



St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

May I take this opportunity to thank your children for continuing to work so hard this year and for giving their best at St Peter's. It has been yet another successful year with so much achievement from individuals and the whole school.







Children are tested nationally at the end of their time in primary school and our children have done themselves and their teachers very proud. The SATS results will be published to you all in September when we have received the re-marks and the national data has been confirmed.

Thank you, parents, for your support this year to staff as they continue to strive to provide the very best education and provision they can for your children. The staff take pride in their work and so often go the extra mile for your child. I am grateful that I lead a team of staff who are passionate about primary education. I wish the whole team a restful break and thank them for their hard work and resilience to external pressures put on the teaching profession currently.

Happy holidays everyone! Enjoy special time with those that you love.

Best regards
Sarah Dunning

Attendance chart for 97%

Tadpoles	96%	
Caterpillars	95.7%	
IJW	96.3%	
IAP	95.6%	
2SD	97.2%	
2RH	96.2%	
3AB	97.1%	
3CA	97.2%	
4JE	97.3%	
4WM	96.3%	
5ED	96.3%	
5TS	97.5%	
6BT	96.3%	
6PG	97.6%	

Believe Achieve Succeed

We wish some members of our team well as they move on from St Peter's.

We wish Mr Daniell, Mrs Harrington, Mrs Kazakos and Ms Petherbridge all well as they move onto their new schools. We thank them all for their dedication and contributions to St Peter's over the years.

Mrs Scholl and Mrs Vincent

We say goodbye and thank you to two lunchtime supervisors who have given many years of service to our school. They work in all weathers and give our children a safe and happy lunchtime, we are grateful for their dedication and wish them both well.

We welcome two new teachers to our staff in September. Not so much new to us but new positions.

We are delighted to have recruited Mrs Simpson to teach year 4 and Mrs Norford to teach in Year 1. Both teachers know us well and we welcome them into our team.

Home School Agreement 2018-2019

All parents will be required to sign this agreement in September. For your information this is what you will be asked to sign.

Parents will:

- telephone the school by 9 o'clock on each day that my child is absent and collect my child on time after school
- avoid taking holidays during term time and making appointments during the school day
- give the very best levels of communication between home and school, both in formal and informal ways
- respect the privacy and integrity of all members of the school community when using social networking sites
- support my child with their homework, providing encouragement to complete work and return to school on time
- attend parents' evenings and discussions about my child's progress
- let the school know anything that might affect my child's work or behaviour
- take concerns and worries to the school leaders and not post on social networking sites
- support the school's approach to online safety
- understand that appointments with staff must be made through the office.
- support the Christian character of the school and the aims set out in the school prospectus

Changes to PE

From September, PE lessons from Y2 up will be led by sports coaches, rather than the class teacher. The coaches will teach games, dance and gymnastics following national curriculum targets. By changing the structure for cover in this way, children will have high quality, inclusive sports instruction and will also have the class teacher for all English and Maths lessons.

Might your child be eligible for additional funding?

If you think that total income in your household may entitle your child to Free School Meals, you simply have to contact Mrs Kate Parry Shields in the office and she will be able to verify that. It is always worth a try. Kate will need to have your National Insurance Number. Likewise, if a parent is in the services, there is also a small amount of additional funding available.

Smell of greasepaint in the air

Did Year 6 do themselves proud? – Dream On!

What a fantastic couple of evenings! The main cast and the chorus were brilliant, ably supported by the stage hands and sound/lighting engineers.

Despite the heat they played to two full houses and didn't miss a beat. The jokes were well timed, the soloists sung superbly, and the actors hammed it up totally.

Congratulations to all year 6 and the brilliant Directors.

District Cross Country @ Aldershot Military Athletics Stadium

What a triumph - we came home with a big cup! St Peter's pupils battled through the heats and managed to have at least one athlete in each final! We came joint third in the boys' relay, third in the girls' relays and once points were totalled, we came overall second out of 12 teams. This is the best performance at the District Athletics for several years. Every single child gave their best and there were some terrific performances. A particular mention goes to Tom Wattenbach (Y4) who came first in the Y4 sprint final. Well done to all the children who took part and to Ms Dawson and the adults who have supported the athletics training over the summer term.



Charity Day

Last Friday the school field was transformed into a bustling marketplace. Children from all year groups set up stalls including; nail-bars, juice bars, cake stalls, penalty shoot-outs and a range of other sporting challenges. Charity Day is a fantastic opportunity for children to come up with resourceful ways to raise money for charitable causes. It helps to develop an independent mindset as children begin to see how they can make a difference to other people's lives. The afternoon is run entirely by children from setting up the stalls to counting the money - staff have a chance to relax as they visit the stalls! The money raised £875 will be split between Guide Dogs for the Blind and The Alzheimer's Society. A highlight of the afternoon was a visit from Melody, a young puppy who is being trained as a guide dog.



St Peter's in competition with Waitrose!

Last week a group of children from Y3 and Y4 set up a stall outside Waitrose in the town centre. They sold an extensive range of vegetables which they had grown from seed. Produce included: rhubarb, broad beans, peas, chard, lettuce, courgettes, bunches of lavender and a range of herbs. This was part of a national scheme promoted by Waitrose which encourages children to nurture seeds, understand how food grows and then sell what they have grown. Children were a credit to St Peter's, engaging with many people in the local community and managing to sell £125 of vegetables in a couple of hours. The remaining produce was sold after school bringing the total to £155! Thank you to Mrs Webzell who masterminds the school garden along with dedicated parent volunteers. If you haven't had a chance to see the garden, do go and visit after school. Take a look in the polytunnel where you will see tiny bunches of grapes begin to form - who knows what we might do with the grapes?!



Hot off the press: Message from Waitrose

It was an absolute pleasure having St Peter's at Waitrose and we are so pleased that the sale was a success. £155 is an amazing amount to raise and it's great that you are going to use it for irrigation and water storage - it will certainly make your life easier! I have spoken to our manager and he would be happy for you to return in the Autumn with a further harvest and perhaps the opportunity to sell you lavender bags to accompany it. Many of our customers commented on how lovely it was to see the children selling their produce and I have had feedback that they thought the grow it on lettuce was a great idea.

Y4 recorder concert

On the afternoon of 5th July, Year 4 performed on their recorders to an audience of family and friends. This was a culmination of a year's weekly lessons. The children played a number of pieces, including a version of Abba's "Mamma Mia" with dance moves!

It was wonderful to see how much progress the children have made over the year. They performed with confidence, musicality and creativity.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported their children over the year.

Sophia: Learning an instrument was a new challenge and made me practice to get better.

Joshua: Not just coming into lessons, I've learnt that practising at home has helped me to progress.

Evie: I've learnt to try harder even if it's been difficult. I've learnt to persevere.

Jensen: Learning more patience and being responsible for looking after my recorder.

Governors' Update

The Governors would like to commend both staff and pupils for their achievements and progress this year. Despite the pressure on resources and ever-increasing expectations the school has undertaken many successful new initiatives, consistently addressed areas of weakness and built on its strengths.

Learning walks conducted throughout the year have given greater understanding of areas of challenge and success, helping the governors to see how they can shape strategies for improvement. Looking at Maths lessons, Neil Ambrose noted the mix of teacher led learning, individual work and working in pairs and saw the importance of additional material for individuals who need challenging. Jill Yates investigated the role played by quality planning and teaching in raising standards of reading and saw that reading is the foundation from which all learning develops. Kathryn Beesley explored how work towards the Arts and International

awards supports the rest of the curriculum and enables pupils to relate classroom learning to real life issues and experience; the commitment and specialist skills of certain staff were evident here. Other learning walks have included investigation of the oral curriculum and how to promote child initiated writing in Early Years. All visits have been an inspiring window on pupils' learning and development.

Governors have now agreed Strategic Priorities for 2018 - 2021 and formulated a Governors' Action Plan to help implement this. These will work alongside the more operational whole School Development Plan drawn up by staff. Another recent action has been submission of plans for the refurbishment of Early Years' toilets; running the tombola at the Summer Fete has helped to raise money towards the funding of this and other capital projects.

We bid farewell and express our thanks to Jill Yates who is stepping down after a four-year term as a governor. And finally, we would like to say a big thank you to all parents who have supported their children and the school in so many ways - volunteering time and effort, without which St Peter's could not maintain the quality of its education, including many vitally important extra-curricular activities. We wish you all a happy and healthy summer break.

Charges for lost books

Our school library is a resource we are very proud of and one we would like to actively encourage children to use as much as possible.

To this end, the library will be open from Monday-Thursday from 12-12.30 when it will be run by our Year 6 library monitors.

The library will also be open after school from 3.20-3.45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thanks to Mrs Woods and Mrs Collinson for devoting their time to supervise these sessions.

We are continually investing money in new books and our time in ensuring the smooth running of the library. We now have a new policy for borrowing and returning books.

All books may be borrowed for up to 90 days. This allows for the most complex of reads.

Should a book not be returned during this time, you will be sent a reminder. We do appreciate that occasionally books get lost and forgotten amongst bookshelves at home.

You will then have up to a month to locate and return the overdue book. If you are not able to find it, you can either:

- purchase a replacement (using Amazon or other retailers)
- pay a £3 voluntary contribution for us to replace the book. This will appear on your Scopay account.

We hope you understand our decision to implement these charges. The limited funds we have for the library we would like to spend on adding new releases rather than on just replacing lost books.

Many thanks.

Chess Report

The UK Chess Challenge tournament started in the chess club during the Spring Term and many children successfully qualified to the next stage, one of the many Megafinals.

Tilde Locke and George Shaw used their qualification to compete in the Surrey West Megafinal in a school in Guildford.

Tilde and George took what they had learnt from the school chess club and put this knowledge to good use in the tournament against similarly aged children from Hampshire, Berkshire and Surrey. Many of their opponents were tournament regulars and some of the stronger players receive private one-to-one coaching! Everyone can be proud of their achievements especially as this was only their first or second chess tournament.

It was a great experience for both.

Dr. John Upham, Chess Teacher