



St. Peter's C of E Primary School






Dear Parents,

19th December 2018

Thank you for all your support for yet another successful term with so many exciting activities and events that the children have taken part in. On behalf of all the staff and Governors may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a restful holiday with those that you love.

Best regards
Sarah Dunning

Attendance chart for 97%

Caterpillars	94.4%	
Tadpoles	97.1%	
1W	94.1%	
1N	90.6%	
2E	96.4%	
2H	94.9%	
3S	93.8%	
3G	95.1%	
4S	97.7%	
4B	96.8%	
5D	96.2%	
5M	98.2%	
6BR	97.3%	
6TR	99.1%	

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all for supporting the poppy appeal £91-19 was raised.

Application for Early Years 2019

The closing date for applications for Reception classes is 15th January 2019

School Website

Please see school website for all matters, download the app AND don't forget to order your child's school lunch.

Leave of Absence requests

Please can you ensure that you use the dedicated form called 'Special Leave of Absence'. Recently, more parents have been using the Head's personal email account. The request will not be processed if the form is not used and therefore will automatically be unauthorised.

Foreign Secretary presents International Award

On 7TH December, The Foreign Secretary (aka Jeremy Hunt MP), joined us for an assembly to celebrate our International Award which acknowledges, 'outstanding achievement in global learning'. Presenting the certificate, Mr Hunt said: *"It is so important to be able to learn about people and their lives in different parts of the world. We often find that while we have many differences, we also share a lot in common. The learning you are doing at St Peter's will help to prepare you for later life."*



Earlier that week, Sarah Marshall, international co-ordinator at St Peter's, attended an awards ceremony at the Houses of Parliament where Damien Hinds, the Secretary of State for Education spoke about raising pupils' aspirations through giving them exposure to the wider world.

Mrs Marshall said: *"Going up to The Houses of Parliament, together with other schools around the UK, was special. It was in recognition of all the hard work put in by staff at St Peter's to enable pupils to have extended learning experiences."*

Phyllis Tuckwell Reindeer Run

There was a lot of mud and a lot of fun last Friday as everyone joined in the Reindeer Run to raise money for the local hospice, Phyllis Tuckwell. Younger children wore elf hats while KS2 completed their laps wearing antlers and red noses! A few staff members were lucky enough to be lent a Father Christmas outfit! The children really embraced the challenge and each child (and many staff) did their best to complete laps of the field perimeter! Children watched a clip and presentation about the Hospice as it's very important that they understand why they are running and who they are helping. It's a great way of contributing to the local community while keeping fit and having fun! The envelopes have been coming in thick and fast so we're hoping to have raised a substantial amount for The Hospice. We shall let you know how much was raised after Christmas. Thank you for supporting your child.



Diary Date:

Thursday 7 Feb @ 2pm: NSPCC will deliver a parents' workshop on Internet Safety. It will finish in time for pick up – free.

Carol Service

This carol service is always an uplifting end to the Christmas term but this year it was augmented with the addition of our Community Choir (parents and teachers) who sang Silent Night while children signed to the words. It added another dimension to the service. We are so lucky to have such a committed parent body. A collection raised £201-72 for the Step by Step charity in Aldershot.

Signposts

Last week all children watched the local team, Signposts present an upbeat and interactive version of the Christmas Story. The story is told through drama and songs and engages children at all levels. Feedback from children has been really positive. We are grateful to those in our local community who volunteer their time to rehearse and entertain the children – while reminding them of the first Christmas and the origins of the festival that we celebrate in 2018.



Pantomime

Early Years had a marvellous day out at Camberley Theatre to see a production of Sleeping Beauty. Oh! Yes they did!

Sport

It was the turn of our Year 4's to compete in a football tournament this month. We had 5 fantastic games, winning 2, drawing 2 and (narrowly) losing 1. It was a fantastic and highly competitive afternoon, with our younger children showing so much talent and determination. Thank you also to Callum and Josh (year 6) for supporting the team at this event, as well as Ben Thompson (previous year 6)!



For the first time, St Peters have competed this month in both girls and boys (plus Molly!) hockey tournaments. For many players it was their first real try at the game on a full sized astro pitch. Both teams were fantastic! They played in great spirit and picked up hockey so quickly! Thank you to Mrs Penney for supporting these events.



We competed with 4 teams at Cross Country running this month - year 3 and 4 at St Edmunds School and year 5 and 6 at Barrow Hills School. Both events were fantastic fun with St. Peter's keeping up its reputation for excellent cross country running. Top runs in year 3 came from Scarlett Hooper (5th) and Lucas Pinto (9th) in a field of over 130 runners. Year 4 stand outs came from Joe Lawton (8th) and Any Thompson (3rd) in a similar field. In year 5 Bella Rand produced an excellent run for a medal in 10th position, and Tom Wattenbach a fantastic 2nd place. In our year 6 team Abi Kingham medalled in 9th. Well done everyone!

And finally, for this year in sport, a huge well done to Zach, Caspar, Alex, Cameron, Matthew, Tom (and Mrs Dunning!) who represented our school with such enthusiasm at the very, very cold Christmas rugby festival yesterday. Thank you to Mr Doran for his coaching tips! Well done boys!



KSI Nativity

The inspectors have been back to school. Thankfully not the OFSTED inspectors but the Inn-Spectors. For those of you who did not see the KSI Christmas Production...

It is census time in Bethlehem and the Inn-Spectors have been sent in to check that all the accommodation is up to scratch. They are horrified to discover that at one of the inns some visitors have been put in the stable and a baby has been born amongst the animals. It will not do at all!

However, as Mary, Joseph and the donkey tell their story and the special visitors explain the good news, the Inn-Spectors realize that this is no ordinary baby and they declare that the stable is fit for a King!

We are very proud of all the children who spoke clearly, sang enthusiastically and told us the story to remind us why we celebrate Christmas. Special mentions go to Belle, Annabel, Dylan and Lexi who sang solos, Alana who stood in admirably for one of the Inn-Spectors and Chloe who is destined for the West End.

Next year, the KSI performance in the morning will be for adults only. This year, one of the performances was rather fraught with noise from toddlers. Even with the toddlers outside of the hall, they distracted the staff working in the office. I know you will understand this decision as many schools do this for the enjoyment of everyone.

