












St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

26th May 2017

Thank you for supporting the fund raising event today for the Anthony Nolan Trust. We hope that we have raised a good amount for this valuable charity. Please can I remind parents that children must be sent to school in mufti clothes which include safe footwear (no flip flops or heels next time please). Also please remember that children must not wear jewellery on mufti days for health and safety reasons. Our school attendance is looking strong – thank you to everyone who is keeping holidays within designated holiday times.

Attendance chart for 97%

EYFS: Caterpillars	96.3%	
EYFS: Tadpoles	97.2%	
IJW	95.9%	
IAP	96.7%	
2VB	96.4%	
2RH	98.6%	
3AB	96.7%	
3CA	97.5%	
4JE	96.5%	
4WM	97.9%	
5ED	98.8%	
5TS	97.4%	
6BT	97%	
6PG	98.3%	

Dates:

Just a reminder that Monday 5th June 2017 is an INSET day and that Thursday 8th June 2017 is Polling day and therefore school is closed to children.

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Y2 Forest School

The children in Year 2 enjoyed their Forest School day where all our learning about the Great Fire of London was brought to life. Activities included making bread and cooking it on an open fire, creating art work using charcoal from the fire, trying our hand at building a wattle and daub wall and working as teams to make a water chain to put the fire out. The highlight of the day was constructing our own street in London and then watching it burn. Thank you to Mrs Webzell, Mrs Parnell, Mrs Macklin and Mrs Russell who made this day so memorable.



St Peter's holds on to District Cross Country Cup!

We did it! Our Daily Golden Mile is certainly having impact and the children have really risen to the challenge. Farnham and Ash District Schools Cross Country Event on Saturday May 13th saw 12 schools entering teams to compete for the various team and individual events. There were almost 500 children competing. The races took place in Farnham Park and were supported by school staff, parents, friends and family dogs!

St Peter's boys' team came first and the girls' team came in third. This meant we came back with two prestigious cups. This has been a fantastic year for cross country at St Peter's – the best in the school's history. All children from Year 3 up are allowed to compete. It's not always about being fast but being able to finish the course. It's very exciting to see children move up through the pack as they go up through the school. We know that some of our families are also running the Park Run at weekends. Please do encourage your child to run. Aside from health benefits, we would love to continue our success in this area. Special thanks must go to Ms Dawson and Mrs Usher for running the club throughout the winter season, whatever the weather.

I felt very proud to be representing St Peters at the incredible, competitive cross-country event. We had the biggest and best team out of the 14 other schools. The atmosphere was fantastic and every single child ran their best and hardest. It was the greatest feeling to retain the title of best cross-country school in Farnham.

Molly O'Connor- sports captain



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Cricket

“On Thursday year 5 and 6 took part in a cricket match at Waverly Abbey School. It was a tough competition but great fun and everyone played well” Emily and Sienna Y5

Floorball Success

Three weeks ago, our two floorball teams went over to Ash Manor School to play in an eight team tournament against local schools. The game is similar to hockey but played with plastic sticks indoors. Matches last only four minutes with a one minute rest in between. This makes for a fast, high impact challenge! We ended up coming 2nd and 6th which was a fantastic result particularly as for some children, this was the first time they had played. We would encourage children from Y2 up to join the Floorball Club.



Netball

Although the netball season is over, we are so grateful to the parents who have started up a netball club before school on Tuesdays. The parents, who are players themselves, are really moving the children’s skills forward with their expert coaching. This will put them in a good position for the autumn season.

School Clubs

We hope that your child is participating in at least one school club. We have a wide range of extra-curricular clubs in school; some organised by external providers but others are run by school staff volunteering their time to provide additional learning experiences. We would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to stick to a club that they have chosen. Perseverance and determination are important life skills which usually pay off in the end. It is very easy to give up too soon. Recently we have had too many 'no shows' at clubs, with no apology or reason given. This is frustrating not only for the staff member who has volunteered their time but also because there are usually children on a waiting list who have missed out. Clubs are great opportunities to learn and enjoy school beyond the classroom but we do expect children to commit and to thank the adult who is organising their club.

Sporting opportunities

This year as a school, we have entered more sporting tournaments and fixtures than in the past. We endeavour to give as many children as possible opportunities to participate and compete. Although there are more opportunities for older children, there have been events for KS1 as well. We are very grateful to the parents who encourage their children to have a go. In most cases, we could not attend the fixtures without parents assisting with transport. We have had terrific support this year and everything has worked smoothly. However, you will appreciate that a lot of administrative time goes into organising these away fixtures — chasing up forms and organising transport. As a school, we have decided that if we cannot organise transport within a reasonable amount of time, we shall have to make the decision to withdraw from the event. Hopefully, this won't have to happen. Again, staff supporting events are volunteering their time and we hope that you will remind your child to thank the member of staff.

Athletics

“Year 3 and 4 went to an athletics competition. Everyone did really well and we came second.” Jessica Y



Water relay

"We had an afternoon water relay with our reception buddies. It was really fun and surprisingly hard! But it was lovely to spend time with our buddies doing something different."
Mimi, Ellah and Holly Y5



Library Books

Please check that your child has at least one library book on loan. It is important for children to read different kinds of literature in order to develop their vocabulary and thinking. Children cannot become proficient writers unless they are confident readers.

Remember that the library is open after school on three afternoons. You can accompany your child and help them choose.

Parking

Thank you to everyone for supporting the drop off and being so considerate with the parking around the recent road works. However please could we remind parents not to use the staff car park when dropping off - we are short of spaces for staff who sometimes have to park in adjoining roads, carrying heavy sets of books. We have also been alerted to a couple of cars parked at the bus stop (again dropping off before school). This really doesn't help the school's relationship with neighbours.

We are a Fair trade Achiever School!

We have just heard that our submission to renew our status as a Fair trade Achiever school has been approved. We had to show that the principles of Fair trade were embedded throughout many aspects of school life. Many thanks to Mrs Williams for all her hard work with this over the past two years.



Below is just an example of the assessor's feedback:

Wow - it is great to see how thoroughly you have embedded learning throughout the school in a variety of topics and age groups, well done!

Thank you for providing such extensive evidence of the different schemes of work and lesson plans - it is really helpful to see. Your engagement with incorporating Fairtrade into the English curriculum is outstanding, having whole topics focused on Fairtrade is really fantastic and it's good to see that so much thought has gone into how best to bring different elements into the teaching. It's so encouraging to hear that it has been successful in fostering a high quality of writing with purpose and passion!

Swimming Club

We have two places for beginners (Y1 up) starting after half term: 7.30am-8am at Farnham Sports Centre. If your child would like to commit to this, please contact the office - first come, first served.

Year 3 Trip to Wisley

Excerpts of reports from the visit:

I liked walking around Wisley and finding plants in the tropical zone. I learnt that there is a plant called the 'Teddy Bear Tree.'

Wisley was amazing. They taught us a lot about plants. They also had beautiful gardens...

We drew pictures of plants and said their specialist names...

After lunch we explored the vegetable, herb and fruit gardens..

Emily, Maisie, Thomas N and Jessica

Surrey County Council has asked us to pass this information on:

At the moment, there is no specific intelligence that links an imminent terrorist attack to a location in Surrey. Surrey is a low risk county for terrorist activity, but we still need to be alert and vigilant. We have no further information that suggests schools need to close at this time. For more information regarding counter terrorism within Surrey, please visit <https://www.surrey.police.uk/advice/protect-yourself-and-others/counter-terrorism/>.