



St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

July 2016

May I take this opportunity to thank all the staff that make St Peter's a special and happy place to learn and work. Our staff work so hard and are dedicated to giving our children the best education we can. This year has seen so many highlights: SIAMS outstanding grade, REQM Gold award, First place in Farnham in Bloom's school section, numerous successful sporting and musical events, fantastic school trips and the truly special Year 6 production. We hope you have enjoyed your year with us. We wish our year 6 children the very best as they embark on the next chapter of their education and we look forward to welcoming our new children and families in EYFS.

I wish to give a huge thank you to the PTFA team and their fabulous chair – Melanie Lawton. You are a fantastic team to work with and give so much time and energy to our school. The amount of money raised each year is phenomenal. Your fund raising is such a vital part of school life as budgets get tighter and tighter. Your money means that our children don't miss out on vital equipment and fun that perhaps we wouldn't otherwise be able to provide. Thank you. We look forward to welcoming Jo Michaeledes as chair next year.

Did you hear that the children raised £836.16 on charity day! This is outstanding and quite frankly unheard of in other schools. They are a credit to us all. The children were motivated, fiercely independent and created themselves a wonderful afternoon of giving. I am a very proud Head Teacher.

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent piano tea. It was a wonderful afternoon and the children performed brilliantly. Despite the fact that many children were nervous they overcame this and were rightly proud of themselves. We raised £157.39 for Cancer Research. A huge thank you for everyone who made cakes and then bought them!! We will make this an annual event.

Final reminder that next year children will not be allowed to wear earrings to school.

I wish you all a very restful holiday with quality time for yourselves, family and friends.

Best wishes
Sarah Dunning

Unauthorised Absences

During our recent Children and Learning Governor meeting we discussed unauthorised absences and how they are decided upon. We agreed that the current policy is being followed and we discussed areas which are left to the Head Teacher's discretion. Currently the Head Teacher decides whether an absence is authorised or not having consulted the policy and checked with at least one other governor. Current attendance rates are also taken into consideration. It was agreed that if your child's attendance is below the national average of 95.6% then the request will automatically be denied.

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Exciting News from St Peter's Church!

We have finished our renovations and it is looking stunning! The Bishop is coming to our 10am service on Sunday 24th July in St Peter's Church. Also in the afternoon, from 2-5pm, we are having an 'Open Church' for anyone who would like to come and see how the church looks after the re-ordering project. We would love as many people as possible to come along. There will be a small exhibition of what happened during the works, live music during the afternoon and teas and cake. We hope we will see you all there.

Houses – re changes to keep siblings in same houses

In accordance with parental wishes, from one of the parent forums held with Mrs Dunning, we have endeavoured to put all siblings with one another in the same house. Obviously, this is easier said than done. So at the time of going to press we hope to have this correct.

Nearly all the children have been allocated a new house and will be told this next term. If you find that your children are in different houses to each other please let the office staff know, and we will try to remedy the situation.



Charity afternoon

The children raised an amazing £836! in total. This will be split between Christian Aid and The British Heart Foundation. What a fantastic afternoon! The adults really enjoyed having some time out to peruse the stalls, buy goodies and try their hand at penalty shoot outs and various other sporting challenges laid on by the children. The afternoon ran to clockwork and really highlighted the children's creativity in finding interesting ways to raise money. Thank you to families for supporting children's enthusiasm and enterprise.

Goodbyes and Welcomes

During the leavers' assembly we were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Groves, Mrs Hyland, Mrs Akroyd and Mrs Wilson. We wish them all the very best as they retire or move schools to further their careers/relocate. We have been so grateful for all their hard work and the contributions they have made which makes St Peter's a successful school. We welcome Mrs Smith into Year 5, Miss Petherbridge into Year 1 and Mrs Bhandari as a TA into Year 3.

Huge Thanks!

Just a note to all parents to say an enormous thank you for your generous gifts, comments, messages and cards as I leave St Peter's. It has been an incredible 12 years attached to the school and I have so many fond memories. St Peter's is an amazing family of people who I shall miss immensely - children and adults alike. I leave with a heavy heart but it's the right time for change, although right now it is hard to imagine days without contact with such special people.

Best wishes for a great summer and I will pop back and visit soon (maybe I will see some of you on a side line somewhere!)

Caroline Hyland

Football kit for UCC Ghana

Thank you so much for the very generous donations of football gear. It will be delivered personally to the children and young people. It will be cherished. We shall try to get photos. Mrs Marshall

Multi- faith visitors

As you may know, our RE curriculum focuses on other major religions during the second half of the summer term. Children across the school have studied various aspects of Judaism, Islam and Buddhism. Sikhism and Hinduism are studied earlier in the year.



This term we have been able to welcome visitors to enhance the learning experience. A Jewish rabbi came in to lead workshops for Y1/Y3/Y4 while children in Y2/Y5 have had visitors from the Muslim Faith. These are wonderful opportunities for children to consolidate their learning and ask questions.

Art Experience at Weydon

Earlier this month a group of experience at Weydon. The encouraged to think deeply about build on this link with Weydon's Artsmark journey.



children from Y4/Y5 were invited to an art children viewed the GCSE work and were the story behind a work of art. We hope to Art department as we move forward in our

Farnham in Bloom

It's not in the wider public domain yet, but we would like to announce that we have won the Schools category in Farnham in Bloom! We were also placed third in the Wildlife section. This is a wonderful achievement. All credit goes to Mrs Webzell and her team of children and parents.



Many thanks to everyone who made a purchase of the vegetables grown in the school garden. £49 was raised which will be ploughed back into the area.

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Movie Nights

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to so many of you for supporting our Movie Night for the children; they clearly enjoyed themselves!

Easter 2016 we will be going on our expedition to Ghana where we look forward to developing a school and improving their local facilities. Your generosity has really helped to add to our funds so thank you all again.

We hope to come back to St. Peter's after our trip and share our experiences with the children, maybe even inspire them to do the same in years to come.

Thanks again

Sophie Hyland and Alex Sharpe