



St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

28th February 2018

The children have been so excited this week about the snow which is lovely to see. Thankfully school remains warm and safe but please keep an eye on the website and your texts/emails for any closures should the weather get worse.

Despite the Spring term being short, we are packing in a great deal of exciting activities and events. One highlight was last week's opening of the Trim Trail by the Mayor. It was a glorious afternoon with the sun shining and children very excited about the prospect of their new playtime fun. We can't thank the PTFA enough and all of you that have supported the fundraising for this fantastic new equipment. All the children have now had a go and the rota is in place to ensure it is fairly used. The BASE team are loving using it after school too. We also look forward to welcoming the Mayor back next week to deliver our Otter model which the children will be decorating in order to take part in the Farnham Otter Trail. More details soon.

We are all busy planning our costumes for World Book Day tomorrow. I hope it is fun preparation and not stressful for you. Never feel under pressure to buy costumes, instead recycle with each other or be creative with what you already have in the house. The children are looking forward to taking part in their readathon which we hope you will be able to support with a contribution for our link school in Ghana for books and essential educational supplies.

We look forward to seeing you all at Parents' evening next week: Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th March.








The School Improvement Planning and Maths Evening is on Tuesday 20th March 6.30pm-8.00pm in the hall. Would you like to know more about how the staff and governors plan their next strategic focus point? Would you like to have a say in the direction in which our school moves at it improves each year? If so, then please come and join us for an interactive evening and work alongside all the class teachers and governors as we continue to strive to raise standards in our school. In addition to this, we will be having a 30 minute input on maths led by the teachers to show you how we are supporting your child in maths and what you can do at home to support them. We hope you can come.

Best regards
Sarah Dunning

Curriculum Monkey Survey

Thank you to those who have responded. There is still time to reply. We shall give an analysis next time.

Attendance chart for 97%

Caterpillars	96.1%	
Tadpoles	96%	
IJW	95.8%	
IAP	95.3%	
2SD	97.1%	
2RH	93.7%	
3AB	97.5%	
3CA	97%	
4JE	97.2%	
4WM	95.8%	
5ED	97.6%	
5TS	97.7%	
6BT	96%	
6PG	97.7%	

Before Hours drop off

It has been noticed recently that many children are being dropped off for clubs before school near or in the staff car park which is restricting access at times. Also, children have been seen running through the staff car park which is very dangerous. Please ensure that you drop off in a safe zone and your child enters through the pedestrian gate.

The staff car park is the sole use of staff and disabled drivers.

Drop off Zone 8.30am-8.45am

This is running brilliantly thanks to the many parent volunteers that run the system. We are aware that many of the parents have pupils in year 6 and will be leaving at the end of the year. If you feel that you could help run the drop off zone next year please tell the office. It is such a valuable system and works really well to help alleviate some of the traffic congestion.

Reminder to order school lunches online.

Please see the school lunch page under parents on the school website for further details. Jacket potatoes cannot be ordered on a Wednesday!

Library books

Message for parents – please return all school library books. We have a large number missing, each is logged to a child's name, so return them before we start naming & shaming!

ArtsMark

We are delighted to announce that St Peter's Primary School has been awarded an Artsmark Silver Award. Artsmark is a forward thinking and ongoing journey that evidences developments to the arts and culture over time. Over the past 2 years we developed our curriculum and created a greater number of opportunities for our children to engage in. The recent addition of an art gallery displays work from children in all year groups, so please have a look when you come in for parents evening. As a school we are now looking forward to progressing further and working towards our Gold Award.

Volunteers needed – EYFS Reading

We are looking for volunteers to read with our Early Years children. Preferably at drop-off time in the morning, however we would be grateful for any other time you may have, even a spare half hour each week would be welcome. If you do have any free time please see Mrs Katie Marshall in Early Years. Many thanks.

EYFS outdoor area:

Saturday 17th March, 10am to 1pm.

Can you spare time to come and help? We would value your help to revamp our outside area. We are looking to paint the playhouse, paint tyres, cut down overgrown plants, put up a bamboo screen and tidy. Coffee and doughnuts will also be provided. The trim trail will be open for use if you need to bring your children with you. Please let Katie Marshall know if you are able to help, to give us an idea of numbers for catering. Thank you in advance for your help.

EYFS – Chinese New Year

We tried some rice noodles. I like the rice noodles. Charlie Farrant

I learnt about Chinese New Year. Poppy Marsh

I like rice noodles. Evie Allen



We watched a Chinese dragon dance and listened to the music. Then we had a go at making our own dragon dance. We all took time to follow the leader.



We made moon cakes to celebrate the Chinese New Year. We measured out the ingredients and mixed with care.

Twitter

We are now on Twitter @StPetersFarnham Please follow and like. Also may we take this opportunity to remind you of the School News app especially with snow forecast. You can also sync our school diary to your phone. See our website for details.

Year 5 Netball

Last week our Y5 netball team played brilliantly on their first outing as a team.

They didn't lose a single game which put them into the final play-off. They came in second out of the 10 schools competing. This looks good for next year!



Governors' bulletin

The school governors recognise the importance of listening to the whole school community to inform them as they shape strategies for improvement. At the March parent-teacher consultations one or two governors will be available for you to talk to and there will be information on how matters raised at the autumn consultations are being addressed. Do come and speak to us.

To broaden their understanding and evaluate the impact of their work, governors also meet with teaching and support staff periodically and conduct 'learning walks'. These walks are a privileged opportunity to see learning in practice and to talk with pupils; they are always a delight. We hope to report on some of our walks in future newsletters.

Governors further equip themselves through constant training. In addition to general induction and regularly updated safeguarding training, all governors attend a number of specialised sessions each year which relate to their particular role. During March, the whole governing body will also attend a course on how to support senior leadership in their drive for improvement. We will report back on some of the outcomes of our training in the months ahead.

We hope this leaves you better informed about how governors acquire some of their knowledge and we look forward to talking with some of you at the consultation evenings.

Book Week

Remember - children may bring in a book from home for the Readathon but they are also welcome to choose one from the library. This is a donation event and all funds will be shared between **The UCC School in Ghana** (to assist with their new building which is now half completed) and **Refugee Aid Fethiye** (Turkey) - this charity provides support for Syrian refugee children who need specialist medical care and also school equipment.

Going Bananas!

Fairtrade Fortnight kicked off with a fantastic assembly led by the Fairtrade Committee. We learnt about the journey of a banana from plant to shop and about the different people involved in the process. The key message was that the grower (who does most of the hard work) is often living in poverty. Children were asked to encourage their families to look out for Fairtrade bananas and buy wherever possible.



Fairtrade Cupcake Sale next Wednesday after school outside the hall.

Please bring small cakes which contain at least one Fairtrade ingredient. If you like crumble and bananas check out the following recipe - very easy, very satisfying and very Fairtrade!

Fairtrade Crumbly Banana Squares

Ingredients

175g Fairtrade sugar
175g margarine
225g self-raising flour
100g porridge oats
2 medium Fairtrade bananas (mashed)
25g Fairtrade sultanas

Warm oven at 200C / Gas Mark 6

Method

Cream sugar and margarine.
Cut in flour and oats to make a crumbly mixture.
Place half the mixture into a deep baking tray and press down lightly.
Spread over the mashed banana and sultanas.
Sprinkle the rest of the mixture on and press down again.
Bake for 25-30 minutes until golden.
Sprinkle with caster sugar
Wait until cool to cut into squares

Enjoy!

Fishbourne Roman Palace

Year 3 visited Fishbourne Roman Palace. The museum was brilliant because it had lots of detailed mosaics. The gardens of the palace were very pretty because they were in wonderful patterns. One of the activities was to learn how to spell your name in roman letters.

Harriet Creamer 3A

Fishbourne Roman Palace is a really good place to go! My favourite thing was the underfloor heating and the creations that the romans had made. You can go there today, it is great fun too!

Thomas Lofthouse 3A

On Friday 23rd February we went to Fishbourne Roman Palace for a school trip. It looked very different because we expected a palace but it was only half of it. Our first activity was to spin wool, write our names and ages using the roman alphabet and pretend to be slaves. It was AMAZING!

Amy Russell 3A

Year 5 Dance at Weydon School

On 6th and 7th February Year 5 embarked on a fantastic experience at Weydon Secondary School. We took part in their dance festival, performing the opening dance to Ghost Busters. The other dances were all by the students of Weydon and were superb. We had worked hard in PE to prepare our steps and had such great fun taking part in this great experience. We would like to thank all who organised us as well as the wonderful dance teacher, Mrs Richards, who imaginatively choreographed our dance.

Jake Lloyd and Millie Jessen 5S

In the Weydon dance show we danced to Ghost Busters. After we danced we got to watch the whole show. I especially liked Tutti-Frutti because they were going all around the stage. My favourite bit in our show was the torches because we were looking spooky.

Sam Lyngdoh-Wallang 5D