



St Peter's Newsletter

July 2021

Dear Families,

We all wish you a restful and enjoyable Summer holiday and hope you get to spend important time with your family and friends. The staff are also looking forward to a time of rest and time with their families. We sadly say goodbye to some staff members. Mrs Skingley has been with us for 10 years and has been a very crucial part of our front of house team and Admin team. We will miss her tremendously but wish her well in her next adventure. We say goodbye to Mrs Potter, who is starting her teacher training in September. She will be a fabulous teacher and we wish her all the best in her studies and training. We bid a farewell to Mrs Childs, Year one TA, who will be taking up another TA position in her daughter's school. We also said thank you to Mrs Beesley, our school librarian of 20 years. She has inspired the children over the years to have a love of books and has always kept the library stocked with best sellers and new authors. We will miss her skills and passion, but we are pleased to be welcoming our new librarian Mrs Buckland who is equally passionate about books and exciting children to read. We are welcoming Mrs Broos into our Admin Team in September. We are also welcoming new Teaching Assistants Mrs Rapley, Mrs Black and Mrs Brice and a new classroom Care Assistant, Mrs Smith. Mrs Freemantle joins our Green Shoots Nursery as a Nurse Assistant. Green Shoots say farewell to Mrs Janckson however she will be joining the BASE Team in September. We wish Miss Jackson all the best for the start of her maternity leave

Thank you all for your continued support through a challenging year. We have yet to receive September's guidance from the Government but when we do, we will communicate this with you. In the meantime, please enjoy the weather and your holidays.

New website for parents to help their children catch-up

The Department for Education has launched an information site for parents, to support children of all age ranges and abilities catch up on lost learning from the pandemic. The site features advice and support for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as programmes, resources and activities for children and young people this summer.

Farnham Museum

A full Summer of learning and fun in July and August. Go to museumoffarnham.com for full details.

Request for Leave of absence forms

Please remember to complete this form and send to the school office, for any request for leave of absence.

<https://www.stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=4068&type=pdf>

Charity Day

Wow! We are still counting but it looks as though the children raised almost £800. It was a fantastic afternoon and it seems that people went that extra mile after the 18 months we've just had! Some of the children who were out of school

(isolating) organised their own fund raising from home and sent in their donations. Thank you so much to all of our wonderful families for supporting the children to become caring entrepreneurs. The money raised will be split between: Support Dogs and Children with Cancer UK.



British Council International Award

We have just heard today that our submission for reaccreditation for the International Schools Award has been approved. During Covid times it has been very challenging to find additional activities and projects which meet the requirements and schools were given the option to delay for a further year. However, we have three very proactive French schools who ducked and dived around each country's respective

lockdowns, enabling us to continue our communications virtually. We also have a good link with a school in Yokohama, Japan. Our attempt to link with a school in Sudan did not materialise- again due to global circumstances.

" St. Peters C of E Primary School has successfully met the criteria for International School Award Reaccreditation. It is clear to see that your school continues to build and embed a real global learning ethos which is reflected in and informing long-term planning and policy - supported by a range of on-going international activities. This impact evaluation is supported by some very interesting school based activities with evidence of joint working between the UK and partner schools to bring collaborative global learning into the day -to-day curriculum, teaching and learning practice across the school. You have gained other accreditation such as Fair Trade Status and Eco Award and the community is actively involved with the pupils' global journey." British Council Assessor.

Green Flag

We have also managed to retain our prestigious Green Flag in recognition of our Eco focused learning, which is embedded across the school. We are currently looking at our curriculum to see where we can introduce further learning around climate change and the global environment. This year, the Fairtrade Fortnight also focused on climate change, as did the Christian Aid week message. It is great when everything starts to join up.

None of this happens without careful planning and a willingness from staff to create stimulating learning opportunities. The lockdown learning continued with the curriculum and as such, we have been able to provide evidence to show to assessors.