



St Peter's Newsletter

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25th October 2019

Dear Parents,

We hope your children have enjoyed their first half term in their new classes. Everyone has worked really hard these 8 weeks and I know both children and staff are ready to rest and recharge their batteries. As always, we have packed in so much learning and exciting opportunities for all the children. I hope you enjoy looking at the recent ones now in this newsletter. Don't forget to follow us on social media. Enjoy your half term everyone. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th November and seeing you at the PTFA fireworks party here on Friday 8th November.

Trick Box – Personal Development Programmes

TRICK BOX - introduction for parents 19th Nov @2:30pm and 21st Nov @ 7pm

Your child may have spoken to you about our new well-being and resilience programme: Trick Box. The staff have been getting used to it over the past few weeks, but its overall success depends on a three-way commitment: Child, School and Home. We would like to introduce you to the basics of Trick Box and explain its aims and how we are using it in school.

There will also be the opportunity to buy a set of Trick Cards (£5). Only one set needed per family and the cards would last throughout your child's school career and beyond (Trick Box is also very relevant to adults). Do come along and find out more. A letter/confirmation slip will be coming home after half term.

Trick Box is a whole child, whole school, whole family, emotional management and personal development programme for Primary children, their parents and school staff teams. In line with key Mental Health and wellbeing guidelines, Trick Box helps to develop Happy Life Habits through the use of simple, fun, evidence based 'tricks' through our age appropriate coaching models and 4 Trick Box themes: Confidence, Calm, Communication and Creativity.

Harvest Celebration @ St Peter's Church

Thank you to all the parents who walked with us and joined in our celebration. We had separate services for each key stage which gave us special time together.

Both focused on giving thanks and reflecting on those at home and abroad who do not have enough to eat. Many thanks for the donations which were collected by Farnham Food Bank.



Notices

School Prayer Group

Any parent, carer or friend of the school is welcome to join with us in prayer for the school community. We meet next on Thursday 14th November^h, 8.50 - 9.30am in the Home School Link Worker's room; then on Wednesday 4th December, 8.50am in the PPA room. For more information contact Kathryn Beesley at: kathryn@abeehive.co.uk, tel: 724366. Pre-school children welcome but space is limited.

School Lunches and Packed Lunches

The school lunches are cooked fresh on site and provide a nutritional, hot and balanced meal. The children who take hot lunches really enjoy the food. One reason why children ask for packed lunches and not hot dinners is 'so they can sit with their friends'. Children are allowed to sit with their friends but there isn't always the time and space to allow them to sit with one specific person. Our children have many friends and it is good to speak to a variety of people over lunch. If a packed lunch and hot dinner ask to sit together and there is space we will always let them. We do hope that your child will give hot lunches a try!

Farnham Christmas Lights – Save the Date!



Save the date!!! Christmas Lights Switch-On in Gostrey Meadows

Saturday 16th November

Young Voices and Choir will be singing carols on the stage as part of the turning on the lights celebration

Time to be confirmed between 1pm - 3pm
by the organisers – watch this space
We hope your singers will be able to join us

Book bags

We are currently in discussion with the suppliers of the book bags that we gave out at the beginning of term. Please bear with us whilst we try to sort this situation with them.

Forest School

Classes 3S and 3G visited the forest under inclement weather. They looked for and made shadows (Cross Curricular Link with Science) and then swatted up on their knot tying skills with twine or a stick. Firstly, with a single knot and a bow and then finally with a clove hitch knot. Please get your child to demonstrate them to you and maintain familiarity with these skills.



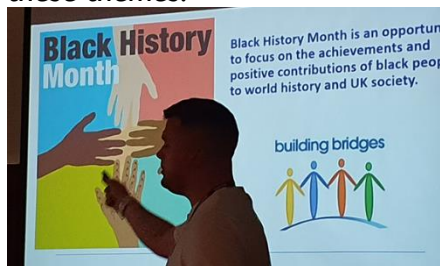
Educational visits

Year 6 Greek day

On Friday 13th of September Year 6 took part in an Ancient Greek workshop. We got a chance to try on some armour and hold weapons from the period. We also played a board game from the Greek times called Pettiea. Finally, the two classes came together at the end of the day to do our own Greek Olympics. Sparta (6D) won this tournament. We found it great fun and we are sure that the next year 6 class will enjoy it as much as we did. Report by Joshua and Eva.

Chelsea FA Assembly for Black History Month

The Chelsea Foundation came into our assembly this week to talk to the KS2 children about: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. These values, which fit so well with our school ethos, were to support Black History Month. Many children have taken part in their competition to write a poem, song or rap with one or all of these themes.



Staying Safe

There was great excitement when children in Key Stage 1 had a visit from our local police officers. The children learnt about ways to keep themselves safe and the importance of knowing their home address and contact details. They had great fun trying on hats and sitting in the police car. Best of all was turning the lights on and sounding the siren!



Clubs

New opportunity of a club run by Mr Creamer who is a parent and pro golfer:

I have TWO classes to promote and I'd like to offer a FREE session on the 7th & 9th November respectively. Open to ALL St Peter's children and their friends. Basically, to give golf a go!!!

Brand new class for aspiring juniors aged 6 – 12

When: Thursday 7th November

Where: Blacknest Golf & Country Club

Time: 1545 – 1700

Cost: FREE taster session (£60 for 6-week course thereafter)

Brand new class for aspiring juniors aged 6 – 12

When: Saturday 9th November

Where: Blacknest Golf & Country Club

Time: 1215 - 1330

Cost: FREE taster session (£60 for 6-week course thereafter)

Sports Round-up

Girls' Football - we won the silver plate!!

We are very pleased with the number of girls who have signed up for the girls' football (Year 1 to Year 6). If your daughter has never played but would like to have a go, please encourage her as no experience is expected. We are now in our second year and are already seeing the impact of this excellent training. A new league started this term and our Y5/Y6 team has come third in a league of six teams. This was really impressive as some of the other teams have been playing for a lot longer. The girls are off to play in a competition organised by Aldershot Town after half term and also have more friendlies arranged. We are very grateful to Weydon School for enabling the matches to take place on their pitches on a Friday after school. They are also keen to have more girl footballers joining in Y7.

A big thank you to Martin from Rowledge Garage Ltd for sponsoring the league and buying the cup and plate.

Farnham & District Cross Country

It was wet but everyone turned out in full force. There were 502 runners from 14 schools. St Peter's staff were there from 7am setting up the course and then marshalling and organising throughout the morning. Our Daily Mile paid off and we came away with four 2nd positions.

Boys' individual: 2nd

Boys' team: 2nd

Girls' team: 2nd

We fielded a team of 78 children (Y3-Y6) and every single one of them gave it all they had. Every child should be proud of their achievement and the fact that they were representing St Peter's. Well done everyone!

OVERALL TEAM: 2nd

Our first six in were:

Girls: Bella Rand, Mia Hilton, Amy Thompson, Olivia Potter, Alexa Bhandari, Scarlett Hooper

Boys: Tom Wattenbach, Charlie Philip, Dexter Philcox, Caleb Remnant, Lucas Pinto, Joe Lawton



Does your child sing a lot of the time at home? Do they love music? Are they keen to try new things? If so, this could a wonderful opportunity for them!

Dear Parent,

I am writing about the fantastic opportunities available for children in the chorister scheme at St. Thomas-on-The Bourne. St. Thomas's offers a unique, and entirely free, musical education for children who love to sing and wish to develop their singing in a family-style, yet professional environment.

Whilst rehearsing and performing at services in the church is key to their development, the choristers enjoy a wide range of opportunities both at home and abroad. In the last two years, they have performed at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and Westminster Cathedral, recorded a soundtrack for the BBC film 'Mother's Day', and recorded a CD. Future plans include a television recording for BBC's 'Songs of Praise' and touring to Rome with a sung service at St. Peter's Basilica.

Whilst these activities may seem daunting at first, all of our choristers are normal children from local schools who are helped to develop their vocal skills to a high standard. Full training is given! This starts with them coming to practices – perhaps once a week when they will have separate professional teaching to help them develop – after which I chat with parents about how they're getting on and organise an informal audition. So, there is no 'hard sell' or a requirement to sign up to the greater commitment of being a chorister, unless both the child and family are on board. If you have a child who is singing all the time, and would love an opportunity to do something special, why not come to a choir practice to see what we do?

If you are interested, you are very welcome to come along to any of our rehearsals - Tuesdays: 5pm – 6pm for Girls or 6.10pm-7.30pm for Boys; or Fridays: 5pm – 6.15pm for Girls or 6.30pm-7.30pm for Boys; - when your child will have the opportunity to sing with the choristers (or just observe), and to experience the choir in operation. You will also be able to meet and chat to other choir parents, as well as myself. Why not get in touch with parents of other keen children and come together as a group?

Just get in touch in advance so I know to expect you and make sure we have a warm welcome ready for you and your child! You can find more about the [choir on our website](#) where you can [listen to sample tracks](#), [read some FAQs](#) and view the promotional video about [life in the choir](#). We also have a Facebook page: just search St. Thomas on the Bourne Choirs.

I hope to meet you and your child soon. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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