



# St Peter's Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Families,

Everyone at St Peter's wishes you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. It has been a very challenging term in many ways but the children have remained consistently brilliant. I appreciate that the Covid situation continues for many of you but I do hope you will all be able to have a special few days together over the Christmas period. Thank you to everyone who has played their part this term to keep our school running smoothly. Thank you to the reading volunteers and the drop off zone. We couldn't work without you.

## Covid symptoms or positive test result over the Christmas holidays – info from PHE:

Where a pupil, staff member or nursery child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Please alert us via [info@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk)

## Sports Crew Training



On the 7<sup>th</sup> of December year 6 sports crew took part in a training session which improved their

leadership skills. We learnt what SMILES stood for and how we could apply it in our school -Safe, Maximum participation, Inclusive, Learning, Enjoyment and Success. We played lots of interesting games some of which taught us how to get into even groups. In addition, we came up with our top 3 rules for making a fair competition. Everyone really enjoyed it and we definitely learnt some great tips and want to improve sports for everyone.

By Isobel and Joe (members of the sports crew)

## SPIRITED ART COMPETITION 2020



We were thrilled to learn that we were winners in one of the categories for the National (in fact international) Spirited Art Competition. The competition is open to pupils from age 4- 19. Our Y2 KEYWORKERS' BUBBLE won the **Where's God?** category! Mrs Edmonds and Mrs Curry came up with the idea of doing a version of Where's Wally? Children created crosses from different materials and then hid them around the school in unexpected places to symbolise that God is there when you least expect Him, or God is everywhere. This really engaged the children (as you can see) and won them first prize in a national competition. This also works well for our Artsmark Award and of course our SIAMS

inspection. We were allowed to submit 10 entries from across the school - these pupils all received Highly Commended certificates. The following copy is lifted from the NATRE website. Note: 65,000 entries!



*We were delighted to hear from pupils, parents and teachers how much everyone enjoyed working on their entries. Many pupils amazed their parents with what they produced and had lots of big conversations at home about their understanding of a variety of religious and non-religious worldviews, and the world around them.*

*There were 5 themes this year, all attracting very large numbers of entries – none more so than ‘God’s Good Earth’, which had such a high volume of excellent work that we found it extremely difficult to pick our winners. This theme really showed the passion that young people have for protecting our environment. Our future is in very safe hands! We estimate that over a staggering 65,000 children and young people took part in the competition, and we would like to thank them all, and their teachers and parents for the insight, hard work and spiritual thinking that went on.*



### Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Reindeer Run

What a fantastic effort from all the children! With Christmas music to send them on their way, they ran in the drizzle wearing their hats and antlers. There was a lot of laughter and a lot of mud! But what a great way for children to be able to contribute tangibly to needs in the local community. The Hospice has collected the envelopes and will let us know the total after Christmas. Thank you to all of our families for generously supporting this worthwhile cause.



### Farnham Signposts

We are so grateful to the Farnham Signposts team for sending out two recorded performances of their Christmas assemblies - one for each key stage. All pupils have enjoyed the assemblies which give both an entertaining and accessible presentation of the Christmas story and its meaning. Volunteers put so much work into these performances which are both interactive and reflective and add an extra dimension to the curriculum RE. Your child may be able to tell you about it.



### French Penpals

All children in Y4/Y5/Y6 have now posted their first letter to France. We are working with three different schools in France.

4H were delighted to receive cards from the school near Lyon. We hope to be able to link electronically at some point this year.



### **Voluntary one-way system**

Please be very aware of our neighbours, do not block their drives or use them as turning points. We encourage our parents to try to use a voluntary one-way system in Little Green Lane, if you do meet a car going in the opposite direction, the Highway Code is still to be followed!



Our Year 6 Sports Crew celebrating a win in the Farnham Fitness Challenge. Great work!

### **#ROAR2020**

Last week our school was brilliantly represented by our year 6 #ROAR20 team! The project is run each year for KS2 and they are invited to invent a world changing idea. The winners have their idea turned into a book and maybe the product will be



built. Our team invented a great App to keep you healthy with clues posted around your town and a QR Code to show that you have completed each activity at the stations. Our team won the Best Poster in our region. They had a great morning online with the other schools. The event was supported by The Lions and run by 7BillionIdeas. Well done girls in 6D!

### **Keeping children safe**

#### **Morning Drop Off**

Please can all drivers take special care to slow right down at the drop off. Many people are crossing at this busy time.

Also, parents please ensure your child does not walk on the curb or in the road. We see many children running ahead and stepping in the road.