



# St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

November 2016

I hope you are all looking forward to a busy last few weeks as we prepare for Christmas at St Peter's. We are looking forward to our Advent service in the church on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and the children have been practising their singing. During assemblies over the next few weeks will be focusing on the advent candles and what it means to prepare for Christmas. We are taking some children to Gostrey House and then to Ashton Manor to sing carols and to chat to the residents.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Terry Wells onto our team as our new site manager. Mr Sturgess and Mr Wells have been working together this half term to ensure a smooth hand over. Don't forget we have a 'well done' box in the office for anyone who would like to make a donation to Mr Sturgess' retirement gift.

Our school attendance is the best yet at 97.3%! We have exceeded our target. We all know that when children are happy and attend school regularly then they make good progress. Thank you for your support in achieving such a high attendance rate.

Best regards  
Sarah Dunning

## **Year 3 Stone Age workshop**

"On Thursday we had a Stone Age workshop. The cave man was called Ugg and he told us lots of things about the Stone Age. He showed us how to make fire. We held swords, helmets, spears, shields and chain mail. We also played a mammoth hunt game. We had a great day.

In the workshop we learnt that they carved stone (flint) and glued it to a stick. We made the glue out of tree sap and honey. We learnt how to make a copper sword. I liked it when we played the Mammoth game where our teacher and the person teaching us were mammoths and we tried to get them in a trap".

- Guy Pugsley, Max Chatfield, Matthew Lill and Eva Gillman 3A.

## **Mr Thaine and Mr Newman clearing forest**

Thank you to Mr Thaine and Mr Newman who spent time and considerable effort to tidy the Forest School area of brambles and dead wood as well as clearing accumulated rubbish to enable your children to have a greater experience at Forest School.

We would also like to thank [Kebur Garden Materials](#) for the donation of materials for Forest School steps

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### **Irate neighbour - parking**

We have been experiencing an increased number of calls from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking. Once again can we please consider our neighbours by avoiding parking close to or over driveways, and pavements. This is also for children's safety when crossing the road to and from school. We do appreciate parents can be in hurry but we do not advocate parking such as this:



Thanks to some willing parents in the mornings, we do have a successful one way drop off system in place that we would encourage you to use.

### **Farnham Christmas light Switch On**

Thank you to parents who supported us by taking the time out to deliver their children who are in the Young Voices Choir, to Gostrey Meadows on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> for the Farnham Christmas light switch on. The children sang their three Christmas songs beautifully and with great enthusiasm which was a lovely start to our Christmas count down.

### **Sports News – see today's [Farnham Herald](#) for Cross Country News**



We have had a really successful term with competitive sports. We are the proud winners of The Bell Cup in The Farnham and District Cross Country which placed us first out of 13 schools. Our boys' team were first and our girls' team came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. When the results were validated we learnt that there were well over 530 runners which really puts our achievements into perspective. We look forward to fighting for our title in the March event.

Our Y5/Y6 netball and football teams have been coached by Core Sports coaches and have really excelled over the term. After next half term we are planning to focus on Y5/Y4 in these coaching groups.

#### **Autumn Term League Results**

Date	School Played	Football	Netball
22/9/16	Waverly Abbey	6-1(L)	7-3 (L)

29/9/16	Potter's Gate	10-1 (W)	4-2 (W)
6/10/16	William Cobbett	2-0 (W)	5-4 (W)
10/10/16	Highfield South Farnham	13-1 (W)	10-0 (W)
13/10/16	Ash Grange	6-0 (W)	n/a

In addition to the competitions, we have participated in several rugby and football tournaments and festivals which focus on developing skills and giving children a taste of playing against other schools. Our Y2 children have also been able to join inter-school events.

In order for these extra-curricular events to happen we are indebted to the staff who give their own time and the parents who support and ferry children around. We shall continue to participate wherever possible.

### **Ghana Charity School – UCC Future Leaders – exciting news!**

As you know we have a link with a charity school in Accra, Ghana. The exciting news is that the school has started building a new concrete building so that they will have a more suitable teaching area and more importantly, will be able to include more of Accra's most disadvantaged children. Billa, who runs the school, picks up those children who for whatever reason, do not access the government funded education. We are looking at how we can raise money to support the building. The costs are nothing compared to building costs in the UK, but still not within the charity's reach.

[Click here for further information on Ghana Charity School](#)

On another note, Mrs Curry is starting up a lunch time club (focusing on Y4 in the early stages) which will learn more about the Ghanaian children's lives and how the school works. We are also hoping that they will communicate with the UCC children via Skype! We are fortunate that Ghana is in the same time zone as us.

### **St Peter's Kiln**

You will have seen all of the amazing works of art on the stage in the hall at Parents' Evening. Each year group focused on its history topic. This is a superb example of different community stakeholders working together. For more information please see last weeks' [Farnham Herald](#).

### **Advent Service in St Peter's Church - 29th**

The whole school will be walking to church to celebrate Advent, the start of the Christmas season. Please ensure that your child has a coat on that day. We shall walk whatever the weather conditions.

### **Signposts in School**

This week all children have participated in a special Advent workshop led by Signposts. Signposts is a talented group of men and women who represent several different churches in Farnham. They bring the bible stories alive through drama, music and deep questioning. Children really enjoy the learning experience and teachers often pick up new ideas to support learning in the classroom.

### **Junior Carol Service**

The KS2 carol service will take place in St Peter's Church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Please note the earlier time than in previous years. The children must wear their school uniform. This is a

wonderful service and we do expect all the junior children to take part as part of their annual Church celebrations. We would love all parents to join us too. The children take the front seats together and the adults sit behind. Please do not allow children to have electronic devices during the service. If you are unable to attend we expect a written reason – many thanks.