



St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,




The summer term has already started to fly by. The children are all embarking on new, exciting topics. We are helping the year 6 children prepare for their end of primary school tests and hope they are not feeling too much pressure as this clearly is not our intention. Once the tests are over in two weeks they will be enjoying preparing for their end of year production which is a Shakespeare play. We are looking forward to our Pause Day on Friday 13th May when we will be focussing on Pentecost. You will have noticed a new gazebo being erected in the grounds. This will be a fabulous outdoor classroom and provide much needed shade at lunch and break. We are so grateful to the PTFA for raising money to pay for this structure. Also, we are very proud of our children for embracing the Daily Mile and the children's fitness and attention in class has improved as a result. We are having an all-purpose track put onto our school field to encourage the running even when the ground is wet and we will also be able to supervise easier. A huge thank you to Mrs Hyland for championing this get fit adventure and to the PTFA for providing money towards the track.



Each term I meet with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who works for the local Authority (LA) and monitors the attendance for children in our school. When a child's attendance falls below the national average (95.5%) the school have to send out the standard letter from the LA. It is important that the school works closely with families over attendance as we can offer support in many ways. I met with our EWO this week. She is pleased with our overall school attendance which is 96.7%.

Validity Sportsfest 30th-31st July

All families are offered a 15% discount on tickets if they use the code SF16SCHOOLS. It has been recommended to us and maybe of interest to you too. <http://sport-fest.co.uk>

Attendance chart for 97%

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| EYFS: | | |
| Caterpillars | 93.6% | |
| EYFS: Tadpoles | 97.8% |  |
| 1RH | 95.4% | |
| 1JW | 95% | |
| 2ED | 98% |  |
| 2VB | 96.7% | |
| 3AB | 97.4% |  |
| 3CH | 96.5% | |
| 4EA | 96.7% | |
| 4JE | 95.4% | |
| 5PG | 96.8% | |

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| 5KT | 97.2% |  |
| 6WM | 96.3% | |
| 6VB | 97.3 |  |

Best regards
Sarah Dunning

Polite Notice

Unfortunately we have been receiving increasing numbers of situations where parents have approached staff and have been aggressive in their tone, have shouted or in our opinion been rude to us. It is all the more disappointing that some parents have challenged staff members and used inappropriate language in front of children. This is clearly a poor example to set children and it is never acceptable to undermine a member of staff in front of pupils. As staff we are always mindful of other's emotions and opinions and we work hard to calm down situations and resolve problems. However, we are also not prepared to be spoken to in aggressive and rude tones and we uphold the right to stop conversations and advise the person they need to make an appointment with the relevant member of staff. It is such a shame that it has come to me needing to write this in our newsletter but I believe very strongly that all matters can be resolved in a calm and respectful manner. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Chess Teacher

Do you have contact with a chess teacher who may be interested in running a chess club at school? If you do please let the office know their name and contact details.

Year 1 visited Arundel Castle.

I liked learning about the dungeon. It was called the 'oubliette' which means 'to forget'. - Abbie

We heard a story about Sir Bevis who was 8 feet tall. We saw his long sword. - Alexa

I climbed 130 steps to get to the top of the keep. I could see the sea from the top. - Dylan

I dressed up as a jester. It was good fun. - Rebecca

It was the best school trip ever. - IW



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Forest School - please come prepared!

As you know, every child in the school is now having the opportunity to participate in learning in our Forest School. Our provision goes from strength to strength and feedback from children is really positive. However, lately we have had several children bringing inappropriate clothing for the tasks they are required to undertake. Please ensure that your child brings clothing suitable for the weather on that day (we have had some unseasonal cold weather recently). Unless the weather is deemed to be a safety hazard, the children will go outside come sun, rain, sleet or snow. Old clothes rather than 'fashion' statements please!

School Meals

Last week, the School Council met with the Catering Team to deliver feedback on school meals. They were interested to hear about what meals children preferred and any improvements they could suggest for both food choices and dining arrangements. The Council members had been given time to canvass their classmates first. All suggestions will be considered by the Team in conjunction with the local authority.

We are lucky to have a very talented chef who cooks everything from fresh (including a fantastic range of desserts). All meals are nutritionally balanced and a far cry from schools dinners of the past. Many of our staff choose to eat from the canteen which certainly doesn't happen in many schools! We hope to arrange a time for parents to experience the meals which are served in school; details to follow.

Year 3 Lego workshop

In the Lego workshop we built a crocodile. We needed to program the Lego to make it move...The crocodile's mouth went up and down and it could make noises...We made a sailing boat...I loved making the plane because I programmed it to make the propeller move...It was amazing...I really enjoyed it... Excerpts from reports by Oliver, Callum, Sam, Daniel

Year 5 Crime and Punishment workshop

Year 5 were given a crime and punishment workshop (our history learning). We were allowed to do punishments and be interviewers, make a crime and punishment power point in the morning and in the afternoon we did art.

During the day we learnt that executioners liked to kill people quickly and that most punishments meant death. John Grey came in with some tools used in punishment. We also interviewed him and found out what it would be like to be an executioner.

Reports by Oscar and Jasper.

Pot planting

As part of the St Peter's School competition entry for Farnham in Bloom, and to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, we are planning to hold a pot planting activity, open to all children in the school. Look out for the email.

Langhams Rec

Parents have been encouraged to be extra vigilant at the moment around the Langham Rec to ensure that your child does not speak to any strangers. Please contact the police if you see anyone suspicious.

We have been asked by Surrey Police to pass on this message to all parents:

Dear Parent/Guardian

Social media and online gaming is an exciting virtual world for today's teenagers, but now sees an ever increasing risk of online grooming affecting both boys and girls in Surrey.

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Surrey Police has launched a campaign to raise awareness of this among young people and parents, as well as share tips about how to stay safe online.

Parents – what you can do to help:

Do your children use apps or social networking sites you're not sure of? [NetAware](#) by the NSPCC and O2 is a great resource that can teach you about what the apps do, the risks involved, as well as how you can change privacy settings, report and block users.

We're giving young people advice on how to protect themselves online. Please share our tips:

Keep your accounts private.

Most websites, apps and social networks have 'privacy settings'. These help you control who can follow you, what you share and who you share it with.

Choose your friends wisely.

It's always best to only share with friends you know in the real world.

Remove and report.

Make sure you know how to remove content, as well as report content if it's about you and you're worried or if it's offensive.

Know yourself online.

Regularly Google yourself to see what other people can find about you, as well as things others might have posted about you.

Shut down or delete.

If you stop using a website, remember to deactivate your account

Report suspicious online behaviour to Surrey Police, anonymously to Crimestoppers or tell a trusted adult.

If you're suspicious a child is being groomed online, report it to Surrey Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency. You can also report anonymously to Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Warning signs of grooming include, but aren't limited to: unexplained gifts, unexplained changes in behavior or personality, changes in physical appearance such as weight loss, being absent from school, overly familiar with strangers.

We have a number of videos you can watch about Online Grooming on our YouTube channel which have been shared on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter with young people.

Notes: If you would like to link to our videos on your website, please link to the Surrey Police [YouTube](#).

From Surrey Police