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25th Feb-
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2019**
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- **Lunch
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- **Parent /
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6 March
2019**

St Peter's Newsletter

JANUARY 2019

Head Teacher

Dear Parents

We are encouraging our children to develop a love of reading. Please support us at home by reading regularly with your child. Don't forget to sign their reading journal so that we can celebrate the partnership between us.

The children have once again had some tremendous experiences this half term with thanks to the staff and visitors who work hard to provide these. I am looking forward to seeing our Year 5 dance at the Weydon Show next week and hearing about how our children get on the Farnham swimming gala. The Worship Committee have a workshop with local schools to look forward to on the 12th February. We have a coffee and sign morning on Wednesday 13th February 8.50am for parents – do come and join us.

As we write the newsletter, the children are hoping for snow! If we experience adverse

weather conditions this Winter and need to make any closures then we will alert parents using our website, twitter, email and Eagle radio.

May I say publicly a big thank you to Kate Mapes who has been our chair of Governors for two years. She has come to the end of her office and has stepped down. She has been a tremendous support and strength to the governing body and helped enormously with the strategic direction of our school. A new chair will be elected this week during the Full Governing Body Meeting.

Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher



Florence Nightingale visited
Year 2

Florence wanted to be a nurse. In Victorian times this was not a job for a lady. She went to Scutari Hospital to help the soldiers injured in the Crimean War. When she arrived she found rats scurrying on the floor and

none of the soldiers had beds. Germs were spread from place to place, it was horrible. She worked hard with her nurses to clean the hospital. She was known as the Lady with the Lamp. When she returned England

she became famous. We still remember her now.

Extract of a report from 2H

News from UCC Ghana



We were delighted to receive photographs from our link school in Ghana showing the children holding up a banner which our Ghana Club had made. The banner is the children's interpretation of global friendship values. We have been assured it will take pride of place once their new school building is completed. It was wonderful for the whole school to see how something created here at St

Peter's, is appreciated by friends in another part of the world.

*Warburtons visit is
reported in the
Farnham Herald
this week*

Staff Car Park

There are too many occasions when parents have been using the staff car park to drop off their children before or after school. Often a car is reversing in order to turn around when a member of staff is trying to enter the car park.

Please respect the purpose of this car park unless you are a blue badge holder when you are very welcome to use the disabled bays.

Morning drop off

Recently we have noticed that people are pulling in across the entrance to the carpark. There is invariably someone trying to access the carpark and aside from adding precious minutes to that member of staff's tight timetable, it also causes additional congestion on the road as nobody can move in either direction. Please do not pull in and block the carpark entrance. Thank you



**Parking for
staff only**



Young Carers' National Awareness Day 31st January 2019

As a school we are working towards accreditation to acknowledge that we support Young Carers. This week in class, children will be engaging with a short activity to

make them think about what it means to be a carer. Last term they attended assemblies on this topic. Rosemary Pointon, our Home School Link Worker leads this area. A young carer may be a child who has additional responsibilities at home, often through physical or mental illness of a sibling or parent. If an adult in the home is suffering from

















depression or acute anxiety it will naturally impact the child's well-being. It may also apply to children who live in a home where there are addiction issues. If you feel that, because of home circumstances, your child may be losing out on activities or quality time which all children should expect to enjoy, do please contact Rosemary (in confidence) and she will be able to offer support.

Reading at home!



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Child A	Child B
 This child reads 20 minutes each evening after school	 This child reads 5 minutes each evening after school
 That's 100 minutes a week	 That's 25 minutes a week
  400 minutes a month	 100 minutes a month
In one school year that's 3600 minutes of reading	In one school year that's 900 minutes of reading
    	   
By the end of year 6 this child has spent the equivalent of 60 school days reading.	By the end of year 6 this child has spent the equivalent of 12 school days reading.

Be Food Smart — Change for Life



Warburtons Sandwich Workshop

Y3 participated in a fantastic sandwich making workshop led by the Warburtons team. They learnt about food hygiene and the different food groups before making their sandwiches (brown bread and salad obligatory)!

We had a most informative and enjoyable lesson. Lots of cross-curricular and eco links with science, DT and Learning for Life.

NSPCC Circuit Challenge

Last week all children took part in an exhausting workout session to raise money for the NSPCC. They have learnt about the NSPCC's work, the Child-line service and how to keep themselves safe. Y5 and Y6 have attended additional workshops which cover several issues relating to safety and well-being.

We are hoping to raise a good amount for this worthwhile charity which does so much to support all children in schools, alongside its interventions with children in critical situations. Please send the envelopes in by Monday. The class that returns the most envelopes (not the most money) wins a prize.



International News

News from France

Y6 pupils were excited to receive their letters from students at College Leo Lagrange near Lille. Y4 and Y5 exchange with Ecole Lochabair which is in Cannes. All pupils in these year groups have pen pals in France and have used their basic language skills to compose letters. It is especially exciting when a child finds that their French pen pal enjoys similar interests. Children were delighted to find that the word 'Fortnite' appeared many times in the French children's letters!



Our friends in Japan

We were thrilled to receive New Year's Cards from pupils at the Keio Yokohama School in Tokyo. Mrs Simpson's Japan Club has made a link with the school and has started to share ideas. The school used our Christmas decorations on their tree and they have reciprocated with beautiful cards to wish us well in the Year of the Boar. Children learn so much through these simple but meaningful interactions.



Year 4 were lucky enough to take part in a Roller Hockey experience this week thanks to Adam from Farnham Roller Hockey Club. The children showed a tremendous attitude towards this new sport and had a lot of fun (even though there was a lot of falling over!) We are hoping to arrange more sessions soon.....

Attack on Plastics



Schools have been asked to lead the way with the battle on plastics. We are taking measures in school with our resources.

Please could you ensure that children do not bring in single use water bottles. The water bottles must have a sports lid not a screw cap. Many thanks.

In Brief

Phyllis Tuckwell Reindeer Run

You raised a staggering £2,226! Thank you so much to family and friends for supporting your child to raise money for this vital local Hospice. You may have seen the wonderful photos in the Herald over Christmas.

NSPCC Workshop for Parents and Carers- Thursday 7th Feb 2pm- 3pm

There are still places available, but you must book with the office. It will cover how to ensure that you are doing all you can to keep your child safe on the internet.

PhysiFit Champions Training

12 Y6 pupils attended this superb training at Weydon School. They were taught how to organise and lead 'fun and inclusive' playground activities. The Champions will begin putting their training into practice after half term, starting with Y1 and 2 pupils one lunchtime each week.

Be Food Smart – Change for Life

You are probably aware from recent news reports, childhood obesity has reached epidemic level – 22% of children are overweight when they start primary school, and this increases to 34% by the time they finish primary.

Sugar is a big part of the problem. Children aged 4-10 years old are eating and drinking more than twice the amount of sugar that they should.

The maximum daily amount is five cubes for children aged 4 to 6, and six cubes for children aged 7 to 10. A can of cola contains 9 cubes of sugar.

While children might seem fine on the outside, too much sugar and saturated fat can lead to the build-up of harmful fat on the inside, which can cause serious disease in the future.

Children in EYFS and Years 1, 2 and 3 will be coming home with a pack 'The Adventures of _ in a Sugar Smart World' which is designed to help the whole family learn about healthier food swaps they can make. Alternatively visit <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/be-food-smart> for details on how to help your children become food smart and make informed choices for their healthy future.

Please let us have any thoughts on this format for the monthly newsletter. Email: sally@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk Many thanks.