

Dear Parents,









Welcome back into the Summer Term. I hope those of you that came enjoyed the School Concert. I was so proud of all our children and every child performed at such a high standard with such professionalism. I wish to thank all our music teachers both inside and outside of school that work so hard to inspire and teach our young musicians. Thank you for your kind donations towards Guide Dogs for the Blind – we raised: £50.57

Last Thursday evening we enjoyed the annual Farnham’s Got Talent and we were very proud of our year 6 girls who performed their dance routine. They really did themselves and our school proud. It was a very polished routine performed with real confidence and you could tell the girls really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to everyone who has helped them and supported them on the night. The evening is designed to showcase the local talent and to raise money for training staff to support special needs children.


May I remind you that the governors will only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances so we trust that you will be committed to the term ahead and enjoy the 6 weeks holiday at the end.

Best regards  
Sarah Dunning

**Attendance chart for 97%**

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| <b>Caterpillars</b> | <b>93.4%</b> |  |
| <b>Tadpoles</b>     | <b>95.3%</b> |  |
| <b>1JW</b>          | <b>99.2%</b> |  |
| <b>1AP</b>          | <b>95.2%</b> |  |
| <b>2SD</b>          | <b>97%</b>   |  |
| <b>2RH</b>          | <b>94.6%</b> |  |
| <b>3AB</b>          | <b>96.8%</b> |  |
| <b>3CA</b>          | <b>99%</b>   |  |
| <b>4JE</b>          | <b>97.2%</b> |  |
| <b>4WM</b>          | <b>98.2%</b> |  |
| <b>5ED</b>          | <b>98.2%</b> |  |
| <b>5TS</b>          | <b>99.8%</b> |  |

**Believe Achieve Succeed**

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| <b>6BT</b> | <b>97.5%</b> |  |
| <b>6PG</b> | <b>98.5%</b> |  |

### **Governors' update**

As mentioned in our previous bulletin, the governing body has a diverse membership, which is one of its strengths. A combined CV for current governors would include the following job titles:

Local Education Authority administrator, Finance business partner, Executive PA, Primary school teacher, Vicar, Defence industry professional, Project manager, GP Practice Secretary, Church minister, HR Consultant – and this list is far from exhaustive. We could also add a number of voluntary roles not to mention a wealth of parenting experience between us!

However, there are a few gaps in our skills base and so we are looking for some additional support; not necessarily in the capacity of a new governor but perhaps as an occasional advisor. Do you have expertise in marketing, PR or communications which you could share with us? Or do you have other knowledge and experience which would enhance our skill set? If you think that you might possibly be able to help in any way then please get in touch with Kate Mapes, our Chair of Governors, via the school office.

Meanwhile, the regular work of sub-committees continues with half termly meetings to monitor and agree aspects of policy and planning under the headings of 'Children and Learning', 'Resources' and 'Pay and Personnel'. In addition, over the next few weeks, governors will be approving the 2018 – 19 budget and reviewing the school's strategic vision. We will give further detail about the school's vision and development plan in future bulletins.

### **Clubs**

Pupils at St Peter's are very fortunate with the huge range of clubs on offer, spanning several sporting disciplines and aspects of the Arts. Clubs are a fantastic way to broaden horizons and explore potential in areas beyond the curriculum. Clubs give children the opportunity to meet others from different classes and year groups. Learning alongside others in a different environment also extends vocabulary and develops social skills. While we have many children who take full advantage of what is on offer and attend several clubs, there are a few children who never engage with extra curricula opportunities. If your child is not in any clubs, we would encourage you to ask at the office to see which clubs still have vacancies. There are after-school, before-school and lunch-time clubs; some have a cost – but many are free.

We would however like to make it clear that staff offering clubs are doing so in their own time and are not paid for their time. It is very important that children understand that, when they sign up, they are committing to attend every session. We would also ask parents to remind their child to thank the adult running the club at the end of the session.

### **French Day – 23rd May**

This will be an off-curriculum day learning about various aspects of French culture and language. There will be a French style café and we hope to be able to invite parents for un croissant et café at drop off on the day. Children will be invited to dress up in the colours of the French flag and paint their face in the colours of the flag (if they wish). We shall try to avoid stereotyping (beret and onions)! We are hoping to be able to make a Skype connection with one of the French partner schools during that week. There will be a £2 donation requested towards resources.

### **School Meals**

Wraps are now available for lunch. Please look in the parent section of our Website.

## **Otter**



The St Peter's otter (Otto) has now left the premises to take her place alongside other otters in Farnham Community Project. This initiative brings Art and Environment together and supports the rehabilitation of otters to the Farnham sector of the River Wey. We are very grateful to Mrs Harrison Lowndes whose wonderful fish design has resulted in this stunning creature! She has invested a lot of time in the project and created a design which has enabled almost all children to contribute – with their exquisitely decorated blue and green fish.

### **Important - E-safety Day for parents/guardians – 23rd May @ 7.15pm**

Please make a note of the date. We ran this presentation last year and those who attended gave very positive feedback. We are running this again because we were inundated with requests from parents. The presenter is an ex-police officer and currently an honorary lecturer at the Centre for Child Protection, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, University of Kent – so she really is an expert. The evening will make you aware of how vulnerable children and young people can be to unwanted contact online and advise on what you can do to ensure that your child is safe. PLEASE do try to attend and bring an electronic device with you.

We are asking for a £1 donation to support the costs of the evening.

### **Post Boxes**

Please make use of the post boxes at the front of the school for the PTFA and the school office. Using these saves everyone so much time. They are also secure so money can be put in there in a sealed envelope together with the slip/note.

### **Base Holiday Club**

Places are available for our BASE holiday club at £30 per child per day. First come first served. Forms are available from the school office. Dates available are Mon-Fri 23-27<sup>th</sup> July and Monday to Friday 20-24<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Report on Year 5's Green Ninja Science Experience**

On 26<sup>th</sup> April Y5 became Green Ninjas and explored how they could do their bit to help the environment. First, we wrote down what came to mind when we heard the words global warming and climate change.

#### **Some people thought of:**

Polar bears stranded on ice

Droughts or flooding

Animal deaths caused by lack of food

Species becoming extinct

#### **Activities included:**

Air miles - seeing how far our food has travelled and how it was affecting the environment.

Simon air - to help our reflexes and memory to turn off lights.

Recycling race - seeing how fast we could sort different recycling items.

Everybody had lots of fun and was encouraged to start helping the world to become a better place. Y5 are now proper Green Ninjas and are excited to start their real-life work. We are very thankful for the University Of Surrey for coming to teach us all of this.

Olivia and Millie 5S