







# St. Peter's C of E Primary School

March 2017

Dear Parents,

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term and to all the parents who have volunteered in school. We really value your help. May we wish you a very restful and peaceful Easter break. We hope you enjoy reading all our news below. Happy Easter!

## Attendance chart for 97%

<b>EYFS: Caterpillars</b>	<b>96.1%</b>	
<b>EYFS: Tadpoles</b>	<b>96.9%</b>	
<b>1AP</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	
<b>1JW</b>	<b>95.1%</b>	
<b>2VB</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	
<b>2JW</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	
<b>3CA</b>	<b>93.4%</b>	
<b>3AB</b>	<b>97.6%</b>	
<b>4WM</b>	<b>96.9%</b>	
<b>4JE</b>	<b>97.8%</b>	
<b>5ED</b>	<b>98.5%</b>	
<b>5TS</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	
<b>6VB</b>	<b>98.4%</b>	
<b>6PG</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	

Best regards  
Sarah Dunning

Thank you for encouraging your children to respect the grassy areas around the school. We have some beautiful flowers emerging for everyone to enjoy.

### Year 4 Residential Visit

There is a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April at 3:30pm in the Hall about the Residential in May regarding all arrangements and what you can expect.

### Start of Term

School re-opens after the Easter break on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

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### **Morning Reading Scheme – can you spare 30 mins a week?**

We are hoping to find two more parents who would be able to spare 15 minutes on two mornings a week.

This would be to join our very successful Parent Reading Scheme which supports children who would benefit from reading to an adult to develop their fluency and comprehension. If you think you could spare this commitment, please contact Mrs Cook or Mrs Marshall via the office. Thank you

### **St Peter's School App**

We are very pleased to announce St Peter's School is now on an App!

This is a free download from your app store and will give you info on our:

- latest news
- newsletters
- gallery
- diary dates

and more in the future.

Please see [www.stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk/app](http://www.stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk/app) for info on how to download.

### **Post boxes**

There are two post boxes at the front of the school, one is for PTFA and one for school. Please do use these, even if you are sending in money, put it in a sealed envelope. They are locked, so nothing can go astray. They are also emptied before school closes so nothing is kept in them overnight.

### **Playground before school**

There is member of staff on duty before school from 8:30 until 8:40. Please remind your child that play equipment is not to be used before school. This is school policy.

### **Pause Day**

On Thursday, we came off curriculum for our annual Pause Day. The theme was 'witnesses' and focused on who saw what happened during Christ's last week on earth. Through drama, song and art children empathised with those close to Jesus and his enemies while reflecting on the true meaning of Easter. We had a reflection station (supported by members of our local parish) which enabled both adults and children to stop and think about what the Easter message means in our lives today.

### **Yr 3 Fishbourne visit**

This week we went to Fishbourne Roman Palace and learnt about Celts and Romans. It was funny when Max and Eva dressed up as Romans. We went to the workshop and the lady talked about the palace. After, we could make wool; write our names in Roman letters on wax tablets.

I went to the Roman kitchen and Mrs Afonso was the Head Servant. It was really hard to spin the wheel which ground the flour.

We went to see the mosaics and they were beautiful.

Mia Hilton, Matthew Lill, Jude Edwards, Eva Gillman. 3A

### **World Book Day – March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

This year we took a new approach to World Book Day. The whole school came off curriculum for part of the week to focus learning on a book set on African culture. Stories came from various African countries including: Kenya, Ghana, Morocco and S Africa. Although children produced some high quality writing during the week, the highlight was World Book Day itself which centred on using Art to access the learning. The outcomes were stunning with some impressive print work, detailed water colour paintings and jewellery making. Some of the work will be displayed in school in our new gallery area. This holistic approach meant that we were able to target several strands of learning at once: global issues, Fairtrade and Eco themes as well as working towards goals for our Arts Mark and International Award.

The Ghanaian themed World Book Day raised £350 – thank you. It has been sent to UCC Future Leaders and will go towards their new building which is in the early days of construction.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

We are about to reapply for our Fairtrade Achiever Award and Mrs Williams has been very busy collating all of the evidence of learning that has taken place across the school. Activities ranged from making chilli pancakes in Y1 to writing to our local MP, Jeremy Hunt to lobby him to encourage Waverley to become a Fairtrade Borough.



The week ended with a very successful Fairtrade cake stall which raised over £350. Children ran the stall and counted the money. There were some very creative cakes using Fairtrade ingredients. Thank you so much for supporting your children to participate. The money will go to Traidcraft Exchange – if you wish to find out more follow this link: <http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/fund-raising>



### **Fairtrade Competition**

The standards were extremely high making it very difficult to choose winners. We had 17 songs which had been composed and written by KS2 children. There is so much talent and enthusiasm for Fairtrade and equality. In KS1 children created some very eye-catching posters which convey strong messages and show how much they have taken on board about justice around the world.



### **Yr 2 Easter Workshop**

Last week Year 2 visited Guildford Cathedral.

We thought about the Easter Story and acted out different parts of the story. (Isobel and Amy)

We looked at crosses and decorated our own. (Prince)

We listened to sad and joyful music. (Amelie)

We wrote a Jelly Bean poem. We looked at the colours of jelly beans and wrote what each colour made us think of. (Florence)

### **Civil War Workshop Y4**

The English Civil War trip was amazing... At the museum we looked at some replica and some original objects from the Civil War... After that we went to Vernon House where King Charles stayed on his way to London. He left it as a thank you. We saw it in the museum. Then we went to The Maltings and did drama about the Cavaliers and Roundheads. It was really fun!

Amelie and Chloe

### **SPORT**

We have continued to have a really successful sporting record this year. St Peter's is definitely a big contender on the local and district sporting circuits and we have branched into more areas this year. Our achievements as a school should be a big incentive for younger children to want to represent the school.

### **District League Finals - Netball and Football**

Both netball and football teams performed amazingly well throughout the season and both succeeded in reaching the semi-finals. Bearing in mind 12 teams participated, the teams are to be congratulated for

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coming in 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. The football team was unlucky as they lost to a team they had beaten quite easily the previous week. But that's sport and we'll be back! Well done to all of the boys and girls who played in this league at various times. As well as winning lots of matches, they had great fun along the way and supported each other to develop their skills. The teams have really benefited from Luke Usher's positivity and skill as their coach.



### **Football's coming home!**

The Borelli cup has come back to St Peter's for the first time since 1968! It was a tough tournament and the boys played brilliantly in every game. They were strategic and skilful and demonstrated impressive team work throughout - beating Waverly Abbey in the final game. The Borelli Cup itself is part of Farnham's sporting history. It's been coveted since 1945. We celebrated in school with a Match of the Day serenade. What a way for the team to end their football careers at St Peter's!

(See Farnham Herald)

### **Yr 6 Yvonne Arnaud Theatre**

All of Year 6 travelled to the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford for a workshop on Macbeth. We split into classes and each did all the activities. Rob and Ellie started us with a warm up to get the class to work as a team and then as different teams within the team. Then we formed teams of 8 and made freeze frames from the play such as the witches; the battle; the kings' announcement. We elaborated on the frames and acted out short parts of the play.

After lunch we were given a tour of the theatre, front and backstage. The theatre has 587 seats and lots of lights, it is rounded so that everyone faces the stage, which can rotate. We then went up to the circle where we put actions to some scenes. We performed these to the group, it was very interesting to see how different people did different actions.

Excerpts from year 6 recounts

### **Unusual planter competition**



We are holding a gardening competition for all children in school. Each child will need to use their imagination to find an object to plant their flowers, herbs or vegetables in. They will plant either seeds or plants in their planter, at home. They can use anything from a margarine tub to the kitchen sink! Please let your imaginations run wild.

The competition will be judged at the end of June and it would be wonderful for all children to participate. A date will be given for children to bring their containers into school.

If you have any questions regarding this competition please don't hesitate to find Mrs Webzell.

### **Cross Country**

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March some of our most talented cross country runners competed in the Surrey Schools Championships in Reigate with over 600 other runners from the whole Surrey area. The course was 1.7km around the park and the competition was fierce. The fastest time recorded on the day was an incredible 6 minutes 7 seconds. The St Peters team was fantastic. Everybody ran amazingly and supported each other. Eben Dring led the team in in 8<sup>th</sup> position and has qualified for further training with the Surrey team. Sam Cowman and Charlie Kingham made it look easy in 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> place. Emma Hill, the only year 5 entry, ran brilliantly for 20<sup>th</sup> place and both Molly O'Connor and Luca Hilton finished in the top 30. A fantastic day out with some extremely talented children! Miss Dawson.

## **Sportshall Athletics**

On Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> March a team of year 5 and 6 fantastic athletes went to Broadwater School to compete in a play-off against St Edmunds, fighting for that spot at County level. The competition was tough and we started off with some unfortunate losses, however we put it behind us and ended up winning 9 track and field events! In the end we didn't end up winning overall, but each individual person was phenomenal and did their best. It was a great experience and we will definitely win next time!

Molly O'Connor- Sports Captain



## **Woking Choir Festival Wednesday 22 March 2017**

On the 22 March, the Junior choir travelled to Aldershot Princes Theatre for the Woking Choir Festival. We had spent 10 weeks preparing the songs from Jake and the Right Genie, for the performance.

We sang with other schools, but we were very proud of ourselves as we were word-perfect and sang our hearts out. Although we had one of the smallest choirs, we made the biggest noise.

We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and some of us (those not in year 6) look forward to next year.

Freya Hanmer and Jessica Halstead

## **Code Club**

In Code Club over the past few weeks we've been looking at the Microbit. This is a small palm sized computer. It is easily programmable, has ports and pins for attachable devices; a red LED 6x6 screen and 4 buttons. We made two programmes, the first was a mood badge and the other a step-counter. All in all I really hope I can use it again.

Isaac Chadwick 6G

## **Chess Match**

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> saw four Farnham Primary Schools come together to take part in a huge chess match at William Cobbett Primary School. The visiting schools were St. Peters, St. Polycarps and South Farnham all of who, have very active and growing chess clubs with pupils from year 3 to year 6.

Each school team consisted of eight players (boys and girls) arranged so that the most experienced players would play each other and then swap around at half-time.

The Chess Captains for each school tossed a coin to see who would have the white pieces on the odd numbered boards and who would have the black pieces.

Finally at around 5pm all of the games were completed and the scores totalled up and it was very close indeed: William Cobbett 10.5/16, St. Polycarps 8/16. St. . Peters 7.5/16 and South Farnham 7/16 !

The children all enjoyed themselves thoroughly and Chess teacher, Dr. John Upham said he was very pleased with the high standard of play from all of the children.

It was agreed by all to continue the matches in the Summer Term and make them a regular fixture.

# Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
<b>190</b> <b>SCHOOL DAYS</b> <b>IN EACH YEAR</b>  <small>190 days for your child's education</small>	<small>10 days absence</small> <b>180</b> <b>Days of</b> <b>Education</b>	<small>19 days absence</small> <b>171</b> <b>Days of</b> <b>Education</b>	<small>29 days absence</small> <small>A term missed</small> <b>161</b> <b>Days of</b> <b>Education</b>	<small>38 days absence</small> <b>152</b> <b>Days of</b> <b>Education</b>	<small>47 days absence</small> <b>143</b> <b>Days of</b> <b>Education</b>
<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Good</b> Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		<b>Worrying</b> Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		<b>Serious Concern</b> Not fair on your child. Court action!	