



St Peter's Newsletter

28th February 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone to the second half of the Spring term. We are looking forward to Fairtrade Fortnight over the next two weeks and also to World Book Day. The children learn so much in these special weeks. Our INSET day was fabulous as we worked with the other 14 schools in our confederation to focus on wellbeing of staff, children and families. We had workshops and a key note speaker which gave us practical ideas to support the wellbeing of everyone at St Peter's.

Hygiene

Please can you remind your children about good handwashing before they leave for school and when they return home. We will continue to remind children to wash their hands well with soap whilst at school. We have increased the number of hand sanitisers around the school. Please be reassured that we are following all the updated Government guidelines as they are sent to us.

Green Shoots Nursey

There will be an introductory welcome meeting for anyone interested in Green Shoots Nursery from 2:30 to 3:15 on Friday 27th March in the school hall. Come along and find out about our plans for Green Shoots Nursery which opens in September.

You will be able to look inside our nursery, explore Forest School and view additional opportunities available, including our children's' cooking area and trim trail. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Refreshments will be available and children/babies below school age are welcome.



Notices

Spring Concert Tuesday 31st March 6pm – 7pm

Your child may bring home an invitation to play a solo at the concert. If you are unable to make it, please tell Mrs Dunning as soon as possible as the program is being written. The Junior choir, Young Voices and Orchestra will be performing. Please ensure your children wear smart school uniform. There will be a retiring collection for charity. We hope you will join us to celebrate the musical talent in our school.

School Uniform

Please ensure that KS2 children wear a shirt and tie. The Summer uniform can begin when we return from the Easter holidays. Thank you for ensuring hair accessories are green or black. Remember no earrings at any time at school – including dressing up day. There has been a small increase in the price of some items of uniform due to a rise in price from the suppliers.

Sound and Lighting Help Needed!

Year 6 are looking for a parent to help out with the sound and lighting for our end of year production of "The Lion King". If anyone has relevant experience and a few spare hours towards the end of term to help, we would be very appreciative. Please let the school office know!

School Librarian

Our fantastic school librarian, Mrs Beesley, is retiring in July and we are looking for a suitable volunteer to take on this important role in school. The school librarian oversees our school library and helps ensure that this wonderful resource is accessible to all our children. Full training for the role can be given. You will need to have around two or three hours a week spare. Whilst the role is voluntary, it is very fulfilling and benefits every child in our school. No previous experience needed but the role would suit someone who is methodical with an eye for detail, happy to learn how to use the library software and a lover of children's books.

Candidates will be subject to the normal safeguarding checks for volunteers. If you would like to discuss this further, please speak to the school office and arrange a time to come in and have a chat with Mrs McCann and the library team.

Prayer Group

The prayer group continues to meet monthly to pray for the school. Anyone is welcome to join us. Forthcoming meeting is on 26th March at 8:50am in the small room adjoining the music room. For more information contact Kathryn Beesley kathryn.beesley@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

We shall be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday by holding a Readathon and dressing up as book characters. Please do not go to any additional expense for a costume and make sure that your child is wearing something that will be comfortable in class all day. We shall be collecting £1 donations for the Readathon. All classes have a specific book to study which is set in an African country. This is linked to the Arts and also to Fairtrade. Learning is so much deeper if it all joins up!

Thank you in advance for your support.



Not one but two Fairtrade assemblies – spread the word everyone!



Mama Panya's Pancakes

Year 1 have been reading 'Mama Panya's Pancakes' by Mary and Rich Chamberlin as part of our learning. We decided to make Mama Panya's pancakes following her recipe in the book. The pancakes are typical Kenyan

pancakes made from flour, water, oil, chilli flakes and nutmeg and are quite spicy. Everyone tried them and many children loved them! It was great fun!

Fairtrade Gingerbread Heart Challenge

During the week before half term Early Years and Key Stage 1 took on a Fairtrade Gingerbread Challenge. We decided to make gingerbread hearts using as many Fairtrade ingredients as we could so we could sell them to other children at school for 50p to raise money for Fairtrade. The heart shape represented our care and support for Fairtrade farmers to enable them to have a fair living wage for the products they grow. We asked the children to consider giving the heart to someone they care about on Valentine's Day.

Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 had a great time making the hearts following a Fairtrade recipe and using Fairtrade sugar, vanilla and honey. We made over 400 hearts which we decorated with a red ribbon and packaged in paper bags to look after the environment. The sale was run by our very organised and keen Fairtrade Committee. It was a huge success and we are very grateful for everyone's support. Thank you!

The KS1 children raised around £200 from their gingerbread hearts! This is an amazing achievement for young children. The money will go to Traidcraft Exchange to support community projects for farmers.



STOP PRESS * FAIRTRADE CAKE SALE * FRIDAY MARCH 6TH @ 3:15PM



To round up Fairtrade Fortnight, the committee is holding a cake sale. We are asking for contributions of cakes that have been made using Fairtrade ingredients wherever possible. You will be able to find Fairtrade sugar, chocolate, cocoa, honey, bananas and spices in most supermarkets (including Lidl). Any ingredient sourced in the UK or Europe cannot be Fairtrade (flour, eggs, butter etc). Please bring in donations to the office on the Friday morning. You may even like to choose a recipe from our cookbook last year, but any recipe can be adapted accordingly. Many thanks for your support.

Clubs

Our first eco sale was very successful and we will continue to hold these on the last Friday of every month (term time only). Keep collecting bottles!

Sports Round-up

Waverley Abbey Friendly Games - 5/6 Girls

On Tuesday 11th Feb our year 5/6 girls played in two teams (A and B) in some friendly games against Waverley Abbey. Team B won a game and lost a game. Team A played only one game but lost to a very strong team. All girls played with resilience and determination, in what were very cold conditions.

Roller Hockey Tournament

Three St Peter's teams took part in a fun roller hockey tournament in Camberley on 8th February. The children, who take part in the roller hockey sessions held at school, impressed us all with their proficiency on skates!



Mixed football tournament - Alton School

Alton School hosted a mixed football tournament on 6th February. There were 16 teams competing across 4 pools. Both our teams of Year 5 & 6 footballers came 2nd in their group, demonstrating some great teamwork between the boys and girls.

Farnham and District Swimming Gala February 13th

On Thursday February 13th, ten teams competed at The Farnham and District Swimming Gala. We took a team of 25 pupils who all swam brilliantly.

We were delighted (and quite surprised) to come away with two cups! We were placed 3rd overall, narrowly beating William Cobbett and we also won the cup for the most improved score from last year

This is the best result we've had at the Gala for a very long time. Very proud of the team and their determination.



Floorball tournament

Our floorball team took part in a tournament at Farnham Leisure Centre this month. They played brilliantly and worked really well as a team. A special well done to our year 4 and 5 players as most other teams were all year 6 players! They came 3rd out of 8 teams. A great result!

Around the school

In 3S we have been enjoying our reading, sharing and recommending books and favourite opening sentences. Our new bookcase monitors say, "It's great when our friends recommend books. We can't wait to read them!" Emilia and Dylan say "We love reading!"

