

## News from St Peter's School

In schools September is the new year. We establish expectations for the year ahead and welcome many new faces. Now, as we approach the end of October, new members of staff are feeling settled and children are well into their learning routines.

Some of the year groups have enjoyed class trips: Y1 visited Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Y2 enjoyed the excitement of the Brooklands Museum to support their learning on transport and Y5 enriched their learning on Space and the Planets with a trip to Winchester Science Museum. Then we have had class assemblies, cake sales and the annual book fair.

We have also been enjoying a successful run in local sports with the school football and netball teams only losing one of their matches so far this season. Last Saturday almost 70 children gathered in Farnham Park for the Farnham and Ash Schools Cross Country meet. This is a fantastic event bringing together many local families to support their children in what is both an inclusive yet very competitive mile run.

It was a joy for all of us to hold our first service at the church since it re-opened. Children's faces lit up as they entered the new doors to see the sun streaming in through the stained glass window. It felt different - yet familiar. Children sat on the floor which meant that we had no problem seating everyone and we can see that when the youngest children join us in December, we shall still fit in comfortably. Our service focused on FOOD and the stark differences between the affluent and poorer parts of the world. Children and adults were able to reflect on the inequalities which exist in God's world and the small things that each one of us can do to challenge this. Families donated non-perishable items to Farnham Food Bank and children have reflected on the fact that families in our town are really struggling to put food on the table. This is a good way for children to link into the local community.

Our Worship Committee has been out sharing ideas with other schools. Together with Waverly Abbey School, children on the committee visited Puttenham Infant School and met up with children from other infant schools to discuss the different types of worship and reflection that they experience in school. This is a great inter-school initiative which brings together like minded schools in the Diocese.

Following last year's church inspection and our RE Quality Mark, we have had a steady stream of leaders from other schools visiting to learn from our experiences and to observe our practice. The ability to support other schools is very positive for us and is an area which we shall continue to develop.

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