



# St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

February 2017




We are pleased to announce that our school has recently been awarded the ability to retain our Bronze Healthy Schools Status. Our leader of Learning For Life, Mrs Hill, submitted a healthy school review which included: ensuring that our school prioritise the wellbeing and physical health of our children, we stand up against bullying, we have a very clear curriculum which covers Relationships and sex Education (RSE); Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Education including Smoke Free; that we have effective Safeguarding/Child Protection; we have good provision for Special Educational Needs including medical needs; we promote healthy eating, safe travel to school and the list goes on! It was a great deal of work, however, they are all such important aspects of our children's education. Thank you Mrs Hill for co-ordinating all the information in order to retain our status.

As you know we are always encouraging our children to be independent both as learners and as they organise themselves. Please can parents not come into the school building at drop off unless they have a prior arranged meeting. Our school community is large and we want to keep the corridor spaces solely for children and staff as they get organised for the start of each day. Thank you for your co-operation.




Please remember that school finishes at 3.15pm every day. Please ensure your child is collected on time. Staff cannot be responsible for your child after 3.15pm as they have meetings to go to and work to complete. Of course, in emergencies we understand that things are unavoidable and we will support you – that goes without saying. Children cannot be left in the playground and the office do not have the capacity or supervision capacity for late collection. Thank you for supporting us to run an efficient school. Children are welcome to walk home on their own. After much discussion we have decided as a school that the age in which children walk home alone (or with siblings) is entirely at the discretion of the parent. You know your children well and how they would cope with this responsibility.

Our school target for attendance is 97%. Well done to all the classes below who have had super attendance. We appreciate there has been much illness about our community recently but we are still receiving a high number of requests for authorised absence during school time. Time off will not be authorised unless it is an exceptional circumstance agreed by the Head Teacher and governing body.

### Attendance chart for 97%

<b>EYFS: Tadpoles</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	
<b>EYFS: Caterpillars</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	
<b>IJW</b>	<b>90.3%</b>	
<b>IAP</b>	<b>93.3%</b>	
<b>2VB</b>	<b>97.8%</b>	

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<b>2RH</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	
<b>3AB</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	
<b>3CA</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	
<b>4JE</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	
<b>4WM</b>	<b>98.2%</b>	
<b>5ED</b>	<b>95.3%</b>	
<b>5TS</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	
<b>6TB</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	
<b>6PG</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	

Best regards  
Sarah Dunning

### **Spring Concert Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 6pm – 7pm in the school hall**

Come along and hear our school orchestra, young voices, guitar ensemble and soloists as they perform in our Spring concert. There will be a retiring collection for charity. We hope to see you there! Children in those groups are highly encouraged to participate to show off everything they have been practising. Soloists will be invited personally. Please wear school uniform.

### **Parent Concerns**

From time to time children seem to fall out with their best friends! This can sometimes manifest itself with unkind words which are then retracted and all is well again. However, there are occasions when a friendship seems to lose all positivity. If you are concerned about a friendship situation, after discussing with your child to find out the facts, please mention your concerns to your child's teacher who can monitor the situation in school.

Things are not always as they may seem. As a school, we would ask you not to tackle your child's friend directly and suggest that it tends not to be good practice to take your grievance to the other child's parents as this can often complicate the situation further as neither adult has the full picture.

### **Office**

As of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March there will be two black (lift the lid) post boxes mounted on the walls near the main entrance to school. One is labelled 'PTFA' and one is labelled 'School'.

They have been placed here for your convenience. Any paperwork that is due to be returned to the school office e.g. Permission slips, trip payments etc, please post here.

Our preferred method of payment is via Scopay but should you be paying by cash to either the school or PTFA, please ensure you place it in the box inside a clearly named and sealed envelope.

### **Year 3 Sandwich workshop**

At the sandwich workshop we made our own sandwiches. We had lots to choose from, white or brown bread, ham or cheese and others. The Warburtons' team helped us learn about healthy meals. Before we made our sandwiches we washed our hands with soap and water and we couldn't touch anything...

By Scarlett Glover

### **Sainsbury's**

Please get collecting, don't forget to remind friends and relatives, Active Kids vouchers. Available from now until mid-May.

## Sports

### St Peter's success in County Finals – Dodgeball

Earlier in the month we took two mixed teams from Y5/Y6 over to Ash Manor School to compete in the Farnham Schools dodgeball tournament. It was an exciting event and in spite of never having played before, our teams came out 1st and 3rd! This meant that one team went through to the County Finals at Surrey Sports Centre. This took place last Thursday. Dodgeball is a fast game with quite a few rules and requires the players to think quickly and use a variety of strategies. There were 12 schools in the tournament, coming from all over the county. We were delighted to get through to the semi-finals, ending up in 4th place overall. Well done to all the players from both tournaments.



### Farnham and District Swimming Gala



There were 11 schools participating which meant there were two heats for each race. St Peter's team of 28 swimmers performed brilliantly in the gala and were placed 4th overall (and apparently only missed 3rd place by one point)! This is a very impressive result particularly as we do not have many children who swim in teams outside school. A fantastic performance by all of our children.

## Athletics



On Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 10 girls and 10 boys from year 5 and 6 entered an athletics competition (Sportshall) at Weydon. We were up against 4 other schools: Waverley Abbey, Rowledge, St Polycarps and Walsh in a variety of 12 track and field events: triple jump, vertical jump, soft javelin, 1 lap relay, 6 lap and more. Amazingly we had a lot of winners in separate events and, as a result, we came home with a terrific event win! We are now moving on to the county athletics final. Well done team! Molly – Sports Captain

## Lunchboxes

Some children are repeatedly leaving lunchboxes on the trolleys at the end of the school day. There are two issues here:

1. There is not enough space for all the children's lunchboxes so some end up on the floor.
2. Food is left to rot which creates very unpleasant smells, mouldy food is stored next to fresh food and potentially, there is the risk of vermin.

Before the half term break, the school did take the decision to throw out lunch boxes which contained putrid and unrecognizable remnants of food and drink. Please can you support your child to take responsibility for taking home their lunchboxes at the end of the day - this is another step towards independence. Also, please send lunches in a re-usable container rather than a plastic bag so at least food is sealed. This also supports our Eco-warrior campaign.

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## **Fairtrade Fortnight (February 27th - March 12th)**

We are launching into Fairtrade learning over the next two weeks. This year we need to submit further evidence to retain our Fairtrade Achiever Award. There are several events planned one of which is the children's sale on Friday 10th March. We are asking children to bring in a food item which is either Fair trade or something they have made using Fairtrade ingredients wherever possible. As well as a whole host of ingredients you will find that sugar and cocoa for cake making are readily available in all supermarkets.



## **Be Food Smart – Change for Life**

We are all eating too much sugar, saturated fat and salt. Our everyday food and drink can contain surprisingly high amounts, meaning most of us are eating more than we realise.

Children consume nearly three times more sugar than the maximum daily limit. A can of cola contains 9 cubes of sugar. The maximum daily amount is five cubes for children aged 4 to 6, and six cubes for children aged 7 to 10.

While children might seem fine on the outside, too much sugar and saturated fat can lead to the build-up of harmful fat on the inside, which can cause serious disease in the future.

Children in EYFS and KSI will be coming home with a 'How food smart are you?' pack which include details of how you can download the free Be Food Smart app. Alternatively visit <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/be-food-smart> for details on how to help your children become food smart and make informed choices for their healthy future.

## **UCC Future Leaders Ghana**

Our dress up in Ghana flag colours for World Book Day was a huge success. Children explored the class book through Art and have created some wonderful results. Thank you for the donations which have raised £350! This will be forwarded to the Ghanaian school's building fund.

We shall keep you posted.

## **Cookery/Forest School Survey**

Thank you so much for all the positive comments relating to these exciting areas of our curriculum. We had a huge response and it is clear that parents really value these areas which broaden their children's learning experience. We shall use the feedback to enhance this provision further.

## **Prayer Group**

The prayer group continues to meet monthly to pray for the school. Anyone is welcome to join us. Forthcoming meeting is on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 8:50am in the small room adjoining the music room. For more information contact Kathryn Beesley on 724366.

## **School Route Audit**

Following the School Route Audit our Eco representatives carried out in January, with the support of Janey from Living Streets, the report has just been completed. If you are interested in reading our findings, please look on the Latest News section of the school website. This report will also be submitted to Surrey County Council. Let's hope it results in some improvements with our routes into school!

## **Sail Shade Project**

All the staff and children would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTFA for funding our latest outdoor project. Installation of a new Sail Shade was completed on Tuesday and is adjacent to the trim trail. This new structure will provide a large area of shade during the hot summer months, which hopefully aren't too far away. The area will be used for outdoors lessons, at playtimes and as a shaded area for the children to eat their lunch when the weather permits.

