



Dear Parents,

December 2016

May I say a huge thank you to the PTFA for organising such a fantastic Christmas Fair. It really was so successful and a great deal of fun for the children, families and staff. The school really appreciate all the hard work you put into the planning and preparation and all the time that is given to set up and tidy up. A huge thank you to Father Christmas for giving us his time at such a busy period. It was a wonderful success and we are really grateful for all your hard work. An amazing £4,266.32 was raised.

Best regards  
Sarah Dunning

**We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

### **Mr Sturgess**

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to our wonderful caretaker - Mick Sturgess - as he retires after 25 years of fantastic service to our school. He is a legend and has left a place in everyone's hearts that has worked or attend St Peter's School. We have a few celebrations planned for him and will ensure that he knows how much we value him and how much he will be missed.

### **St Peter's Church**

Please follow this link for full details of all the Services over the Christmas period

<http://cofewrecclisham.org.uk/2016/11/december-2016-services/>

### **Swimming Gala for KS2 children**

If your child is a club swimmer or a competent swimmer and they would like to trial for the inter-schools swimming gala, please see the letter dated December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Forest School**

We have decided to change the programme for Forest School sessions. Starting next term, each class will have one curriculum based session and one pure Forest School Skills session per term. This means that every child in the school will experience outdoor learning in the wooded area at least six times a year. You will be advised when it is your child's turn. Most children really enjoy this hands-on learning; they work collaboratively and learn to think out of the box and take risks.

### **Church Service**

The School Advent Service on November 29<sup>th</sup> was the first time that the whole school has visited the church since its refurbishment. It was an uplifting occasion as we had Mr Smith playing the organ and the words to the hymns were projected on the church's new overhead screen. The children loved the comfort of the heated floor on a cold winter's morning. We look forward to many whole school celebrations at the church in the future.

### **Ghana Club**

**Believe Achieve Succeed**

Mrs Curry has started her Ghana School club and children are learning more about life for children at the charity school. Next term we hope to organise a fundraiser for the school as work on their new concrete building has started but can only move at the pace that the bricks come in!

### **Sport**

Two teams of Y5 and Y6 boys played friendlies against Waverly Abbey B and C teams. We won both matches and enjoyed the event which gave a wider pool of children the opportunity to play against another school.

### **Reception Applications for September 2017**

Surrey County Council has asked us to remind parents that the closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2017 entry is **15 January 2017**.

We especially welcome online applications, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

### **Head lice**

Over this festive period, please check your child for head lice. If you find any, please treat them, not a present each but a bottle of Hedrin (other makes are available) between them will do it! Then after treatment thoroughly comb their hair with a nit comb. And keep checking for the next 7-10 days using plenty of conditioner and the nit comb.

### **Key Stage One Christmas Performance**

*Welcome to our story, it's one that you might know,  
It happened once upon a time, two thousand years ago!  
It happened in a stable, which wasn't very clean,  
Who could guess that it would be the greatest party ever seen!*

Last week the children in Years 1 and 2 performed their Christmas Play "It's a Party!" to big audiences. We are very proud of all the children who spoke clearly, sang enthusiastically and took us on a bumpy journey to remind of us why we celebrate Christmas.

*The shepherds and the wise men got their invites and they came,  
To see the new born baby King, today it's just the same!  
The invite's there for everyone to come and meet the king!  
He loves us all and that gives us a great excuse to sing.*

### **KS2 Carol Service**

Many thanks to the many families who joined us for the annual St Peter's School Carol Service at the church. It was a short but uplifting service which brought the Christmas story alive through readings and poems. The school band goes from strength to strength with children becoming increasingly competent and skilled. This year the children were able to accompany most of the carols. We also enjoyed the solo by Olivia Lardner who sang beautifully. We were privileged to have Mr Smith on the organ which really helped to raise the roof! Everyone was impressed with the new layout in the church and the

overhead projector meant we didn't need to print off so many song sheets. We are so grateful to have such a warm and welcoming group of parishioners who give their time to prepare the church for us. It was disappointing that many children were unable to attend as it is a special part of our school calendar. I hope we will see more children there next year.

**\*Collections after various Christmas services raised £313.13 for The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice – thank you\***

### **Drop-off zone**

Please remember to drop your child quickly in the drop off zone as traffic builds up very quickly. There is a member of staff on the playground each morning from 8:30. No children, unless they go to BASE, should be on the premises before that time. Many thanks.

### **Safety**

One of our neighbours came to the office in a very distressed state, due to the fact that she had a very near miss with two of our pupils. She drove out of her property, very carefully, but two children sprinted across in front of her. Please keep your children safe on their journey to and from school.

### **Choir and some Y6 visit to Ashton Manor**

On Tuesday we went to Ashton Manor to sing to the residents. Our voices sounded beautiful, especially in Silent Night, which put many people into a nice, relaxing sleep. We sang many Carols from Jingle Bells to Hark! The Herald Angels, all making everyone listening, smile, memories filling their hearts. As a reward, we all received a slice of Swiss roll, we all enjoyed this. Then we left, feeling proud and chocolatey.

Melissa O

### **Healthy School**

Please follow the link below for some new/interesting ideas and tips for healthier lunchboxes

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/healthier-lunchboxes>

**May I take this opportunity to wish all members of our school family and community a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.**



## **Surrey County Council Fostering Service**

You may be interested to know that there are over 880 children in care in Surrey. Around 40% of them are placed outside of Surrey because we haven't got enough foster carers. We are looking for foster carers for children aged 0-18, for supported lodgings providers for young people aged 16-21, and Short Breaks carers for disabled children. Whether you are married or single, male or female, are straight or gay, do or don't have your own children, rent or own your home, work or don't work, we would love to hear from you.

### **Meet our foster carers at cafes around Surrey**

You might enjoy having an informal chat with foster carers about what it's like to foster with us. We are very grateful to the cafes that have agreed to let our foster carers have a table on a monthly basis at the following: All Things Nice in Ewell, Leatherhead Youth Project in Leatherhead, Hothouse Cafe in Cobham, Bread and Roses in Addlestone, Bill's in Woking, Patisserie Valerie in Camberley, and West Central in Redhill, with more venues to come. To find out the dates and times, please visit <http://bit.ly/2d9zjpc>. You can simply drop in to the cafes at any point during the advertised times to chat with the foster carers.

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### **Book a home visit to chat to us about fostering**

Why not give our friendly Fran a call on 0800 0969 626 or email [fostering.recruitment@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:fostering.recruitment@surreycc.gov.uk) to book a home visit? We can book a time that suits you on Monday to Friday, between 9am and 9pm. There's no obligation to take your enquiry further if you decide after talking to us that fostering isn't for you at this time.

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### **Follow us on social media**

We regularly update our Facebook and Twitter accounts, so this is a good way to keep up to date with us. 'Like' us on Facebook at [facebook.com/surreyfostering](https://www.facebook.com/surreyfostering) and follow us on Twitter @surreyfostering. We appreciate Facebook shares and retweets, as it helps to spread the fostering message.

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