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Dear Parents,

27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

We have only 3 weeks left until the end of this term which will be packed with plenty of learning as well as festive activities. The children are enjoying learning their carols for the Advent Service and for the Key Stage 2 Carol Service. We do hope you will be able to join us on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in the school hall. Standing room only!! (Key Stage 2 parents only please) We will keep the service to 35 mins. There will be some chairs for people with mobility issues. This newsletter serves as a reminder for many aspects of school life and we are always so grateful to everyone who supports our school policies and practices. There are also some reports of recent school trips which are such an important part of the curriculum. I hope that you will be able to join me at the next Parent Forum – more details below. I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair this Saturday.

## Attendance chart for 97%

<b>EYFS: Tadpoles</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	
<b>1RH</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	
<b>1W</b>	<b>98.3%</b>	
<b>2VB</b>	<b>97.5%</b>	
<b>3B</b>	<b>98.7%</b>	
<b>3H</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	
<b>4A</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	
<b>4E</b>	<b>98.4%</b>	
<b>5G</b>	<b>98.5%</b>	
<b>5KT</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	
<b>6M</b>	<b>97%</b>	

Best regards  
Sarah Dunning

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### **SIAMS Inspection – outstanding in all four areas (including teaching)**

Thank you so much to the support you gave us for this inspection. The inspector was most impressed with everything that she saw and felt that the school's own Self Evaluation was absolutely spot on. She met with parents, staff, governors and children and every group endorsed our evaluations. We are encouraged that our teaching and learning, albeit in one subject, was judged to be outstanding. We have come so far even since our 2014 Ofsted inspection and we are now on a mission to ensure that these exceptionally high standards are carried through into all subject areas.

### **Public Access Defibrillator**

On Monday we saw the launch of our Public Access Defibrillator which is situated in a yellow cabinet, on the fence outside the main school gate. This is for emergency use and Mrs Jo Michaelides led two Information and Awareness sessions for parents, staff and neighbours on how to carry out CPR and how to use a defibrillator. Following funding from the British Heart Foundation and from our own PTFA, the defibrillator and cabinet were officially opened by the Mayor of Farnham. Local councillors and the families of individuals affected by cardiac arrest were also invited to attend. Over 70 people attended the sessions this week and we are hoping to make these an annual event, which will complement the HeartStart training given to all Year 6 pupils. Look out for the article in the Farnham Herald.

### **Parent Morning Reading Programme**

This is now into its second year and is a very successful support programme for individual children. We are so grateful to the 16 parents who volunteer 15 minutes twice a week to read with an individual child. We do always have children who would benefit from this programme and would like to recruit more parent readers to start in January.

If you feel that you may be able to give two 15 minute slots each week (8:45-9:00) we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Marshall if you would like to find out more.

### **Extended Library Opening**

Do remember that the school library will be open from 3:15-3:40 on Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday. These slots will be for parents to assist their child in choosing a library book. All books must be scanned out on the library system. We would appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that the library is left tidy at the end of each session. Once again, we are thankful to have the support of volunteer parents who are enabling this to happen.

### **St Peter's Church**

You may not have heard that St Peter's Church will be closed for several months for refurbishment. In the interim period, services will take place in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to extend our welcome to the wider community. All school services will also be in the hall during the closure period.

### **Christmas Collection: Step by Step**

"Empowering homeless people and those facing adversity to achieve their full potential."

This year we have decided to support the Aldershot based charity Step by Step. Many of you will know this organisation which supports teenagers and young adults who are homeless in this area. The collection will be for shoeboxes filled with toiletries and small gifts. We shall send out a list of suitable items but have been asked to point out that there are more young men than women who need their support. A surprising number of young people do end up homeless for a variety reasons, often relating to personal problems or family circumstances. Step by Step supports these young people in many ways and helps them to settle back into the community and feel valued again.

### **Year 3 Butser Farm trip**

Some excerpts from reports

We went to Butser Farm to learn about the Stone Age. We made fences, it is called wattling. We made cordage bracelets by weaving straw, then getting a bead and looping it around. We also did archaeology and went into the round house with a great big fire in it.

Lili, Molly P and Amelie

### **Junior Choir and Young Voices**

The children sang beautifully during the festive Turning On off the Lights last Saturday. A big thank you to Mrs Cobb and Mrs Godding for preparing the children. The Junior choir will be singing to the residents of Ashton Manor towards the end of this term.

### **Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day**

We made up our Anglo Saxon names, mine was Ben Neilsen the Lightning Bolt, your surname would be your dads first name, ending in 'sen' if you were a boy. If you were a fast runner you would be called lightning bolt.

We also had to dress up as Anglo Saxons, which made the day really fun! We got in to the spirit of being an Anglo Saxon when we acted out the battle of Hastings! AAAAAARRRRRRRGGGGGG!

Excerpts from Ben Thompson and Mia Sharp

### **Uniform**

Please can you check periodically that your child is wearing their own uniform. Many items over the past few weeks have gone missing (and are labelled). Coats and jumpers can easily get muddled so please do check.

Please ensure boys are wearing trousers not shorts as this is our winter uniform.

Hair gel is not to be used.

Ears should only be pierced during the summer holidays because earrings must be removed for PE – they cannot be taped. When ears are pierced during term time children could be missing up to 6 weeks PE. We will insist that the earrings are removed before coming to school if parents choose to pierce them during term time.

### **Forest School**

Forest School is when you actually go into our mini forest during school time and do things you have never done before.

My favourite thing so far was using knives to cut pegs and making a staff, I sliced the end so it pierced the ground, actually finding a stick that fitted my hand and height and finally tying wool around the handle part.

Charlotte Lill

### **Nits**

Please ensure you are checking your child's hair regularly for nits and treat when spotted.

### **Parents Forum**

Due to the fact the last one was cancelled we are rescheduling for Wednesday 9th December 9.00-9.45am. Please meet in the office. There is no major hot topic so please come along with areas you would like to raise with the school. We would like to talk about communication for part of the session. Some issues may be able to be answered at the time and others may need more discussion and planning. If you are unable to join us then please leave a note in the school office or email your suggestion/issue to [info@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk)

### **Class assemblies**

We hope you are enjoying the class assemblies which are presented fortnightly on a Friday. Please can we respectfully remind you that as soon as the children start to enter the hall we are all silent. Thank you.

### **Year Six Residential**

There are some photos of the Osmington Bay residential on the school website.

At the moment these are from one group, but more will be added soon.

After the thrills and spills of Osmington Bay, Year 6 have created leaflets using persuasive writing:

...just a small snippet of the activities available: The Giant Swing, Jacob's Ladder, Zip-wire, Aeroball and many, many more. Here at Osmington the Safety is to a very high standard. We have harnesses, helmets and strong clips per child and very, very strong ropes...

...you'll be welcomed in by food fit for kings! At every meal there'll be soup, a salad bar and a hot meal, served by our highly trained chefs...

...After an exhausting day of thrilling activities, look forward to a cosy night's sleep in one of our unique chalets, with beautiful views of the Dorset coast. Rest your head on a rather comfy pillow, whilst snuggling up in a cosy duvet...

Sam Dring, Saffiyah Hastings and Bethany Hankin

### **Parking**

Please be considerate and courteous to our neighbours when parking, try not to block/partially block driveways.

### **Living Streets – Walk to School Update**

Well done to all the children who have remembered to log how they travel to school each morning in their classroom. This month we have started awarding badges to the children who regularly travel to school in a 'green' way (walk, cycle, scoot). As a school, we have set the target of 15+ green trips to school per month. We appreciate that many families are unable to walk the whole way to school, either because of the distance or due to work commitments, so they are encouraged to 'Park and Stride' which also counts as a green way. Park and Stride means parking a distance away from the school and walking for 10-minutes or so, thus alleviating congestion near the school and gaining some health benefits for you and your family.

If you are interested in learning more then please follow this link.

[Living Streets - Walk with us](#)

Thank you for your support with this initiative.