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St Peter's Newsletter

APRIL 2019

Head Teacher

Dear Parents

Whilst this half term is relatively short, the children will have so many exciting learning opportunities packed into 5 weeks!

The year 6 children are calmly heading towards their SATS and we will be encouraging them to give their best whilst remembering that these tests only show one part of their skill set. They will be taking so many more skills with them as they move to their next school.

Farnham Carnival 29th June

Is there a creative team who is willing to lead our school in this fantastic community event? It would be a shame for our school not to take part in this annual show. The theme this year is 'Fly Me To The Moon' as it is 50 years since the landing of Apollo 11 on the moon. I am sure this will start off some creative thoughts in many people's minds. Please complete the form (to follow) and return to the PTFA post box. I know there will be plenty of children and adults who won't want to miss out!

Sarah Dunning Head Teacher

Uniform

Please note as part of our Eco School drive we will no longer be ordering plastic bags for uniform. Please bring your own.

Thank you to the team who organise the second uniform sale. This is another great opportunity to help our recycling mission. Please if you donate though, ensure the uniform is of good enough quality to sell on. If it isn't then we encourage you to use the clothes banks at your nearest recycle point.

Plastic Free Day

To celebrate the 93rd birthday of Sir David Attenborough, we are joining lots of other schools to take part in the '**8th May Plastic-Free Day**'. To help our children understand the impact of plastic on the environment, on **Wednesday 8th May** we are going to have a lunchtime challenge where we do not bring into school or use any single-use plastic. Further information will be sent by email.



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2019**



We were delighted to hear just a few days ago, that St Peter's has been shortlisted as a finalist for the TES Schools Awards 2019 (International category). Having received the British Council's International Award in the Autumn, we had a lot of evidence already in place so thought it might be worth a try.

The application has to summarise the global learning which takes place across the curriculum and in our case, included the links with overseas schools, the communication with French pen pals, Ghana and all of the Fairtrade learning. Strands of global learning which underpin other subject areas were also included, such as the cookery which links with the countries studied in Geography and History and the Forest School which also includes constructing a model of the Alps.

Schools from all over the world enter for this prestigious award; primary, secondary, independent, special and overseas so we are thrilled to be a finalist. The winner will be announced on 21st June. Find out more by clicking on the link below.

<https://tesawards.co.uk/tessa2019/en/page/home>

Other finalists

- Admiral Lord Nelson School, Portsmouth
- Bay House School and 6th Form, Hants
- Mayflower Primary School, Leicester
- Queen Katharine Academy, Peterborough
- **St Peter's C of E Primary, Surrey**
- The British School, New Delhi, India
- The Observatory School, Merseyside
- Upton-by-Chester High School, Cheshire

PGA Golf Day

I hosted a golf day in the Easter holiday and the winning pair came from St. Peter's

There were 4 local schools present, St. Peter's, St. Poyncarp's, William Cobbett and Busbridge.

Thomas O'Toole and his brother William (Ex pupil) were victorious.

Paul, PGA Golf



Cross Country @ Farnham Park 10am Saturday 18th May

Once again, St Peter's staff will be organising and managing the cross country meet on behalf of Farnham and District Schools. Please encourage your KS2 child to enter and perhaps the younger children would like to pop up between 10am and 10:45am on the morning to get a taste of the excitement and cheer their school on. You can't fail to be moved by the sight of 450+ young runners in their school colours all vying to beat their personal best.

Gardening News (April 2019)

St Peter's Community Gardening Group

We are looking to set-up a new group to support our school with gardening. We have a large growing area used by our children, a polytunnel and our new Wellbeing Garden, alongside all the other flower beds and pots that are situated in our school grounds. We are setting up a group of volunteers who are willing to help out. This could be by offering half an hour weeding during or after school or supporting children during their class gardening time. There are many ways that you could help. If you know of grandparents, friends or neighbours who would like to be involved as well, please let them know. Please email forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk or leave your name at the school office and someone will contact you.

Year 1 & Year 2 Grandparents day

Following the success for our last Grandparents Days, we have another afternoon arranged for grandparents of children in Years 1 and 2. Come along and help the children with planting, weeding, harvesting and watering. Once again there will be an opportunity to read with the children and refreshments will be available. If you would like to come along on **Thursday 16th May from 1:30pm to 3:00pm**, please give your child's name to the school office or email forest@stpeters-farnham-surrey.sch.uk to reserve a place or for further information.

Plants for school

If anyone has grown plants for our school garden please bring them into school for Mrs Webzell. We are always grateful for contributions of any kind including plants, shrubs or monetary donations to help towards this wonderful resource in our school.

Compostable Material

We would be grateful for any donations of egg boxes or thin brown cardboard to help our compost heaps! Everything has to be hand shredded, so no thick card please!

Thank you for your support