



St Peter's Newsletter

30th September 2019

Dear Parents,

The term has started really smoothly with everyone really focussed on their learning and participating in the huge range of activities on offer at St Peter's. We have really enjoyed welcoming the new families both into EYFS but also throughout the whole school. Many families have relocated into this area and it is wonderful that they have chosen our school. No doubt they were persuaded by the wonderful curriculum that our children experience, designed by our dedicated staff.

Our children achieve highly because of the broad curriculum they receive and the encouragement that we give them to always do their best. Our end of Year 6 progress results show that compared with national data our Reading and Maths results are above the national average. Our final attainment is still awaiting publication but this will be shared with you very soon.

Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher



Polite requests:

Morning Drop Off

Please can we remind you all, of our 'informal one-way system' of travelling down the hill during drop off. If you are able to change your route to accommodate this, it will really help alleviate the unnecessary need for cars to pass each other by mounting the curb. This puts the pedestrians at risk. We have sent a message to Weydon to also ask them to follow our informal system. When the weather is bad obviously more cars take to the road so there is a need for us to get into good habits. Thank you for working together to keep our community safe.

Parking in school carpark

We have noticed that there are parents parking in the staff carpark to drop off pupils at BASE. Please can parents park off site as the carpark is very busy between 07:45 and 08:00. It is not safe for children to be walking around. In addition, we have up to 60 staff on site on any one day which means there is not sufficient parking as it is. Thank you

Before/end of school day

Please can we ask parents to stay on the playground at the end of the day and not move over into the area where pupils are standing with their teachers. It is very tricky for children to see their carer through the crowds- and has at times, caused upset. Likewise, at the start of the day, please can adults leave once the lines are ready to go inside. Parents continuing to interact with their child, disrupts the flow and again, can upset other children whose parents are not able to be there. Thank you for your understanding.

Notices

Publicity



If you know families looking for a primary school place, please point them in our direction. We have many tours this term and are happy to show around new families (for any year group). Look out for a feature in The Herald soon and do follow our twitter feed; <https://twitter.com/StPetersFarnham>. It is updated regularly and gives you a feel for what's going on in school.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be running after school in the hall on Tuesday 8th October, Wednesday 9th October and Thursday 10th October from 3.15 – 3.45

BASE

A huge thank you to the anonymous donor of the "Scalextric" set. It has been an immediate hit with the children and ideal for the colder weather that is sure to come.

School Prayer Group

Those who are new to St Peter's might like to know that a small group meets to pray for the school community once a month at the start of the day. The group is open to any parent, carer or friend of the school, regardless of faith background. Our first meeting this year is on Thursday October 3rd from 8.50 until 9.30am in the Home School Link Worker's room. If you would like to come along then check in at reception and ask for directions, or contact Kathryn Beesley at: kathryn@abeehive.co.uk, tel: 724366. Younger siblings are welcome but the room is small. If you cannot make Thursdays but are interested in participating, then please let Kathryn know.

School Post Box

Please use the school post box, envelopes with money can be posted as the box is emptied twice daily.

Forest School

Year 6 have had an amazing opportunity – we have been studying the Ancient Greeks in history and we had a forest school session entirely devoted to them. For the starter we had to pretend that we were auditioning to join Odysseus's crew to make the 10-year journey home. Next we were given 3 pictures from the book 'The Odyssey' and were asked to pick one. We then made a storyboard using natural resources based on what was happening in the picture, what happened before the picture and what happened after the picture. Once we had completed our storyboards, we rehearsed with our groups and then presented our story verbally to the rest of the class. We had great fun and hope that our next topic in history will be just as exciting and fun packed. This was a great opportunity for all of year 6 and a chance for everyone to show their creative side.

By Harriet MacDonald and Elsa Lobet



Year 4 Anglo Saxon day

Excerpts of repots

My favourite part was the weaving because it was challenging and really fun...

...we made a tiny Anglo-Saxon Village...

...I enjoyed weaving the wattling...

...I felt relaxed and really calm...

...I learned to whittle...

...stinging nettles can be used for medicine and cream...



Educational visits

Year Queen Elizabeth Country Park I



Year 1 enjoyed a great day exploring the woodland habitat at Queen Elizabeth Country Park with our Park Ranger Rebecca. The weather was perfect with a cloudless blue sky and wonderful sunshine all day. We hid nuts like squirrels, made smelly pots of delicious food for foxes, found woolly worms as badgers, did a blindfold walk pretending to be caterpillars and made cosy homes for hedgehogs. We also had a super time spotting different trees by identifying their leaves.

Finally, we made Autumn cards with attractive leaves and other natural items we had collected. We are very grateful to all our Adult helpers who so kindly gave up their time to help us with our learning.



Year 2 Brooklands Museum

On Wednesday Year 2 visited Brooklands Museum. Here are some of the highlights from our day. We saw a Penny Farthing bike. It had a very big wheel. It would have been very difficult to get on and off. (James)

The Sultan's plane was really posh because it had velvet seats. Even the toilet had a velvet cover! There was a seatbelt across the bed. (Gryffin)

We saw a really old plane. Its wings were made of paper. (Sophie)

I really enjoyed going on Concorde. (Evie)



Clubs

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Thank you for working with the new system introduced for before, after and lunchtime clubs. We appreciate that a few people did not find it straightforward. However, everyone seems to be sorted now. There are still places in many clubs so do please ask at the office. In particular, there are spaces in the Y4 Roller Hockey Club, KSI Geography, Orchestra, Choir, Challenge Club and most sports clubs.

Girls' Football Y1 – Y6

This has been a huge success at St Peter's and on Friday, we played our first match against other schools in the new Girls' League. Andrew Hall (who also runs Churt Girls' football club) has clubs for girls in Y1 up to Y6 on site each week. He is very keen to encourage girls who have never played before. They will be taught the skills they need to enjoy the game while keeping fit. Playing only with girls tends to give them the confidence to take risks and progress quickly. Please have a conversation with your daughter who may not have considered football before.



E twinning Club

Very excited to be starting a project called: *Our Future in our Hands* alongside 14 schools from: Poland, Croatia, Italy, Serbia, Turkey, Greece, Cyprus, Germany, Estonia and Portugal. It fits in so well with our Eco-learning and will enable to reflect on what we've done as a school and what more we can do.

Green Flag Award

We have the Green Flag in recognition of our Eco work over the past few years. The flag will be flying very soon and again, look for us in The Herald. We shall now continue to include more areas of learning with an eco- theme. Many thanks to Mrs Bolton, Mrs Russell, Mrs Dring, Mrs Parry- Shields, Mrs Hopkins and staff and pupils from Gardening Club, who have supported the pupils on the Eco- committee with their on-going work. Thanks to Mr Webzell and Mr Wells for installing the new flagpole. The flag will be flying shortly!



Sports Round-up

Football

So, who wore it best? Our girls football team played their FIRST EVER league match this week and were rewarded for their hard training with a convincing 3-0 win over Rowledge. Well done girls. The boys had a tough match this week against Waverley Abbey but, despite losing, they played really well as a team and kept their heads up! Some great goalkeeping from Zach. New football kit has been ordered!



Netball

It was the first game of the season and we were all very excited. But although our team played the better netball, we unfortunately lost 11-4 to Waverley Abbey. We continued to try our best until the end of the match.

FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS

Dear Parent/Carer

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carers for their child's unauthorised absence from school and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances:-

1. Pupils identified by police and education welfare officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.

2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more). **Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.**

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body have to judge whether there are exceptional circumstances and may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you take action without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement, please contact the school or the education welfare officer.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carers liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 28 days.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows:-

North West	-	Tel: 01483 518130	South West	-	Tel: 01483 517179
North East	-	Tel: 01372 833588	South East	-	Tel: 01737 737777