



St Peter's Newsletter

October 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you, to you all and to your children for throwing yourselves back into school life in a slightly more 'normal' environment this half term. Thank you for your patience as we still hold back on large gatherings and activities which may heighten people's risk of passing Covid. We still must continue to be cautious and I know we will thank ourselves for being so.

May I wish you all a restful half term and I hope the children will enjoy their extra day tomorrow. I know the staff are ready for a break having worked exceptionally hard as they ensure the children access the full curriculum, clubs and all the extra, exciting activities that they can now take part in.

Do follow us on Twitter as it gives a very regular update of the many activities and achievements that the children have succeeded in.

Have a super rest and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 1st November.

From Mrs Dunning

Covid

Schools no longer act as track and trace. If a child is unwell, we advise you to take an LFT test. If this is positive, then the family all need to take a PCR. Any negative results do not need to self-isolate, but you are then encouraged to take LFT daily whilst the other household member isolates, in case your situation changes. In terms of schools' advice from Public Health England, we do not close classes until there are six or more cases in a close proximity of the school (i.e. in the same area of one of the buildings). We appreciate that this continues to be a difficult time for us all as we know Covid is still a part of our lives but these new rules do help children reduce the amount of face to face education lost.

Travelling to and from school

We encourage all our families to walk, scooter or cycle to school. If this is not possible and you feel you have to drive, please park with care and consideration for our neighbours - do not block their driveways or use them as turning points.

We encourage anyone who drives to school to follow our voluntary one-way system in Little Green Lane, going *down* the hill. If you are able to change your route to accommodate this, it will really help alleviate the unnecessary need for cars to pass each other by mounting the curb, putting pedestrians at risk.

The drop-off zone at the front of the school is also available, removing the need to park. Please make sure your child is on the correct side of the car to facilitate a fast and easy drop off. Be assured your child will be supervised until they are in the playground. If you are able to volunteer to help, please speak to someone in the school office.

Please make sure children do not climb the railings by the car park, or the lamp posts along the street after school, thank you.

Lastly, we would like to appeal to parents of children in Green Shoots and in Year R. We are aware that you and your children arrive and leave school each day via the staff car park. Often there are vehicles moving at drop-off and pick-up time, so for safety reasons, please do not allow your child to run around.

Thank you for working together to keep our community safe.

Farnham and District Schools Cross Country back after two years!



The St Peter's team did an amazing job up at Farnham Park on Saturday! We came home with a cup and were placed in every category. Thank you to all the children who ran and to families for turning up to encourage, support and cheer. We had 578 primary school children from 11 different schools running in the 2km race. Many of our children were running for the first time. While there were some impressive times from those leading the pack, the focus of this run is inclusion. It's all about being part of team and representing your school. Every child will have a chance to improve on their time at the next meet in May. The run is for Y3 up so at some point in their school career, every child will have a chance to participate.



This is a big community event for Farnham and thanks go to Ms Dawson and around 50 members of St Peter's staff, who were there from dawn on Saturday morning. The next cross-country event is scheduled for May 2022. Farnham and District schools have different numbers of pupils, ranging from one class in a year group to five classes per year group. We held a big celebration assembly in school this week.

The final results were:

PLACE	OVERALL BELL CUP	GIRLS' TEAM TROPHY	BOYS' TEAM TROPHY	INDIVIDUAL GIRLS	INDIVIDUAL BOYS
1ST	South Farnham	St Peter's	South Farnham	Waverley Abbey	South Farnham
2ND	St Peter's	South Farnham	St Peter's	South Farnham	South Farnham
3RD	St Polycarp's	Waverley Abbey	St Polycarp's	Scarlett Hooper St Peter's	South Farnham



School matches

We had a fabulous victory at the Year 5/6 inter-schools hockey tournament last week. An amazing result considering for some of our players it was their first every hockey match. We won 5 out of our 7 games and drew 2, coming out on top! Thank you to Guildford Hockey Club for the training session and advice, and the players for giving it their all.



Our football and netball teams are continuing to perform well in the leagues with both teams securing victories over Highfield this week. We have a couple more matches and hope to reach the finals! Again, well done all those involved.

Y2 Brooklands Museum

Year 2 had a great day in wonderful sunshine at Brooklands Museum last week. We are so grateful to all the parents who so kindly gave up their time to help the children with their learning. We enjoyed our journey through the history of Air Transport and it was such fun to sit in Concorde. Everyone made a glider which we then tested, and we also met Hilda Hewlett who told us all about her exciting life and how she had learnt to fly and run a flight school at Brooklands.



Food donations

Thank you to families for the very generous donations sent in for Farnham Food Bank and The Vine Centre in Aldershot. We know that there are families struggling in our local area and our collections are very well received. The School Council organised the collection and helped sort and pack up the food.



Harvest Celebration and Reflection

We were excited to be able to celebrate Harvest down at St Peter's Church after a two-year pause. We had two separate services in church: one for EYFS/Y1 and Y3 and the other for Y4/Y5/Y6. Year Two were on a trip that day so held their own separate service later that week. Both services were very uplifting and spiritual, the KS2 the more so for the wonderful organ music. During the service children are encouraged to reflect on the fortunate position they are in to have an abundant choice of food while others in the world are starving. In KS2 we also brought eco and global issues into the service with our hopes for COP26.



KS1



KS2

Khalsa Primary School Slough

This week Mrs Dunning and Mrs Marshall visited a Sikh faith school in Slough to find out about how they live their values and to exchange ideas on learning and teaching. We made this contact when the head teacher of Khalsa came in during the summer to talk to our Y4 pupils about Sikhism - which is one of our RE units. Khalsa is a two-form entry school with a nursery and is rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted. We hope to be able to do some collaborative learning with Khalsa in the future.

Parent Readers - can you spare 15 minutes twice a week?

We are ready to start our regular parent reading programme after half term and have 19 parents/grandparents signed up to read with a named child on a regular basis. The children on the programme are KS2 pupils. We do have two more children who need an adult to support them on two mornings a week. The times are: 08:45 - 09:00 on any two days of your choice. It is a rewarding experience and your input will have a big impact on the child's confidence with reading. If you think you could commit to this, please could you contact Mrs Sarah Marshall or Mrs Jane Cook via the school office. All parent readers need to have a DBS check. Thank you.

Swimming lessons start on Friday 5th November

We have had a good uptake for the lessons. We shall be communicating straight after half term with detailed information.

School shoes

Please ensure your child has sturdy school shoes, but not black trainers. The older children are starting to wear black trainers, which are not an acceptable shoe, thank you.

Staff car park

We are still experiencing parents parking in the staff carpark before school – we presume dropping children at BASE/clubs. Our staff frequent pull into the car park to be faced with a car coming out – this is very disruptive and causing difficulty for manoeuvring. Please respect our policy.

Diary dates

Reminder that we break up on Thursday 21st October at 3.30pm

Friday is a bank holiday for school staff in lieu of the Queen's Platinum jubilee

Thursday 4th November

PTFA fireworks

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/814420790>

Week beginning Monday 8th November

Parents evening via Teams

Monday 15th November

Y6 Ancient Greek workshop

Wednesday 17th November

Y3 Stone Age workshop

Friday 19th November

Y1 Toy workshop

Tuesday 23rd November

Y4 Viking workshop