

Dear Parents,

26th February 2016

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. It is a short one but we have plenty of learning and exciting opportunities planned.

I hope you find this month's newsletter informative. Please always talk to us if we are not providing you with the information you feel you need.

This month we will not be publishing the monthly class attendance due to the virus which struck down so many of our pupils, before half term. However I am pleased to tell you that the attendance for the whole school, since September is at 96.7%

Best regards
Sarah Dunning

Monday 29th February: Photographer in school.

We have booked a photographer to spend the morning in school taking promotional photos of all aspects of our school life. Please ensure all children look particularly smart on Monday and hair accessories are school colours and no hair gel is worn. **Orchestra! If possible please can you bring your instruments into school so that we can get some super music shots.**

School playground is open from 8.30am and not before

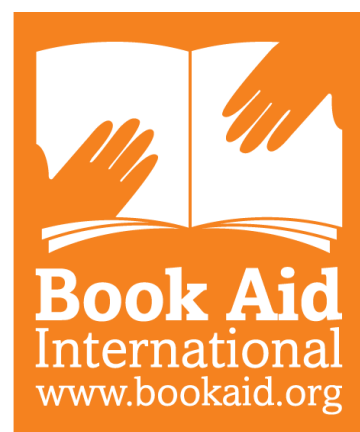
Please remember that children must not enter the school playground before 8.30am. They will not be supervised. We have been getting increasing numbers of children being dropped off before the set time. This is a health and safety requirement.

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day

The children will be receiving a money-off voucher to spend on books. We will be asking children to bring in a donation of a minimum of 50p to donate to Book Aid International (the chosen charity this year for national book day). There will be buckets in the playground before and after school. In many countries children have no access to books. Without books to read your future cannot be as bright as it could be. For every £2 our school raises, Book Aid International will send a new book to Africa. We are not dressing up.

Dogs

Please can you remind your children only to approach dogs if they know the owner and the owner has given the go ahead for the children to touch their dog.



Take A Healthy Selfie!!

At St Peter's we all like to stay healthy. We had such a successful update on our Shelfie project (selfies in front of our bookshelves) we are launching a Healthy Selfie challenge. All you need to do is take a picture of yourself doing something healthy eg going for a walk, at a sports' class, eating some fruit or vegetables. You can either print them off or email them to us at info@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you to the many children who have already brought in a picture after we mentioned it in assembly last week. We are also encourage staff and parents to join in!! When we have a good amount we will create a display of all the healthy people at our school!! It will also help us as we work towards our Healthy School's Status.

The Daily Mile

Here at St Peter's we all seem to have come back after half term ready to run! Children have now been introduced to the Daily Mile route around our playground and are aware that seven laps is a mile. Everyone is finding time to take part in a daily run to encourage healthy living and learning. It is amazing to see so much enjoyment and effort on a daily basis. The initiative is being very well led by our Year 5 Daily Mile leaders who can be seen encouraging and supporting so many children, especially at break and lunch time. It is going to be great to see the impact over time on our children's lifestyle. Keep on running!

Helping your child at home

We are always encouraging parents to help their children at home with life skills and conversations. This month we encourage all parents of Junior aged children to tell the time. Talk to your child about how long an event is, what the time is now, what it will be in half an hour etc. Remember to talk both analogue and digital and possibly 24 hour clock if they are ready.



Assessment at St Peter's

Friday 18th March 2.45pm in the hall

Come and find out how we assess your child's progress at St Peter's. The Head and Deputy Head teacher will present to you the process and show you examples of learning and how we assess. This will give you confidence that we have embraced the 'Life Without Levels' agenda from the government. If you cannot make it don't worry as we will email the hand-out after the session. No need to tell us – just turn up and sign in at the office.

Parents evening sign up

You will be able to sign up for Parents' Evening through SCOPAY, this will go live at 8pm on Monday 29th February for the following dates 3:30-6pm Tuesday 8th and 3:30-7pm Wednesday 9th March.

Spring Concert Wednesday 16th March 6pm -7pm in the school hall

Children will be invited by Tuesday next week to perform a solo. These names will be chosen by the music teachers. The orchestra will be playing and the family orchestra will make its debut performance. If you would like to take part in this please catch Mrs Dunning and she will give you some music! It's just for fun and will be a scratch performance!! There are no tickets just turn up. We will have a retiring collection for the music department. The Young Voices (EYFS, Year 1 and 2) will be singing, led by Mrs Cobb. They will perform at 6pm. If you feel your child's energy won't last until 7pm when the concert finishes you are welcome to slip out at any point. The choir won't be taking part this time as they have the Woking Choral Festival to look forward to the following week. We hope to see many of you at both events.

NSPCC Challenge

Next week the children will attend an NSPCC assembly entitled: Speak Out- Stay Safe! This will focus on keeping themselves safe and learning who to speak to if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe, whether in person or online.

Then, during the week of March 7th, the children will be organising a fund-raising event to support NSPCC/Childline. The School Council has decided that this will be dancing in class 'every hour on the hour' throughout the day! They will be bringing home sponsor forms and will be able to earn badges for the number of sponsors they have. I hope family and friends will feel able to support your child in some way for this very worthwhile cause.

National Fairtrade Fortnight

This starts next Monday and your child will be learning about Fairtrade issues across their learning. It is an excellent way to teach the values of justice and equality. It is also a great subject to spark discussion and deeper thinking. Each class will be choosing a country which exports Fairtrade produce. In this way, they will also be supporting Geography, Art and many other areas of learning. We would greatly appreciate any discussions you can have with your child on this topic, even if it is just to encourage them to locate Fairtrade produce in the supermarket.

On-line payments

Please register with SCOPAY, this is easy and saves time. If you are not registered please ask at the office.

School Website

Please remember to look at the school website. It has all the useful dates and information on and it's cheaper than a telephone call to the office! <http://www.stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk>

Forest School Easter Fun

Please see the posters posted around school. For full details please ask at the office.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please keep an eye out for the vouchers, this year Sainsbury's are printing them at the till along with the receipt and not as separate 'tokens' and they are therefore easy to miss. The more we get the more playground equipment there will be for the children.

Protect our flowers

Please ensure small children do not walk on the grass at the front of the school, flower beds or on the grass banks as we have daffodils and flowers growing. Sadly many of the flowers have been damaged already. The children have been reminded in assembly.

Forest School

Year 2 and year 4 pupils have been experiencing working with natural resources to create their very own animal habitats and the Alps ski resorts during class forest school. Both sessions were linked to the curriculum for those year groups.

