

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

June 2022



Dear parents,

What a glorious sports day we had! Wasn't it wonderful to all be together at school and for the children to enjoy a competitive yet supportive morning. We are looking forward to our team sports this afternoon. We are so proud of the leadership shown by year 6 as they supported the running of sports day. There is much to enjoy over the coming few weeks and we hope it will all be in the sunshine.

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Mrs Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

governors' column

Hi,

I'm Mike Rabjohns, one of the PCC nominated Foundation Governors.

I became a Governor in the Autumn of 2019, not long before the world was turned upside down with the pandemic, so I haven't experienced being a governor in 'normal times' for long, if there is such a thing! Being a Governor and playing a small part in supporting the school and providing constructive challenge continues to be an incredibly interesting and rewarding experience.

At the start of this year I took up the role of Chair of the Resources Committee, one of the sub-committees reporting to the Full Board. At Resources, we cover a wide range of issues including everything from reviewing the school's financial performance, approving the budget for the years ahead, considering plans for school improvements, and receiving updates on Health and Safety matters.

For any school, finances are never far away from the thoughts of staff and the governing board, and how we can maximise resources to support the children's learning and development. This is especially challenging in times like now when everyone is feeling the pinch from rising food, fuel and energy costs – something that the school is not immune from. As Governors we remain incredibly grateful for the significant contributions that parent's make to the school's financial wellbeing, including through donations to the governor's fund which help support investment in the school. We are also fortunate at St Peter's to benefit from a vibrant Before and After School Experience club and Green Shoots nursery, as well as an exceptional PTFA who do so much great work raising important funds.

I have two daughters – one in Year 2, and one who attends Green Shoots and is very excited to join her big sister at school next year. I'm regularly at school drop-offs and pick-ups, or can also be found supporting the PTFA's golf days!

I hope everyone enjoys the final few weeks of the school year!

Mike

sports round up June!

It has been another fantastic month of Sport for St Peters. A huge thank you to all the children, staff and parents who have worked together to give so many different opportunities to our children.



We had a fabulous time at the Y6 Girls Cricket Competition at the start of the month. Some of the girls were quite new to cricket but they worked brilliantly as a team and had a great afternoon of play.



Last week we sent 12 of our most talented distance runners to an Elite Cross Country at Ash Grange School. The standard of running was incredible. We had so many top 5 finishers and every child that competed ran their best. In fact, we were so good we walked away as winners with a HUGE first place trophy. Congratulations to everyone on the team including Sophie Jurd in Y4 who won, Scarlett Hooper in Y6 who came second, and Nathan Creamer in Y3 who placed third. A special mention to Dexter Philcox in Y6 who only came to spectate but then, due to a last-minute drop out, suddenly had to compete! Dexter ran in the highly competitive Y6 race finishing an amazing 7th – in his brother's PE kit and his school shoes! Thanks for stepping in Dexter and well done everyone.



We have also been practicing our tennis this week. Our Y3s were the first to compete and, with many of them never having played a full match before, they showed great courage, and some great promise for the future. You represented the school so well Y3, finishing as runners up! And a thank you to Tom Jenkin and Alex Hand in Y6 who refed the whole event in the scorching sunshine!



Our more experienced Y6 team played the next day. This was a very high-level competition and we were thrilled to come 2nd (6M players) and 4th (6D players). Great tennis from everyone – and this was on the afternoon of Sports Day!



Also, straight after Sports Day, our year 5 cricket team had a tournament at Waverley Abbey School. Y5, you played so well as a team and had such a brilliant afternoon. Well done.

sports day

And finally, it was everyone's turn! Sports Day! What a wonderful event. Thank you to all the children who took part. You all did yourselves proud with your determined and enthusiastic performances and team spirit. It was a very close result ending up with a win for Lincoln by just 4 points!

Farnham and District swimming gala

Our swimming team had a great time at the District Gala held at Farnham Leisure Centre. We were up against some tough competition and ended up in 6th position, but points were very close. A reminder that there are still vacancies in intermediate and advanced swimming sessions on Friday mornings. More details from the office.



the big plastic count

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Plastic Count. The results have been submitted to Greenpeace who will use this data to campaign to reduce plastic waste. Our aim as the Eco Committee is to reduce the amount of non-recyclable plastic in our community. Please could you continue to reduce the amount of plastic you use, minimize the amount in lunchboxes and recycle when possible. Most supermarkets now recycle many different types of plastic. The link below will provide you with more details.

<https://www.about.sainsburys.co.uk/sustainability/plan-for-better/our-stories/2021/flexible-plastics>

Thank you and have a happy Eco-friendly Summer.

Y3 trips

I really loved going to Wisley. It was super fun. My favourite part was the big glass house which I thought was magical. (Amiah)



I sat by the pond and watched the ducks with their babies. I especially loved the waterfall. (Eleanor)

Y4 trip to Alice Holt



On Friday 17th June 2022 both Y4 classes went for a day to Alice Holt Forest to undertake fieldwork and develop their mapping skills. Children learnt how to use a compass and how to follow compass directions. They went for a walk in the woods and identified geographical features found along the route. Children enjoyed exploring the beech wood,

identifying trees and tallying geographical features. Children learnt to use a trundle wheel to measure lengths of shelters and paths. Back in the classroom, children used their collected data to draw scaled maps and maps of their route with a key. It was a brilliant day.



The Living rainforest was amazing. We saw an armadillo, toucan and many more fabulous animals. (Rosie)



I learnt about some amazing facts about the rainforest. (Rose)



produce sale



Mrs Webzell and her little helpers have been hard at work in the school gardens this term; keep your eyes peeled for produce sales over the coming weeks.

Farnham town carnival



Thank you so much to Roz Bache and the team who pulled together our entry for the Farnham Carnival. It's a lot of work! There was a fantastic turnout and all those who participated were proud to be representing St Peter's. We also came away with a Gold certificate. Well done everyone!



St Peter's day service



We apologise for the confusion. At short notice we realised that St Peter's Church was no longer an option, so we had to hold the service at school. The intention had been to invite those parents who had already volunteered to walk and attend the church service. Our communication went to a wider audience in error, and we soon realised that to avoid over-crowding, we would have to disinvite -

not ideal. However, we visit the church on other occasions over the year and we always need volunteers to walk so there will be other opportunities. The service was uplifting and reflective and your child should be able to tell you something about St Peter!

The photo shows some of the amazing artwork prepared by Mrs Curry's sewing club, especially for St Peter's Day.

looking smart

With over four weeks of school left until the end of the year, it is so important that children are still wearing school shoes. We have noticed too many children wearing trainers to school. We respectfully ask parents to ensure children have school shoes until the end of term.

Please can children ensure they tuck their polo shirts in every morning as they arrive to school. They are allowed to untuck and break and lunch but we believe a smart child helps towards a focussed pupil and keeps a high standard of presentation. Thank you to all the children who have recently started to get into the habit of tying back their long hair. All long hair must be tied back with a green, black or white tie. This is for health and safety.

blast from the past

This photograph was kindly sent in by one of our parents and shows the St Peter's infant class of 1932.



school clubs - PE kit

We apologise for not being crystal clear about the change to school PE kit for sports clubs. *Pupils attending all sports club, including CM sports clubs paid directly to CM, should wear their school PE kit.* The reason being that we have had too many children wearing totally unsuitable clothing at clubs. This has included crop tops, sparkly disco style shorts and fashion footwear which is not designed for sports activities. Some children have also been made to feel uncomfortable because they are not wearing the latest season's football shirt. The school PE kit is inclusive and will enable everyone to focus on enjoying the game and improving skills. We recognise that when a child is attending more than one club, there may be a need to purchase a second shirt. We hope that we can maintain a supply of second hand shirts through donations when they have been outgrown. Thank you for your support on this.

book bags

It is mainly KS1, but there are some book bags that will no longer fit in the children's trays because they have little animals attached on key rings. Indeed, some children have several 'little animals' on their bag, generally attached to key rings. We appreciate that children may want to personalise their book bag, but can we say that one little creature is enough. If it doesn't fit the tray it will be removed. Thank you for your understanding.

car park - safety

A reminder to families not to walk out through the carpark while leaving the site at the end of the school day. Some of our support staff leave between 3:15 and 3:30pm. In most cases they will be reversing out of the carpark and it is almost impossible to see a small child.

Please no scooting/biking through the playground. Parents who pick up from clubs should not use the staff carpark. Again, there is the potential for an accident if children are moving around the carpark with cars pulling in and out.

parking

Once again we have to ask parents who park in the local area when picking up/dropping off children to please park with **care and consideration** for our neighbours, pedestrians and other drivers. We are aware of a number of incidents recently where the bus has been unable to get up the hill, and where cars have been parked very close to junctions, particularly where Green Hill Way meets Little Green Lane. As ever, we encourage everyone to walk, scoot or cycle to school. If you have no option but to drive, please make use of the drop-off zone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Earrings

Reminder - book your child's ear piercing for the first day of the holidays to allow 6 weeks to heal. No earrings are allowed in school at anytime.

dates for your diary

- 5th July – Y5 visit to Tilford Mosque
- 6th July – Y5 to Weydon (Little Shop of Horrors)
- 8th July – Creation Pause Day
- 12th July – YR parents invited to class
 - Y4 recorder concert for parents
- 13th & 14th July – Y6 end of year play at 7pm
- 15th July – charity afternoon
- 21st July – children break up for summer holidays at 1.30pm

changes to the school day

As you are aware we have been consulting about changes to the school day and the nursery day. The consultations are now closed and we are pleased to say that from September 2022 our timings will be:

SCHOOL

- 8:30am – children allowed on site (no change)
- 8:45am – registration
- 3:15pm – school ends (no change)

GREEN SHOOTS NURSERY

- 8:45am – nursery opens
- 12:00 – morning session ends & afternoon session begins (no change)
- 3:00pm – nursery ends (no change)

Thank you to everyone who took part in the survey. All the comments made were noted, but the vast majority were positive.

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Kebur Garden Materials is delighted to be sponsoring the production of Mary Poppins at St Peters. We hope the children and families enjoy taking part and watching this very special production.

