be invited to raise money for The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in a couple of weeks' time. The School Council will help to organize the run, in school time during the penultimate week of term. The Hospice will be giving the children more information in assembly today. This fund raising is instead of the shoe box collection that we have done in recent years. Please engage your child with this event.

Advance notice NSPCC

The NSPCC will be coming in for assemblies and workshops next term. We will also arrange for an e-safety talk for parents from 2-3pm. Date to be confirmed.

Teacher appointments

We hope that you had a positive meeting with your child's teacher at Parents' Evening. It is always good to catch up and find out not only about your child's progress - but also how you can support them both in the learning and in their journey to becoming independent.

On this note, please may we remind parents that if you need to speak to the teacher, please can you complete a form at the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time. Trying to catch the teacher first thing in the morning, is not a good time as teachers are invariably preparing their classroom and liaising with the teaching team. A couple of teachers also have before- school clubs, which means time is against them. We would also ask that parents do not enter the classrooms through the back doors for obvious reasons. As you know, teachers are usually available on the playground at the end of the day. Urgent messages may be communicated via the office. Thank you for your understanding.

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LOGS for Forest School

If you have any logs which could do with a home or you're about to cut down a tree, please think of our Forest School area. Mrs Webzell is after logs both for sitting around the fire circle and for burning on the fire. Collection could probably be arranged. Please contact Mrs Webzell on: forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk

A big 'thank you' to KEBUR for donating top soil to our garden area – a very welcome and generous contribution.

Girls' Football

This has been a huge success with Andrew Hall taking three clubs for girls from Y1 up. This will continue next term and is for girls of all abilities (including beginners). Next week Y5/Y6 have friendly matches again local schools and we hope to be able to organise a match for the younger girls next term. Do encourage your daughter to have a go - it's great for all around fitness.

Dodgeball Team

Our Year 4 dodgeball team played extremely enthusiastically at the tournament. Congratulations to them all.

