

Dear Parents,

May I wish you all a restful holiday as you spend time with your families and friends. Thank you for all your support this year to help us give the best education we can to your children. I would like to thank all our staff for their continuous hard work and dedication to our school. Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers that give up their valuable time to help with trips, readers, drop off zone, gardening and workshops and much more.

I have seen a pleasing increase in attendance this year and a drop in the number of families who are taking holidays in term time. Our target remains at 97% and we have achieved 96.8%. I appreciate that in order to get 100% attendance there is an element of 'luck' involved as to whether your child picks up a sickness bug or not. I continue to encourage the children to eat healthily and take regular exercise to create a healthy body and mind.

There is lots to celebrate in this newsletter so please enjoy. Encouraging children with their music is my passion and I have been very proud of the school orchestra this year reaching a high standard. The majority are in year 6 so I will be saying goodbye to a great deal of talent. However, we have younger children in the wings who will keep music alive at our school. The recent piano tea was a fantastic, relaxed event whereby every school piano pupil performed to a large audience. Thank you to all the parents who brought along cakes to sell and we raised £81.75 for our link Ghana school.

We are proud of our Year 6 pupils and the SATS results that they have all achieved. This data will be published on our website in September as some of the papers have been returned to be remarked and the scores may alter. We are above national averages. The SATS results are published to parents (within the school report) as 'meeting expected standard' or 'not met'. When a child achieves a higher score which gives them 'greater depth' this is, unfortunately, not printed on the standard report.

We look forward to welcoming you all back and our new families on Tuesday 5th September at 8.40am. Happy holidays!









Best regards
Sarah Dunning

Get Space Event

On the 4th July, a group of children went to Broadwater School in Godalming to attend a conference event about space. It was a thrilling day, starting with a talk about living in space by Dr Helen Sharman, the first UK astronaut. There were activities to enjoy throughout the day such as launching water rockets, and sun gazing. The children learnt from other speakers about the sun and other space industries. It was a really interesting and inspiring day for all!

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Attendance chart for 97%

EYFS: Caterpillars	95.1%	
EYFS: Tadpoles	97.1%	
1AP	96.8%	
1JW	96.2%	
2VB	98.8%	
2JW	96.1%	
3CA	98.1%	
3AB	96.4%	
4WM	97.8%	
4JE	97.5%	
5ED	98.2%	
5TS	98.7%	
6BT	96.3%	
6PG	97.6%	

School lunches

Please note that as of September 2017, school lunches are to increase to £2.25 per day. These charges are set by Surrey County Council.

Unusual Planter Competition

Thank you for all your entries to the Unusual Planter Competition. The Lion's judges were extremely impressed by the imagination and creativity used in all entries. They also said that 'It was the best school garden they had visited.'

District Sports 10th July 2017

Twelve schools competed in the Farnham and District Annual Athletics Meet at the Guildford Stadium last week. Although not winning a cup, St Peter's team secured its best ever performance managing to reach many of the finals. The competition was stiff as there were many club runners competing but all of St Peter's children gave everything they had in sweltering heat. Stand out performances were:

Molly O'Connor (1st Y6 Girls' Sprint), Tom Wattenbach (1st Y3 boys' Sprint), Y6 Girls' Relay (2nd), Mia Hilton (3rd Y3 Girls' Sprint) and Joshua Sly (3rd Y4 Boys' Sprint).



A big thank you to Ms Dawson, Mrs Usher and Mrs Potter who have run a very popular Athletics Club over the Summer Term. Their enthusiasm has certainly rubbed off on the children.

We are very grateful to Mr Stamp who has taken some stunning photographs of the event. These will be uploaded to the website over the next couple of days – please take a look at some of our athletes in action. Younger children might like to look and see what they can aspire to.

St Peter's Pupils selected for County Athletics

Three Y6 pupils spent the day at the County Athletics meet in Reigate last week. The children were selected by Surrey Sports based on their performance in an indoor athletics meet back in the Spring.

Eben, Molly and Summer competed in a mixed team alongside children from other Farnham Schools. All children had to run 600m, 75m sprint and jump. The Farnham team performed brilliantly coming 6th out of the 12 competing regional teams.

Women's World Lacrosse Championships 2017

What an amazing opportunity! As a result of our commitment to The Daily Mile and our enthusiasm to trial Lacrosse workshops, we were invited to participate in the Opening Ceremony of the Women's World Cup, held at Surrey Sports Park on 12th July. The event was attended by Princess Anne, the patron of British Lacrosse. It was an occasion that the children (and adults) will never forget. Our 66 Y5 children ran into the Stadium waving international flags and formed a tunnel to welcome the teams as they entered. Teams from 25 countries were represented and St Peter's children cheered them as they paraded to their seats waving the flag of their home country. Many of children 'high fived' the players as they marched past – as excited to see the children as we were to be part of the event.

After the parade St Peter's children joined Farnham Rock Choir to perform a dance to the ELO song: *All around the World*. The song boomed out across the stadium while the crowd in the spectators' stand cheered. It was like a mini- Olympics. Once the performance was over, the children returned to the spectators' stand where they had tickets for the opening match: England v Wales.

It was a long afternoon as we had to arrive for two hours of rehearsals with the rest of the performers. Children returned to school at 8.30 - exhausted - but full of excitement and enthusiasm for Lacrosse. As well as being totally absorbed as heroes for the day, the children experienced being part of an international event alongside people from all over the world. They also heard the judges and Lacrosse officials swear their oaths to host a fair tournament and stood up for the national anthems- what better way to feel part of a British and Global community!

The whole ceremony was streamed live (except for our dance- which we recorded) and you can see the children and get a feel for the atmosphere by following this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sB2rquFz_uc



Charity Day – wow! £847!!!

What an amazing amount of money! Again, the children surpassed themselves raising more money than they've ever done before. The sum will be shared between two charities chosen by the children: Guide Dogs for the Blind and Marie Curie Cancer Care. Staff really look forward to Children's Charity Day. The children take over for the afternoon -organising and running stalls of their choice. Stalls include sports challenges, nail bars, cakes, iced drinks, popcorn, toys, books and whole variety of puzzles and guessing games. It is wonderful to see the older children supporting the infants with their money and to watch staff members having their nails painted! Charity Afternoon really embraces St Peter's Christian ethos and the three school values: Courage, Inclusiveness and Active Citizenship.



Muslim Visitors

Last week we welcomed five local Muslim ladies who presented aspects of their faith to the children in Y2 and Y5. Both these year groups study Islam in RE during the summer term. The presentations had been prepared to match the area of study for each year group and gave a really good context for what the children have been learning in class.

Children had prepared questions and were really interested to learn first-hand about Muslim prayer and rituals. In fact there were so many questions that we ran out of time! Children were interested to learn that one of the ladies had attended a local church school here in Farnham, which prompted questions about attending a church school while practising another faith. In Y5 the ladies were open to a question about terrorism in the world today. It was a really productive morning with lots of discussion and positivity. We are so grateful to the ladies for sparing the time to share their faith with the children.



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Maths Enrichment afternoon

At the end of June, some maths-keen children from years 5 and 6 went to South Farnham School for an event organised by the Surrey plus Maths Hub. The children enjoyed a challenging afternoon of mathematical problem solving. They worked in teams to solve a variety of problems in quiz format, such as a cross-number, and a problem-solving relay race. The standard of maths and analytical thought required was high and the children had a great, although exhausting, afternoon.

Enjoying the Harvest!

Parents will have seen all the wonderful produce grown in the school garden under Mrs Wetzel's guidance. We have had some delicious produce ranging from soft fruits, to peas, beetroot and beans. As the produce will not keep over the holidays, children from Y3 harvested everything they could find and it was served as a feast the following day - and what a feast it was! Staff were coming out of their classrooms to follow the aroma of baked garlic and braised broad beans! Yum!



Clubs for next year

We are busy arranging the Clubs programme for September. You will receive the list during the first week and children will be given the opportunity to sign up. We have some exciting clubs coming up including a Multi-Skills club (Y3/Y4) and a Floorball Club (Y4-Y6) both of which will be free. Parents have asked why we don't run Girls' Football – well from September Mrs Usher will be running a club for Y5/Y6. We just need enough girls to want to learn the game! We have a Rock Choir starting up for KS2 which we hope will tempt more boys to want to sing. There will also be some changes to the way we structure the Friday morning swimming – with one group being dedicated to Y4-Y6 non swimmers. Details will follow in September.