



St Peter's Newsletter

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Head Teacher

Dear Parents

Thank you so much for your support this month with reading with your child at home. The impact of last month's message has been tremendous with so many more children reading and filling in their journals. Please continue to sign to say that you have read with your child. I am looking forward to seeing all the costumes next Thursday for World Book Day. Please do not spend money on costumes – keep it simple (and remember the weather too!)

I hope you have been able to make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher next week. It's not too late to sign up. The teacher will explain what your child is achieving in relation to age-related expectations and what progress they are making. There will also be some governors present over the two evenings should you wish to discuss anything with them.

I continue to monitor attendance every half term as I meet with the County's Education Welfare to discuss individual pupil's attendance. If you a re-

ceive a letter, please see it as a way of showing you that we want to support and work with you to increase your child's attendance and of course their success as they access the full curriculum.

Spring Concert

Tuesday 2nd April 6pm -7pm in the school hall. If your child is invited to play a solo you will hear direct from Mrs Dunning over the next week with a written invitation. All children from Young Voices, Junior Choir and Senior Choir will be performing. Please come along and support our talented musicians who work hard every week rehearsing together. Children to perform in smart school uniform please.

Parent Readers – can you spare half an hour a week?

If any parent feels able to commit to two sessions a week (08:45- 09:00 – days to suit), we would love to hear from you. We have some KS2 children who would benefit from reading with an adult twice a week on a regular basis. We have been running this programme for four years now and it has been very successful. We really appreciate the time given to support other people's children, but it is very rewarding to see the children grow in confidence. Please contact Mrs Jane Cook or Mrs Marshall if you are interested.

Might your child be entitled to additional benefits?

If your financial circumstances have changed, you may find that your child is entitled to the Pupil Premium payment -this is money which goes to the school to support children in a variety of ways (financial, learning and wider experiences). It also entitles children to receive a meal at lunchtime at no cost

to the parent. Please pick up a form from the school office. It only requires your NI number, D of B and your signature. The process is totally confidential. *Children will not be aware that they fall into this category, but the school will always do everything possible to ensure that the children do not miss out due to financial*

circumstances. The funding continues through to secondary school, so it really is worth exploring for the sake of a simple online enquiry.

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.

Green Fingers!

Grandparents gardening activity session

On Tuesday 19th March children from years 1 and 2 will be able to invite their grandparents to come into school to plant seeds, tend to our vegetable beds and enjoy refreshments whilst reading books in our school garden. The activity session will run from 1.30 to 3.00pm. Places are limited so if your child wishes to take part please register their name and class with the school office. Any further information please speak to Mrs Webzell.

Sensory Garden

We are creating a sensory/quiet garden and have plans to create a sensory trail within the school playground for children to use. We are asking parents/family/friends to help with the plants to create these superb areas. If you love to grow please could you plant some that could be transferred into the school garden.

Please see some ideas below:

Plants for scent

Citrus, Daphne, Frangipani, Gardenia, Jasmine, Lilac, Mock Orange, Fragrant Vines Clematis, Honeysuckle, Jasmine, Passionflower, Sweet pea, Wisteria.

Fragrant Flowering Plants

Basil, Beebalm, Chamomile, Heliotrope, Hyacinth, Lavender, Lemonbalm, Lily, Mint, Peony, Pinks, Sage, Scented Geranium, Stock, Thyme, Violet.

Sensory plants for touch – Cape Jasmine, Cockscomb, Feather grass, Gay-feather, Globe Amaranth, Hare's Tale Grass, Lamb's ears, Lily, Love-lies-bleeding, Mullein, Obedient Plant, Pussy willow, Rose mallow, Squirrel-tail grass, Statice, Woolly thyme, Sensory plants for sound –large leafed plants, Animated Oats, Balloon flower, Chinese lantern plant, Honesty or Money Plant, Pearl Grass.

Please follow this link which gives more ideas

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources/info-sheet/plants-for-a-sensory-garden>

NSPCC

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Thank you to everyone who sponsored children in the circuit challenge which was completed in January. We raised an amazing £2,226 which will go towards the fantastic work being done by the NSPCC to support children all over the country. Our pupils really benefited from the assemblies and they should all know who to speak to if they feel unsafe in any way. They also all know the Childline telephone number.

We had a very good turnout for the Parents' workshop on e-safety. Feedback has been very positive.

Y5 Dance Show at Weydon

Again this year both year 5 classes have taken part in the annual Weydon Dance Show – with a twist! The twist being that this year the dances were all choreographed entirely by the students to tell important stories. The year 5 students worked closely with the year 9 GCSE students to create a 6 minute dance based on Space – including the big bang, the creation of the planets, exploring space, space travel and even the existence of extra terrestrial life! Both classes were fantastic and it was such a memorable experience for them. Well done year 5.



Y4 Civil War Workshop

I enjoyed everything—seeing all the artefacts at the museum especially the musket... Henry

I died dramatically on the floor in drama... Amy

Jack and Ava ...enjoyed looking at and touching the artefacts...

I really loved it when Thomas wore the really baggy trousers (It was so funny)... Sam

Y5 Air Quality Workshop



Year 5 have been lucky enough to take part in an important project as part of the Surrey Schools Air Quality Programme. This started with a workshop on pollution and an introduction to the collection of pollution data. The children were asked to place 10 diffusion tubes around the school and grounds, thinking particularly about where pollution might be higher, in order to measure the amount of NO₂ (a pollutant) in the different areas. In 2 weeks time the children will be taking the tubes down and sending them to be analysed. They will report the results soon, and any actions that can be taken. Watch this space....

Eco Page

A small selection of the Switch off fortnight photos/posters...

Thank you to everyone who took part and well done to the winners. Posters are on display around the school.



Fairtrade Cake Sale—6th March 2019@ 3:15PM

We are hoping that all cakes will contain at least one FAIRTRADE ingredient. All proceeds will go towards the building of the new UCC school in Ghana. Thank you for your support with this child led event.

Fairtrade Chocolate Cookery Book

Please can you encourage your child to have a go at submitting their favourite chocolate recipe (using Fairtrade chocolate, cocoa, vanilla or sugar). A template was mailed out before half term. You can either complete the template electronically and mail it back to the school office or write it out on a hard copy and hand in at the office. Please try to include a photo. Submissions from adults warmly welcomed. We'd all like a big chocolate recipe book!

International Breakfast

Photos of your international breakfast can be brought in and handed to the class teacher, or at the office or email them to info@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk. Please could children put their name on the back.

Judo/Drop off zone

If your child attends judo on Tuesday or Thursday morning, please do not park in the drop-off zone. We need to keep it clear to allow it to function effectively. Thank you.

Book Day - March 7th

A readathon will take place in each class either on Thursday 7th or Friday 8th. Your child will read for pleasure for up to an hour (age appropriate). There will be a collection on the playground and donations will go to The **Malala Foundation** which focuses on education for girls around the world. Y5's English unit has focused on Malala Yousafzai and her work which was recognised with her winning the Nobel Peace prize (aged 15). Some of our Fairtrade learning also looks at the importance of education for girls as clearly if mothers are educated, they have a greater chance of being in employment and consequently are more likely to educate their children, breaking the cycle of poverty. We hope you will be able to drop a couple of coins into the bucket. Many thanks.



SPORTS ROUND-UP

It has been another busy and very successful month of sport for St Peters. Firstly, we entered 2 teams at the Sportshall Indoor Athletics at Weydon along with 6 other schools. Our year 5 team was fantastic, finishing in 6th place and gaining valuable experience for next year. Our year 6 team fought very hard and came away with a brilliant second place – just narrowly missing county finals. Our year 6 boys won the soft javelin and placed 2nd in 5 other events. Not to be out done, our year 6 girls won the speed bounce, vertical jump, 1+1 relay, 2+2 relay and the 4x1 relay! A performance to be proud of!

Next it was the turn of our younger children to represent the school at a year 3 football tournament. A huge well done to Sam, Sam, Alex, George, Joe and Rose who showed great team spirit and determination in all of their games. It is so exciting to have this talent coming up through the school. Well done year 3's.



Our girl's football team has also been in action this month at an indoor football tournament at All Hallows School. For all of the girls it was their first experience of playing inside so it was a steep learning curve (it's a very bouncy ball!) However, captained brilliantly by Barira, the girls learnt quickly and played well just missing out on the semi finals.

We also competed a mixed football team at a tournament at Alton School– this was a 7 a side competition with 3 girls playing at all times. I have to say the mixed team really did bring out the best in all of the children and it was a joy to watch. A huge well done to Molly, Jemima, Anoushka, Josh, Callum, Peter and Ashley (captain) who came away victorious winning all their matches and only conceding one goal throughout. A fantastic afternoon in the almost spring like sunshine, debuting our new kit too!

Farnham and District Floorball Tournament

We took two teams along to The Farnham and District Floorball tournament held at Farnham Leisure Centre. Floorball is a bit like indoor hockey but played with similar rules to 5 a side football – the ball can bounce off the wall and go anywhere. Both teams played brilliantly with one pushing through to come third out of ten teams. We look forward to another tournament later this year. Big thanks go to Mrs Usher, Mrs Major and Mrs Dring for organising the before school club.

Farnham and District Swimming Gala

Twenty- five KS2 pupils came along to Farnham Leisure Centre for the annual schools' gala on February 14th. There were 10 teams in total. Every single child swam flat out and we had several first and second places in our heats. Our girls' medley relay and the freestyle squadron (one boy and girl from each year group) came in well before the other teams. It is difficult to know exactly where we were placed because the heats are timed but there is no final. We were delighted to bring home The Progress Cup (awarded to the school making the most point progress on the previous year). Well done to all of our swimmers.

Many thanks to the PTFA for funding our new football kit. We look really smart and fell very professional!

Healthy Schools Update

We are delighted to announce that this month we have achieved the Silver Healthy Schools award. This is because we have identified a healthy school project to work on over the next 2 years. After listening to pupil, staff and parent voice we are now working on making lunchtimes happier and healthier for all children. In September our Healthy Schools committee was set up. It consists of one child from each class from Years 1 to 6. We have been busy finding out what the children in our class like and dislike about the school dining hall. From the feedback, we have found that the children do not like the noise level or the amount of mess in the dining hall. We have been observing and were quite shocked by the number of children who did not eat all their lunch, or who made mess because they did not sit at the table properly or use their cutlery correctly. Our findings were shared in an assembly before half term. We have introduced a lunchtime award and children will be nominated by the lunchtime supervisors. This term we will be encouraging all children to sit properly and use their cutlery correctly. Please help us by supporting your child to improve this important skill while eating at home.

Thank you,

St Peter's Healthy School reps.