






St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

27th May 2016

May we wish you all a very happy half term. I hope we are blessed with some good weather so we can all get out and about. The year 2 SATs are now finished and everything went smoothly. The year 6 children can really relax knowing they have given their best to their tests and can now focus on their end of year production. The children in year 6 did themselves proud with their excellent positive attitude throughout the week. Thank you to everyone who has helped us this half term both inside the classroom and on school trips. We are so grateful to the time and skills so many parents give us and the children. Our children receive such an exciting curriculum but so much of it relies on extra help – so thank you very much.

Attendance chart for 97%

Caterpillars	96.7%	
Tadpoles	96.8%	
1RH	96%	
1W	95.2%	
2SB	98.2%	
2VB	97.8%	
3B	92.8%	
3H	93.7%	
4A	94.5%	
4E	96.3%	
5G	96.3%	
5KT	95.4%	
6B	97%	
6M	93.8%	

Facebook message (again)

In spite of all the positive news and celebrations, it is with regret that I have to say that a small minority of parents continue to voice their personal perceptions of St Peter's staff on social media. Unfortunately this is done in a public forum and results in a breakdown of trust and positive relationships. The school encourages open discussions and would expect parents to respect this. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated and professional staff who put in many additional hours to support children's learning and progress. We always try to resolve any parental concerns and to focus on what is best for an individual child. Screen shots of the abusive messages have been shown to the Chair of Governors and the Local Authority. There is a degree of choice when selecting your child's school and it really has to be said that if a parent feels that the only way to communicate is through offensive comments on social media, then perhaps that choice should be exercised. We hope that in future any concerns can be raised in a mature and responsible way.

Best regards
Sarah Dunning

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Road Closures

You may have read in today's Farnham Herald of road closures affecting Little Green Lane. We only became aware of the possible closures this morning and have since been in discussion with Surrey Highways. Firstly, the dates and other details published in the paper are incorrect.

Surrey Highways have indicated a closure for two days, on Tuesday 21st June and Wednesday 22nd June and we are awaiting further information on the operating times of the closure. Surrey Highways indicated that access for residents and emergency vehicles will be maintained.

As soon as we have further, reliable, information we will let you know.

INSET day

Monday 6th June is an INSET day for teachers, the school is closed to pupils.

Appointment to see class teacher

Please remember that parents/carers should not be in the school buildings before or after school – teachers are often on the playground at the end of the day if you need to pass them information, if it is more than a brief word, please make an appointment at the office. In the morning we are encouraging the children to come in quietly and calmly for a settled start to the day. If parents could remain on the netball court playground when the bell is rung or leave your child once inside the gates at 8:30, this would ease congestion as the children enter the buildings.

Thursday 23rd June Orchestra Day at Weydon

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for this. The children need to wear school uniform on the day. Weydon school will take full responsibility for the first aid issues and medicines on the day. Please ensure you collect medicines on the Wednesday as school is closed to the public on Thursday 23rd due to Polling. If your child has a music stand please label and take along. They need a packed lunch. Of course they also need their instrument (!) unless it is a drum kit, in which please just bring your sticks. I will be joining them after lunch and staying for the concert – Mrs Dunning

Farnham in Bloom and Garden

We are building up to the Farnham in Bloom Competition and a wonderful crop of vegetables from our polytunnel and gardening areas. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parent and staff helpers in particular Gary Thain, Helen Parnell, Jo Michaelides and Mel Lawton. Many thanks to all the parents who have supported the plant potting to celebrate the Queens' Jubilee (these are being planted as I write).



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Sainsbury's vouchers

Sainsbury's are no longer issuing the School vouchers, however they can still be handed in until June, so look down the back of the sofa and in all those places you put them for safekeeping but can no longer remember where exactly that was!

Holidays

This week we have been giving children in years 3, 4 and 5 standardised tests. These are extremely useful for teachers when making assessments and planning lessons. Unfortunately there have been a great deal of families taking unauthorised holidays during this week - either requested or not and this is having huge impact on our ability to make whole cohort judgements as test scores will be missing. We send the tests off to be marked, at a cost. The results are put into the child's end of year report. As a result there will be some children that will miss out on this information.

Year 4 Residential

We went on a residential visit to Juniper Hall. We left with real excitement. We did lots of great science activities including pond dipping and mammal trapping (humanely). It was great fun. The long walks were challenging but at the end we got cake! In the rooms there was chatting, laughing, playing and not so much sleep. It was a great experience and we had lots of fun too.

Ben Thompson

School dinners

We very much welcome your child/ren to enjoy the school lunches and hope you find these an easier option than packed lunches! A school lunch is £2.15 per child per day and you are invoiced per half term. Please note that unless you have agreed a weekly payment system with the office, payment must be made in full by the deadline given (usually 2 weeks after the start of term). Failure to pay this will result in your child being suspended from lunches until payment is made.

Year 2 Gardening Club

Week 3 – Visit to Slug Wood – we turned over the big log and had great fun spotting all the mini-beasts that had moved in! We saw slugs, woodlice, a big spider, a black beetle and a baby snail. Class 2D – It was raining for gardening club this week so we spent time inside the polytunnel planting tomato and cucumber plants in the grow bags. Class 2B – we were thrilled to discover that the bean and carrot seeds that Koekie and Sophie planted in week 1 have grown already!

Y3 Wisley Trip

On 25th May we went to Wisley, we went to the Root Zone where we saw videos, read facts and played games to complete one of the worksheets...We started to grow a plant we used scissors to cut part of the stalk and potted it in a pot...in the glass house we went to the rain forest and the desert...the strawberry flowers grow in to strawberries...we went to the herb garden, the vegetable garden and the fruit garden where we made a fruit salad...we also found a plant we liked and drew a picture of it.

Excerpts from reports by Abi, Lili Rose, Felix, Edward, Ava, James and Bethan.

Sun Protection

Please remember to put sun cream onto your children in the mornings now. Often the sun really breaks through at lunchtime. Sunhats can be worn. Also sunglasses can only be worn if your child has a medical condition that the office has been informed about.

Plants in the school grounds

I'm sure you'll agree the grounds are looking lovely with all the flowers coming through. The children have worked hard to plant flowers around the school. May we remind you to ensure little children don't pick the flowers and stay away from the flower beds. Please just stand back and admire. Many thanks.

Summer Forest Camp

Mrs Webzell and Miss Sinden are running the popular Summer Forest Camp on the following days Wednesday 27th July, Wednesday 3rd August and Wednesday 17th August. More details to follow.

PAUSE DAY

On May 13th the whole school came off curriculum for Pentecost Pause Day. Using the Diocesan materials which are geared to specific age groups, children learn about the power of the Holy Spirit and the task which faced the disciples in the period following Christ's death. The school was buzzing with arts and drama focused activities. A follow up assembly was held for children to reflect on their learning. A real highlight of the day was the journey: a real fire burnt all day in the school's wildlife area enabling children to reflect on the power of the flames. They then walked away from the fire and were presented with a choice of two paths – a very visual and hands-on experience to help children empathise with Christ's early followers. Children were then invited to splash water over their faces to refresh them on their journey which ended in the hall with a very moving reflective area focusing on the gifts of the Spirit. We are indebted to one of our governors, Kathryn Beesly for her dedicated support in making this day possible.

