



St. Peter's C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

29th June 2018

As always, the second half term has been frantic with various sporting activities and school trips. For the first time this year our older pupils took a leading role in organising the inclusive Sports afternoon. We shall certainly be repeating this as they did an amazing job, encouraging the younger pupils and keeping everything running to time. Sports Morning is also a highlight of the school calendar; we hope you enjoyed watching the children represent their House in both a competitive and collaborative style! Ms Dawson has now selected the team for The District Sports to be held at the Aldershot Military Stadium – the final event of the sporting calendar.

This morning we held our annual St Peter's Day Service. It was also Rev Jacqueline's first school service in the church. The sun was streaming in through the stained -glass windows, there was a welcome breeze coming in through the open doors and the children's singing (accompanied by the organ) really raised the roof! We have had so much positive feedback from parents and parishioners. It was wonderful to be together as a school community in such beautiful and peaceful surroundings.

Last week was National Feelgood Week for schools and we were fortunate to be able to organise classroom -based yoga lessons for all classes. Natalie Perry led the sessions which have had very positive feedback from pupils and staff. We are committed to helping children to manage their emotions and develop resilience, and we can now begin to practise these techniques at appropriate times in the school day. During that week, our Y6 pupils also completed their Bike-ability Course which gives them the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on the road.











Evaluating some of the learning from this year, we have submitted applications for the SportsMark Gold and for the full accreditation for the International Award. We should have more news before we break up. Looking ahead, next week is The Summer Fair (1pm- 4pm). Please come along with family and friends – the Fair is an occasion to experience St Peter's at its best. This is followed later in the week by Charity Day, where the children organise their own fund-raising activities. (13th July -please see information below). The Y6 performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream will be on the evenings of 17th and 18th July – tickets will be available soon.

Finally, it is with sadness that we report the sudden death of Keith Aston who became a good friend to St Peter's through his work with Heartstart. Keith ran workshops for some of the older children and was in school just a few weeks ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Do continue to make the most of the fine weather!

Best regards,
Senior Management Team

Attendance chart for 97%

Tadpoles	95.4%	
Caterpillars	95.5%	
IJW	97.4%	
IAP	93%	
2SD	97,5%	
2RH	93.7%	
3AB	98.6%	
3CA	98.2%	
4JE	97.3%	
4WM	97.1%	
5ED	97.6%	
5TS	98.8%	
6BT	98.5%	
6PG	96.3%	

Allergies

Please ensure that you do not share food with any children at school events. It is vital that children with allergies only receive food from staff that have been authorised. This week, in assembly, children were reminded that they too must not share their food during the lunch hour. They all listened to the severity of the consequences if a child ate the wrong foods. Please reinforce this message with your children at home too.

As a school we work very hard to safeguard all the children with allergies. It is important that we have all the information relating to your child's dietary requirements and if information/medication changes.

Tuesday 3rd July

The children will be having one hour with their new teacher from 10.30-11.30am. Although this is a short time, it is an important time for the children to make their first impressions on their new teacher and for the staff to start to get to know the children better.

Year 3 Science Day

I enjoyed using a mechanical arm – Joe

I enjoyed the robot because it was fun trying to make a tower – Molly

I enjoyed the robot arm because it was challenging, and I like to challenge myself – Isabella

I enjoyed drawing the space suit and the aliens

Year 4 Get Space

Year 4 were invited to a Get Space event at Broadwater School, Godalming on 26th June. This event is run by Spacelink, a charity set up to improve science education in schools. The children met the first female UK astronaut Dr Helen Sharman, they went on a space adventure with the Royal Observatory and did some star gazing in the space planetarium. They even launched rockets! A fantastic day was had by all.



Year 6 Leavers' Service

Year 6 along with lots of other primary schools attended the Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral on Wednesday. This is a lovely service which looks back at the children's learning path and forwards to their next step on their journey.

Meeting our French Friends

Following on from our letters to French pen pals, we have now managed four Skype sessions with the French school (Y4-Y6). This has been a fantastic experience even with the children's limited knowledge of the French language.



Zaire said: *"It was great because we got to ask questions and we tried to express ourselves in French. We found out that most of them play the same computer games as us. By seeing them, we feel we know them a little bit better!"*

International Committee

The committee has completed their project on trees in the environment and shared the learning with schools in countries as diverse as Poland, Norway, Cyprus and Greece. The learning from all the schools has been put into one presentation to be shared among the schools.

Louis said: *"It's important to understand other people's cultures. If we visit another country, we'll know more about it and be able to relate to it better in our everyday lives."*

Children's Charity Day - Friday 13th July

Please encourage your child to get together with friends to organise a stall for Charity Day.

For those new to the school, this is a chance for children to become young entrepreneurs for the afternoon by running their own money-making stalls. Of course, not everyone is expected to run a stall, as we also need lots of people with some money to spend! This year's charities are: Alzheimer's Association and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Both have been selected in memory of two people in the community who have been very supportive to St Peter's over the years.

Fairtrade Cakes

If children are bringing in cakes to sell, may we ask that at least one ingredient is Fairtrade - please no nuts.

St Peter's Day Service

Every year the whole school attends the service at St Peter's Church to celebrate St Peter's Day. Through drama and reflection, the children lead the congregation through the life of St Peter and why he was chosen by Jesus. Children learn that Peter made quite a few big mistakes in his life but that he was forgiven and through his strong faith, went on to establish the Christian church around the world.

Have you seen our wonderful vegetable garden?

Please make time to pop over to see the children's efforts in the garden. We have a promising crop (including grapes) and are planning to sell the produce outside Waitrose over the next couple of weeks (Waitrose provided some of the seeds).

A big thank you to all parents, staff and volunteers who gave up some of their precious time to help get the garden up to **Farnham in Bloom** standard - this is much appreciated.

World Champion Gymnast - Kelly Simm

The children enjoyed a fantastic sponsored circuit workout last week, led by the gymnast. Kelly also gave an inspirational gymnastics demonstration which had everyone gasping in awe! Kelly is 2018 British all-round champion and has also won medals at both the Commonwealth Games and the European Championships. Sixty per cent of the money raised by the event will come back into school. Thank you for supporting your child in this event.



A huge £3,600 approximately was raised, with the school benefitting from £2,000 (approx.) towards sports equipment.

Rabbi Zvi (Orthodox Rabbi to Jewish Community of Berkshire)

Rabbi Zvi joined us yesterday to present an assembly and workshops to Years One, Three and Four. Each workshop focussed on a specific aspect of Judaism to support this term's RE topic on other World Religions. Rabbi Zvi is a fantastic storyteller who engages children of all ages, extending their knowledge and thinking through a humorous delivery.



Run or Dye!

On 1st July, Mia, Tula, Eva and Scarlett are taking part in a 5Km run for Alopecia UK. They are doing Run or Dye event where you get splashed with dye. So far, they have raised over £1,100 thanks to their supporters. We hope they have great fun and the determination to finish the run!