



# St Peter's Newsletter

2nd July 2021

Dear Parents

With only 2.5 weeks of this term left we have so many busy and exciting days ahead planned. I do hope everyone's energy levels can sustain as we enter the home straight. Next week, Year 6 are looking forward to their PGL trip to Osmington Bay – they so deserve this time together to end their Primary School years and we are looking forward to sharing this week with them. Meanwhile other trips and visitors are planned for other classes and the children will be panning their Charity Day stall. If you are a new family, don't worry you will soon hear about our amazing Charity Day! Every year it never ceases to amaze us how much money the children can raise. More information will come home via the classes. It is completely self-generated by the children and all the staff are on the field spending their money on all the yummy food treats and activities – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Also to look forward to is the Year 6 Lion King show which will be performed to each bubble in the penultimate week. The final performance will be filmed so the families can enjoy it in a Covid friendly way. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> in the morning children will meet their new teacher for next year and spend time in their new classroom. We are not saying goodbye to any teachers this year so each teacher will be familiar to the children. Parents will receive the new class lists on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July along with your child's school report.

## **School uniform**

We pride ourselves in the fact that children look so smart and enjoy wearing their school uniform. Thank you again for respecting our no earrings policy. I also need to remind parents that school shoes must be worn until the end of term. There are some older children who are pushing the boundaries by wearing trainers all day and saying they have grown out of their shoes. Whilst we appreciate there is nothing worse having to buy new shoes at the end of a term, we must ask you to respect the uniform code. It is possible to buy cheap shoes on ebay to see you through. Thank you for your support.

## **Young Carers Club**

At St Peter's we support children who are Young Carers. They regularly meet up and have fun with games and crafts. It is a time for them to share any concerns and to support each other. This week they had a fun games afternoon where they invited along their friends to join the club. The new equipment that they get to play with was paid for by Waitrose and partners. We are so grateful to have received their contribution.

Mrs Pointon, our Home School Link Worker (HSLW) runs the club. If your child is a Young Carer and you think we might not know then please contact the school office so we can connect with you.

## Tree Planting



This week we had a lovely after school session where families joined staff and children to plant 3 special trees and many bedding plants to create a 'Be with nature' garden. The trees were chosen to particularly attract bees and butterflies. Within The Orchard, there is a large 'bug hotel', made by our children and lots of apple, pear and plum trees. Our aim was to encourage as much wildlife and insets as possible. We wanted to create a special community area in our school garden where children and families can sit and enjoy nature and maybe spend time thinking of loved ones that they have lost. During the school day children will be welcome to sit quietly on the new benches amongst the orchard and chat with friends or spend time quietly alone. We would like to say thank you to families for their generous pledgees and to Mr Cornwell who was the inspiration behind the idea. As from next Monday The Orchard will be open for children to use at breaktimes and lunchtime, offering a quiet space to enjoy, appreciate and be with nature.

## **Creation Pause Day**

Today across the school, all year groups have been focused on learning about creation. There has been a wonderful atmosphere with a lot of dance, music, art and drama. Younger children become familiar with the Christian story of Creation, while as pupils move up the school, they

learn about links with creation stories from other major faiths. In Y5 and Y6 the focus is: Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary? In this way, the RE programme allows pupils to ask big questions, listen to other's views and beliefs and begin to form their own thoughts.



## **Visitors to School**

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been very fortunate to have arranged visits from both a rabbi and a headmaster from a Sikh school. Both visits gave pupils a fascinating first hand insight into the beliefs and practices of the respective Jewish and Sikh religions. Next week, we are looking forward to a visit to help us understand the Muslim faith. These visits support our RE curriculum but also enable pupils to ask questions and appreciate the multi-faith society of modern Britain. While Christianity counts for 66% of our RE curriculum, throughout their time at St Peter's, all pupils will have covered aspects of: Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism.



### **French online meetings**

While all of our Y6 pupils met their French penpals, on French day, Y5 and one of our Y4 classes have now also had that experience. It is exciting to meet the children on line and to be able to use the French taught in school to communicate. The first thing our pupils say is: Why don't they wear uniform and why are they wearing masks? The first thing the French children ask is: Why are they all wearing the same clothes and why aren't they wearing masks? !



### **Charity Day - 16<sup>th</sup> July**

We are hoping to be able to run a full charity day run by the children on the field. We are planning how to do this within C-19 restrictions but charities have lost out this year, so we feel it's really important that we make this happen. More details to come.

### **Phylis Tuckwell Reindeer Run - WOW!**

Only seven months late! But we've just been told that we raised an amazing £ 5697! This smashed all our previous fundraising efforts. That's the target for next Christmas.

### **WasteBusters Cookbook 2021**

Great news – we have winners in school from the national Waste Week competition. Sophie and Abbie Halsall's recipes made it to the cookbook.

### **Waverley employers - please tell us about housing needs**

If you run or own a business/organisation in the borough, we would like to hear your views on local housing need.

We have been told that businesses are finding it difficult to recruit staff, because high house prices mean people employed in certain job roles cannot afford to live here. This not only affects the success of individual businesses but also has an impact on the economic and social wellbeing of the Borough. Please complete our survey to tell us what your staff require. This will help us plan for the future.

The survey only takes a couple of minutes. It will close on 2 July and we will publish the results in a future newsletter.

[You can complete the survey here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=60VGC0pQdEiwjB1R-YCUhu1leEOfJBBOt2V5TatAPnhUMEQ4WjJGUzNZSUFDWExBQUJFREVOUJMWi4u)

Or [link](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=60VGC0pQdEiwjB1R-YCUhu1leEOfJBBOt2V5TatAPnhUMEQ4WjJGUzNZSUFDWExBQUJFREVOUJMWi4u) - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=60VGC0pQdEiwjB1R-YCUhu1leEOfJBBOt2V5TatAPnhUMEQ4WjJGUzNZSUFDWExBQUJFREVOUJMWi4u>

Thank you for your help in this.

Regards

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