

# ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

May 2022



## Governors column

Dear Parents,

*We hope you enjoyed the circus on Saturday. A huge thank you to the PTFA team who organised such a fantastic event. The school site was buzzing. It was wonderful to become a community again and enjoy the weather, food, drink and of course the wonderful circus. Thank you also to all the people who helped behind the scenes and in the set up and tidy up. It was a big event and relied on a great team – thank you.*

*We hope you have a wonderful half term and enjoy further Jubilee celebrations.*

*St Dunning*

Mrs Sarah Dunning  
Head Teacher



Hi, I trust you are looking forward to half term and Jubilee celebrations. I'm Mark Adam, and like Bart and Neil on previous newsletters I am another of the PCC nominated Foundation Governors appointed by Diocesan Board of Education to uphold the Christian ethos. I became a Governor 2018 and for the last couple of years have been the chair of the People Strategy and

Wellbeing Committee. A role that is close to my heart, as working in HR and focusing on the people is what I enjoy and seeing how all the members of staff work together to make the school a success is an area that I feel I can relate to. Our focus within the committee is very much on ensuring we have the levels of staffing needed, that concerns are listened to and the well-being of both staff and pupils are symbiotic.

Taking on the role of Governor has been a huge learning curve, whilst having teachers in the family I grew accepting that I was never going to get let off regular reading or doing my homework! In my Governor's role over the last few years I've really enjoyed learning about many of the staff's vocation, commitment to learning and nurturing potential and it's been great to be able to support, challenge and ultimately be part of the joint successes of St Peters. It has also given me huge insight into the breadth of work that goes on in the school that we can get involved in, from the development of Green Shoots, understanding the curriculum, the wonder of trick box or just collecting bottles for the Tombo-la!

I'm also lucky enough to see the school from our children's perspective with both a daughter and son at the school and how connected the school is through families, the community and St Peters Church. Although my daughter likes to believe that Governors sit around debating the colour of the uniform, which I have assured her we don't. When I can I love to do the school run so please do ask any questions if helpful.

Enjoy half term.

Mark



#### Y4 residential—Marchant's Hill

On 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Y4 went on a residential trip to PGL at Marchant's Hill. They took part in various activities including a hike round the Devil's Punchbowl. The children tested their physical strength as well as their team working skills. They practised their knots and design skills when building and test driving a buggy. Children challenged themselves in archery and fencing and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone on Jacob's ladder. They had to work as a team in the 'Survival skill' activity and to complete the Challenge course. All children showed resilience and perseverance. They have been great ambassadors for St Peter's school. Well done.





## Sports Round up May

*We have taken part in several exciting sporting events this month.*



Firstly, we took a girls' team and a boys' team to a football tournament at All Hallows School. Both of our teams played some excellent football and had a fantastic afternoon.



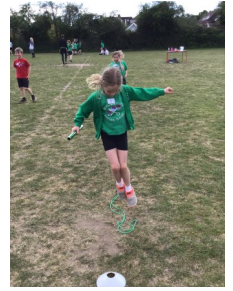
We had a brilliant result from our Y3 rugby players last week. Despite some of them never playing a full game before – and even asking the rules at the start of the competition – the team went on to win all their matches! This is a great result Y3 and I hope you all start playing outside school. Well done.



Continuing with rugby, just one week later our Y6 team competed. They had a bit more experience on their side and not only won the tournament but did not concede a single try. Amazing effort boys and a lovely trophy to add to the cabinet.



Our tennis club had a wonderful opportunity to visit The All England Lawn Tennis Club at Wimbledon. Report by Sam Havercroft (Y6): the St Peter's tennis club were lucky enough to have a chance to go to Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club. We were able to see Centre Court and were even allowed to sit in the same chairs that all of the champions sat in when they got interviewed! We all learnt lots of interesting facts about the history of tennis and got to experience what it was like in the Victorians times. Everybody enjoyed it and we hope that we will have more chances like this to expand our knowledge.



On the 4<sup>th</sup> May, we hosted a Y2 Athletics event for around 80 children from local primary schools. The event was planned by our Sports Crew and Young Leaders, who welcomed the children and their families, led the warm up, and then demonstrated the eight different activities designed to improve their running, throwing and jumping skills. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to complete the sports activities alongside their friends and children from visiting schools. We are very proud of the Sports Crew and Young Leaders who showed many leadership qualities, as acknowledged by many of the visiting adults.



Last Saturday morning we had a fantastic day at The Farnham Schools Cross Country. The sun shone and we had the greatest number of runners ever – over 600 in total. There were many fantastic performances from all of our children. Every child tried their best on a tough and challenging course. We were delighted to come away with second place overall. Our boys team placed second (well done to Lucas Pinto, Sam Chatfield, Nathan Creamer, Oscar North, Sam Cawley and Sammy Pressly) and our girls' team again ran brilliantly to win overall (amazing runs from Scarlett Hooper, Sophie Jurd, Grace Newman, Rose Chambers and Matilda and Katie Ambrose).



Lastly, our Y6 cricket team enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at Waverley Abbey last week competing against six other schools. The competition was strong and we were delighted to come away as runners up.

### BASE news

Mini Base making the most of the lovely weather and enjoying snack outside/playing in the garden. New football goals have arrived. And big Base enjoying their snack in the new outside seating area.



### Earrings

No earrings may be worn in school. Children who arrive with earrings in will have to remove them which may mean calling you back onto site to remove them. Please book a new piercing for the first day of the summer holidays to allow the six weeks for the ears to heal. Children cannot wear plasters over earrings. This is non-negotiable.

### Forgotten items



This photograph shows only a selection of items handed in by parents after the start of the school day. Please make sure your child comes to school with all the items they need for their school day, as too much professional time is lost delivering forgotten items.

Any forgotten items must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class and will be distributed at 11 am and 1 pm only.

### Dates for your diary

6<sup>th</sup> June: INSET day

7<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June: Bikeability Y6

8<sup>th</sup> June: Perform workshop for YR, Y1 & Y2

9<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 trip to RHS Wisley

Swimming Gala

10<sup>th</sup> June: Pentecost Pause day

15<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 trip to Gilbert White House

16<sup>th</sup> June: Sports morning

17<sup>th</sup> June: Y4 trip to Alice Holt forest

20<sup>th</sup> June: Y1 trip to Windsor Castle

21<sup>st</sup> June: science day

23<sup>rd</sup> June: Y6 leavers' service at Guildford Cathedral

24<sup>th</sup> June: sports afternoon

28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June: Weydon induction for Y6

30<sup>th</sup> June: Y2 trip to RHS Wisley

### Green paper SEND review

You may be aware that the Government recently published a Green Paper on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) entitled **SEND review: right support, right place, right time**.

There is a consultation period which is open until midnight on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. We will be responding as a school but if any families would like to respond directly please see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/send-review-right-support-right-place-right-time>

for further information and details of how to respond. If anyone has difficulties accessing an online copy and would like to respond please email the office FAO of Mrs Mesney (SENCo).

