



St Peter's Newsletter

MARCH 2019

Head Teacher

Dear Parents

As we head towards the end of another super busy term, may I thank you for your continued support to ensure we can all get the best from our children as they thrive at St Peter's. There is so much to celebrate in this month's newsletter.

If you ever have a concern, don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the office to find a convenient time to talk.

Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

Do you know anyone who would be interested in giving a talk?

As part of our fundraising commitment, the governors are planning to set up a series of talks. There is no set subject matter - we would be interested to hear from anyone who is knowledgeable about or has experience in an area which would appeal to a wider audience. Talks would take place in the evening and would be open to the community beyond St Peter's. Governors would be delighted to hear from anyone who may be able to help.

Please contact: Theresa Meredith-Hardy (Governor) on theresa.meredith@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk

Easter Service

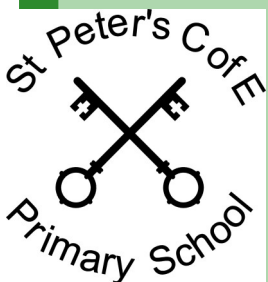
We shall be holding two separate Key Stage services next week. Please contact the office if you are able to walk to church with the children.

During the KS2 service, we shall be holding celebration. Where children will be invited to share a small piece of bread and a grape.

This is symbolic of The Last Supper and is purely to help children understand the significance of the event in Christianity. Many C of E primary schools celebrate the full Eucharist but the bread will not be blessed so this is not a Eucharist celebration on this occasion. We will obtain gluten and allergy free bread. Please let your child know if you do not wish them to participate. They will be asked to stay seated and observe.

Social Media

Please link to our Twitter feed which gives a good overview of exciting things which are happening on a day to day basis. An Instagram account is also about to take off. It has come to our attention that we had pupils following the school. We would ask parents to be wise to this and remember that children should not have a personal account while in primary school.



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Managing Parents' Expectations over communication with the Head Teacher

I am receiving an increasing number of emails of which parents are expecting an immediate response. This is not the channel of communication that must be followed in order to communicate with the Head Teacher. Please contact the office for an appointment. It may be that I am not the best person that needs to respond to your enquiry and another member of staff is better placed to speak to you.

I will endeavour to acknowledge any communication within three working days but unfortunately, recently, parents have emailed my account and then rung at lunchtime enquiring why I haven't responded. We all work to a priority list and whilst I take everyone's concerns seriously there will be an order in which my work is carried out.

Thank you for your understanding. Mrs Dunning

PTFA—"Classlist.com"

St Peter's PTFA are going to start using Classlist.com for their communication. Classlist.com is a private and secure website for parents and school PTAs. As well as providing mobile-friendly class lists and contact details for your year group, it will enable you to communicate easily with your class/year group (forwarded to email), and set up events and coffee/trips to

the pub. Parents can share as much as or as little contact information with other parents as they like, and can even keep their own email address private whilst still receiving messages.

We will be going live with Classlist after Easter. More details will follow.



The graphic is a colorful illustration promoting Classlist.com. At the top left, a woman holds a flag that says 'PTA' and a speech bubble says 'I NEED VOLUNTEERS!'. In the center, three women are talking under a tent. To the right, a woman looks at a phone with a speech bubble saying 'the parent contact list is out of date...'. The Classlist logo is prominently displayed in the center. Below it, text reads: 'The virtual school gate. Secure classlists, parent-to-parent communications and much more for your school community.' Various icons represent features: a key for 'Secure online class contact lists', a cupcake for 'Events, parties, payments', a star for 'Parent Classifieds', and a person for 'and it's 100% FREE!'. A quote from Nicky Laird, Class Rep at Dragon School, states: 'Classlist has been a hugely welcome change to the way class reps at our school operate.' At the bottom, it says 'Get started in minutes at Classlist.com' and includes logos for Parent Engagement, Data Protection Registered, GDPR, and PTA UK Approved Supplier. A smartphone on the right shows the Classlist app interface with the text 'Classlist Making Parent Life Easier'.

Year 3's Excursion to Fishbourne Roman Palace Remains

On Thursday 7th March Year 3 set off on a coach to Chichester to see the remains of a Roman palace. We spent part of the day experiencing what it must have been like to be Roman 2000 years ago. We wore Roman style tunics while carrying out every day Roman tasks – spinning wool, weaving, making mosaics, building bridges, writing on waxed tablets, cooking, playing games and puzzles to name but a few. A 'Roman' school teacher put us through our paces in the classroom and gave us all Roman versions of our own names. Later, we had the opportunity to inspect the

detailed mosaics and the relics in the museum; an amazing array of



Roman treasures were found on this site. A most enjoyable and informative day was had by everyone.



Year 6 Yvonne Arnaud Theatre Trip

Excerpts from reports:

...we were astonished at the marvelous lights and technology that they used...

...then gathering into groups of three we acted out the first scene, about the witches gathering on the heath.

...taken on a tour backstage...looked at amazing costumes...they like to reuse the props stored in the attic of the Mill Studio.

After learning nearly everything we needed to know about Macbeth, we went back to school.

Early Years—Finkley Down Farm

Olly - I liked feeding the goats.

Rosie - I liked feeding the goat because it tickled my hand.

Greta - I fed the lambs with milk.

Eleanor - it was fun in the soft play



Sammy H - I climbed the soft play.

Caleb - I saw a bird through the binoculars.

Willow - we went for lunch outside.

Nathan - We fed the lambs, one was greedy.



Fairtrade Fortnight



As you know, over National Fairtrade Fortnight, we include learning around justice and equality into as many subject areas as possible. This year, as well as English and Art, we had a particular focus on Maths. Older children were challenged with real life problems around the costs of cocoa beans and who actually makes most money from a bar of chocolate. Younger children explored shapes, patterns and problems using Fairtrade items. Thank you for buying from our stall at Parents' evening and supporting the cake sale. A cheque for just over £100 will go to the UCC Charity School in Ghana.

Fairtrade Chocolate Recipe Book

Thank you to all those who have sent in recipes. We still need more to create the chunky book we would like. Easter is a chocolatey time – we would love to have more recipes using Fairtrade chocolate. Please encourage your child – there will be house points on offer! A photo will make the recipe more enticing

Farnham Festival

On Wednesday 27th March a merry band of Year 2 and Year 4 children from St Peter's met at the Farnham Malt-ings for a musical extravaganza to take part in the annual Farnham Festival, which boasted the musical theme of Space. What a brilliant musical experience this has been for our children. The opportunity to take part in singing with five other schools, and then to see a wonderful variety of musical instruments playing a great variety of music from across the ages, was priceless.

Thank you to all teachers who accompanied children during rehearsals and at the evening event, especially Mrs Cobb for teaching the songs this term! Well done to Mrs K Marshall who was responsible for ensuring our involvement in this fantastic feast of music. Thank you also to all parents who supported, and congratulations to all children who sang and narrated. What an evening!

Mrs Smith



Fairtrade banana muffins for lunch.

Surrey Youth Games - sports ambassadors

Francesca Lawton, Olivia D'Ulisse, Scarlett Hooper, Tula Perry, Amy Thompson, Joshua Booton, Sam Sefton and Lucas Pinto have been accepted as ambassadors for the Surrey Youth Games. The Surrey Youth Games is a totally free event where children can sign up for up to 10 weeks free sports training with the chance of competing at the final 2-day event held at Surrey Sports Park. Our ambassadors want everyone to take part! Please visit www.waverley.gov.uk/syg or ask any of those involved.



In Brief

Requests for Passport Authorisation

Please be advised that there is a £10 admin charge for passports to be authorised by a member of staff. The money will be given to school fund.

Dogs on site

Our school runs a no dogs on site apart from assistant dogs and therapy dogs. This includes dogs (or any other animals) being carried into the playground. We must respect that not everyone feels comfortable around animals and it is easier to have one rule which we all follow to avoid any accidents or injuries. Thank you for your co-operation.

Water Bottles

These must be a sports lid not screw tops to avoid spillages on work.

Only water may be drunk during the school day (except for non-fizzy/no glass bottles drink alternatives in the packed lunch)

Appointments

I must continue to stress the importance of not taking appointments during the school day, especially when your child's attendance is already low. Routine dentist and doctor appointments must be taken outside of school time please.

Clubs

We ask that if parents are going to remain on site during a school run club that they don't stay and watch. Like many schools, we are focusing on supporting children to become independent.

We would also like to ask parents not to walk through the hall while a club is in session. Children change in the hall and staff do not feel comfortable with adults walking through (often with a mobile in their hand). If the club is being delivered by external providers, they will not know who is a parent and you will appreciate that there are potentially safeguarding issues here.



Book Week

We had a wonderful display of costumes from pupils and staff. Our Readathon raised money for the Malala Foundation which supports girls in education around the world. Thank you for your support.

Signposts

Last week we welcomed Signposts into school for exciting and imaginative assemblies on the Easter story. Children love these events which are hands on, funny and reflective. We are lucky to have such a talented group of volunteers in the Farnham area.

Grandparents' Gardening afternoon

This was a huge success. Thank you to all who attended – our raised beds are really taking shape. Thank you also to parents who volunteer regularly to support this extended learning experience.

Lego Legacy

Thank you to the families who came along to the PTFA's Lego morning last Saturday. The designs are really taking shape. Thank you also to the PTFA members who have organised this initiative. There are still bricks for sale.

Sports round up

Reigate Cross Country

On Saturday 9th March, six talented runners from years 5 and 6 went to Reigate to compete in the Surrey Schools County Cross Country Races. It was a tough event with over 400 runners racing from schools all across Surrey. The Year 6 girls were Jemima Henderson who placed 6th, Molly Penney who placed 28th and Abi Kingham who placed 27th. Bella Rand positioned 14th in the Year 5 girls race and in the Year 5 boys race, Charlie Philips came 16th and Tom Wattenbach came 5th. Everyone ran really well with Tom, Jemima, Bella and Charlie qualifying for Surrey County training in October.



Year 5 football

A year 5 football team went to Waverley Abbey on Thursday 7th March to play a tournament. We all played really well and came 4th in our league. It was great fun! Report by Harrison North



Year 6 Netball



St Peters are very privileged to have a group of strong and enthusiastic netballers. On Tuesday the 19th of March, they competed in the netball league finals, which was very exciting. Many talented netball teams were at the finals including: Rowledge, South Farnham, St Polycarps and last but not least Waverly Abbey. All of these schools were hard to beat, but St Peters didn't give up; we kept on fighting. On a few of our matches some members of the team scored, such as: Molly, Freya and Isla. Everyone played brilliantly and we ended up coming the amazing place of fifth out of twelve other talented schools.

Thank you to Miss Dawson, Mrs Bolton and Mrs Usher for supporting us and helping us come this far.

Report by Abigail Kingham and Molly Penney

Year 3 Introduction to Sports Leadership

Some of our sport loving year 3 children had their first opportunity to learn how to lead and run sporting events and games at this introduction to leadership workshop. The children were fantastic – sports leaders of the future!



Year 5 Netball Tournament

In February 2019 the year 5 netball team went to their first netball tournament at South Farnham School. They played against 7 different schools and came 5th overall. Everyone played really well and scored some fantastic goals. Report by Esme Spencer

On Thursday 14th March a year 6 football team competed in a football tournament at Waverly Abbey School. We all played well but sadly we didn't make it through the group. We had a fun time but a hard group! We won 1 game lost 2 and drew 1. Report by Callum Sly



Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival

On the 28th February 2019, St. Peter's sent a group of boys and girls to Farnham Rugby Club for a Tag Rugby Festival. Most of our players were inexperienced, even though we played really well and had lots of fun. We played against some difficult teams, from Potters Gate to Rowledge to William Cobbett, winning some of our games, and the girls even came home to find out we were shield winners!

By Olivia D'Ulisse

Year 6 Girls Basketball

On 18th March 2019, 7 keen netballers were sent to St. Joseph's for a basketball festival to learn new skills and try something different. Even though we had never taken part in a basketball event, we used our netball knowledge and tried our best, (but sometimes forgetting that we could bounce the ball!) Overall, it was a great experience and a fantastic opportunity to use our netball skills for a different sport!. By Olivia D'Ulisse

Five year 6 girls competed brilliantly at the first ever Farnham Schools Gymnastics Competition this week. Each girl had to perform an individual floor routine and a vault. The standard was very high with some fabulous performances. A huge well done to Abi, Freya, Ebony, Miryana and Chloe for a super morning.

