



# St. Peter's C of E Primary School

20<sup>th</sup> December 2017




Dear Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed our Carol Service, EYFS nativity and Year 1 and 2 Christmas production. We think the children performed brilliantly and really conveyed the Christmas message clearly for their different age groups.

On behalf of all the staff at St Peter's, may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas. We hope that you find time to relax with your family and the children can recharge their batteries. I would like to thank all the staff at St Peter's for their constant hard work and dedication to the children. It really is a team effort and I wish all the staff a well-deserved rest with their families too.

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 8.40am.

## Attendance chart for 97%

<b>Tadpoles</b>	<b>95%</b>	
<b>Caterpillars</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	
<b>IJW</b>	<b>90.5%</b>	
<b>IAP</b>	<b>91.9%</b>	
<b>2SD</b>	<b>96.2%</b>	
<b>2RH</b>	<b>90.2%</b>	
<b>3AB</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	
<b>3CA</b>	<b>96.9%</b>	
<b>4JE</b>	<b>93.9%</b>	
<b>4WM</b>	<b>95.4%</b>	
<b>5ED</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	
<b>5TS</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	
<b>6BT</b>	<b>95%</b>	
<b>6PG</b>	<b>96.9%</b>	

Best regards  
Sarah Dunning

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### **Good news at St Peter's Church**

Revd Jacqueline Drake-Smith has been appointed as the new Vicar at St Peter's Church. Jacqueline is currently the Stipendiary Curate at St John the Evangelist, Merrow, and we look forward to welcoming her to Wrecclesham next Spring.

### **Toilets**

As a parent, if you are visiting and need the toilet please do not use the children's toilets. Please use the disabled toilet in the office.

### **Christmas lights**

Thank you to the parents and friends who came and supported us at the Christmas Light Switch On, on Saturday 18th November. Although it was a rather soggy afternoon it didn't dampen the wonderful singing from both our choirs - Young Voices and Pop Choir, who rose magnificently to the occasion and started our countdown to Christmas. Many thanks to those children who participated and the parents and friends who came and supported them.

### **Message for parents and guardians from Surry County Council**

There is a measles outbreak in Surrey affecting unimmunised children and adults. Measles is highly infectious. It can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. Vaccination with 2 doses of MMR is the only way to protect children and young people. There are also measles outbreaks occurring in Europe, particularly in Romania, Italy and Germany, and if you are planning to travel overseas please ensure that your child is up to date with their routine immunisations, including MMR.

The first MMR vaccine is given to toddlers at the age of 13 months and the second injection at around 3 years and 4 months before your child goes to school. MMR can be given to older children, teenagers and young adults if they missed their injections when they were younger. Contact your GP practice if your child needs an MMR vaccine. The vaccine is free. If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact the GP to ask.

Measles is not just a little kids' problem. Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles. The first signs of measles are fever, cough, runny nose and red sore eyes. After a few days, a spotty rash will appear. It starts on the face and neck before spreading to the rest of the body.

If you think your child has measles, ring your GP practice for advice. Don't turn up to the surgery, walk in centre or to accident and emergency without calling ahead. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if your child has measles – they won't pass it on to others. Keep people with symptoms of measles away from others to avoid spreading measles, and stay away from school, nursery or work for 5 days after the onset of rash.

If you would like more information, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

### **Yr 3 Aladdin Pantomime**

The panto was extraordinary, I was satisfied at how much they put together with only three characters, it was very funny and Aladdin said: How you diddling dudes? And we replied: How you diddling Al? And most people said the best part was when they all gave us sweets!

Abbie Irvine

### **Governors Fund**

Thanks to all who came to the bottle tombola at the Christmas Fair. Governors raised £520! This money will be put towards our 10% contribution for roof and boiler repairs. Not exciting but essential.

## **International Christmas**

We have added an international dimension to Christmas celebrations this year by exchanging handmade decorations with children across eight European countries. The countries involved were: Spain, Portugal, Poland, Greece, The Netherlands, Italy, Romania and another British school. As well as learning about Christmas decorations around Europe, children have enjoyed seeing their own decorations hanging on trees across the continent!

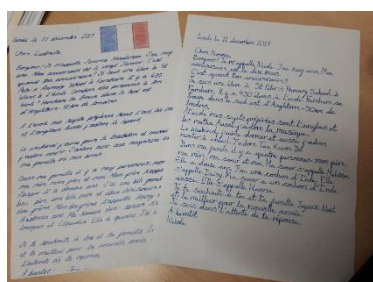


## **Christmas Boxes for the elderly**

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our Christmas Charity Campaign. We loaded up 64 boxes which have now been distributed to elderly folk in the area. We know this has impact and it's a great way for children to connect with the wider community. Earlier this week there was a poignant message on our answerphone: a 93 year old lady took the trouble to call the school to thank us. She had just received a box and was delighted as much by the gesture, as the contents in the box.

## **French Pen pals**

We have sent off our first letters and our Y6 pupils have received news from their penfriends. All very exciting!



## **Comments from children:**

Leah said: "It's really exciting. I'd like to meet my penpal now that I know so much about her." Wesley said, "My friend is really keen on dogs. I noticed a grammar mistake. But then maybe our French grammar had mistakes too!" Jack added: "I wish they'd written a bit more - but it's really good to hear about what they like doing."

## **School Lunches**

We have made changes to our school lunches and can now offer children a choice of the main, a vegetarian or a jacket potato. Choices will commence on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Details of how it works will be emailed to everyone in January.

## **School App**

Our school app is very easy to download and use. It will put all the school diary dates in your phone and give you up to date information on what the school has been up to behind the scenes. We use it as our first point of reference for diary dates.

Download info: <http://www.stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk/app> Don't forget that the school website is packed full of information too!

## **Christmas Jumper Day.....for Save the Children**

A fantastic effort with lots of lovely jumpers £309.07 was raised for Save the Children! A short film is attached.

## **WATCH YOUR FILM**

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## **Global Goals**

This week the children have spent a few minutes making paper chains which are printed with the 17 international global sustainability goals. These include: Quality Education for all, Clean Water and Sanitation for all, Gender Equality, Affordable and Clean Energy, Zero Hunger. This was a follow up to The World's Largest Lesson back in November. Each child recorded what they could do to help make one of these goals a reality. A photo of our chain will be sent to UNICEF's Largest Lesson site as a way of recording our 'voice'.



## **Christmas Fair**

So far the total raised at the Christmas Fair stands at approximately £3,500 with some money still to come in. We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Lindt who generously donated the advent calendars and chocolate for our tombola which has raised well over £1000 in total.

## **Phyllis Tuckwell**

Thank you for your generous donations after the Christmas concerts and church service. We are sending a cheque for £350 to the Hospice.

**Happy Christmas Everyone!**



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