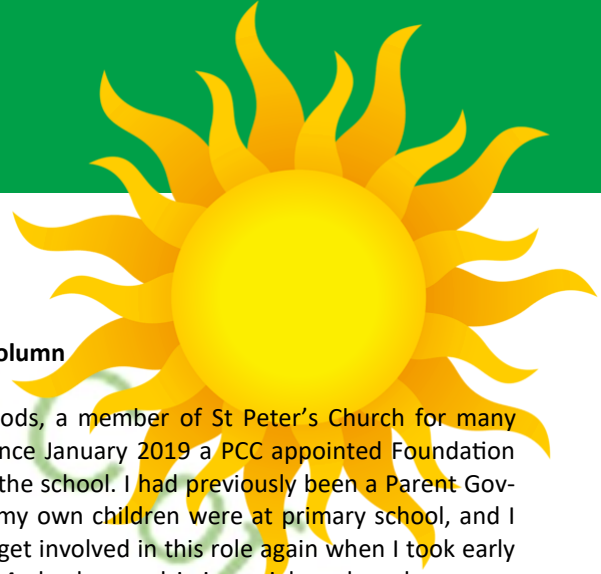


ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

July 2022



Dear Families,

It hard to believe that we've come to the end of the school year, but with the heat over this past week, everyone's energy has been zapped and as a staff, we're certainly ready for a bit of time out!

We hope that your child has enjoyed their learning this year. We've had a fantastic summer term full of learning workshops, trips to exciting venues, sports events and days down in Forest School. It is also the first time in three years that families have been able to enjoy sports day and the school production. It's been wonderful to have everyone back on site again. We had a recent spate of staff off with covid again, but we've managed to get to the end without any disruptions to learning. Over the last term, we have welcomed 10 pupils from Ukraine who have enriched everyone's lives in school. We are humbled by their resilience and positivity in adapting to a completely new environment and language.

On the academic front, we were delighted with the results across the school. This is in part due to the quality of the home learning experience during covid where we kept the full curriculum running. For this, we also have our families to thank for being so supportive and on track during home learning. There are many schools reporting big dips in their data.

There are so many people to thank at this point: Our parent readers and those who volunteer on school trips, in the classroom and at Forest School. The morning drop-off crew, our dedicated PTFA for their support and enthusiasm not only in raising money but in organising such wonderful add-ons for our pupils (the circus, the carnival, the fireworks etc). We thank our governors for their support and direction over the year.

On the staff, Mrs Smith is taking early retirement but returning one day a week so it's not a proper 'good bye'. We welcome Sukh Dymond and Tamsin Clark to our TA team and Lauren Simpson to the Green Shoots team.

We hope that everyone has a restful and joyful summer break. Do keep safe and well and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Sarah Marshall
Deputy Head Teacher

governors' column

Hello,

I'm Sally Woods, a member of St Peter's Church for many years, and since January 2019 a PCC appointed Foundation Governor at the school. I had previously been a Parent Governor when my own children were at primary school, and I was keen to get involved in this role again when I took early retirement. My background is in social work and management of youth support services.

I am the Safeguarding Governor at St Peter's, which involves keeping up to date with the latest guidance for keeping children safe in education and liaising termly with Mrs Dunning the Designated Safeguarding Lead. For the last year I have been the SEN Governor, liaising with Mrs Mesney the school's SENCO. I chair the Children and Learning Committee – this monitors standards and progress in all areas of the school's work relating to children, their learning and wellbeing, and the Christian Distinctiveness of the school. The Committee has a strong team of Governors, and we take a lead on planning the Governor monitoring of the School Development Priorities. Each term we review four curriculum subjects – the lead teachers talk to us about how the subject is taught across the school and their plans for developing the subject further. We see books and examples of pupil's work – recently seeing art sketchbooks and paintings showing the development of art skills, and some really beautiful and creative work.

It is a privilege to see the school in action. This opportunity was curtailed during Covid, but we are now back making school visits. This term Governors made a subject visit for RE, and a School Development Plan visit about Continuous Provision for children in Early Years and Year 1. There have been two pupil voice visits - one heard pupil views on their safety, wellbeing and happiness at school. The other visit discussed with pupils the school values and how they can be seen in everyday life at the school. The children seen from Years 2, 4 and 6 were extremely articulate and keen to share their excellent understanding of the values, the older children showing great thoughtfulness and maturity in their answers.

I hope this gives you a flavour of the work of Governors, and I wish you and your families a happy summer holiday.

Sally

sports round up July

It has been a fabulous year of sport for St Peter's. It is fantastic that we have been able to return to participating in so many events. Thank you to each and every child who has represented our school at a sporting event this year. In particular I would like to thank the Y6 children who have taken up so many opportunities, the Sports Crew and especially the Sports Captains – Matilda, Rose, Scarlett, George and Lucas – you have been such wonderful role models and ambassadors for sports at the school this year.

athletics



Last week we took 24 Y5 & 6 athletes to compete in the Upper School District Athletics at Waverly Abbey. What a great afternoon! The sun shone – well, apart from when it poured with rain – and the atmosphere between all the children was fantastic. We competed in sprints, relays, 600m, long jump and throwing events and eventually finished 5th out of the twelve schools participating. A really good result.

floorball



We have also taken part in the Farnham Schools Floorball Tournament this month. I would like to give a huge thank you to Mrs Usher and Mrs Dring who gave up their time to train this team – and the hard training certainly paid off! We entered two teams into the event and finished in both first and second positions. An amazing result for St Peters and a reputation that we now have to keep up – get ready Y4 & 5! Well done to all the children who played and supported each other throughout the event.

athletics



To finish – and the final event of the academic year – we sent 17 of our top athletes from Y3 & 4 to the Lower School District Sports this week. It was another fantastic event and the children represented St Peter's so well. Out of the four relays run, St Peter's placed 1st in one, and 2nd in two! Finally, out of fourteen schools we were very excited to place 3rd and won a HUGE cup. A special mention to Nathan Creamer and Tom Reynolds who came 1st and 2nd in the Y3 boys sprint race. Well done boys and and everyone who took part.

charity day



We were really impressed with the creativity and entrepreneurial skills last Friday. Pupils of all ages had prepared challenges and created products (edible and non-edible) to sell. Others brought their pocket money to spend. This year, because of the heat, we set up along the back hedge of the field so that everyone was in the shade. It worked brilliantly and some savvy pupils are currently counting the cash. Pupils vote on the charity and this year the money will go to The British Red Cross (emergency relief). We shall also be buying something for the school in Uganda which we are in the process of linking with.



STOP PRESS....the children have raised £1,018.20!!!



Y5 visit to the Mubarak Mosque, Tilford



Y5 had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Mubarak Mosque in Tilford.

"I think our trip to the mosque was an amazing experience. It was brilliant to see a different religion as we are a Christian school....I know we all enjoyed finding out about the mosque and the Muslim religion. Thank you to the people who showed us around and explained everything."

Poppy Calder, 5T

Farnham Youth Choir



Year 2 had a wonderful experience thanks to Farnham Youth Choir and the composers of Comet Crazy, music by Russell Hepplewhite and Helen Eastman.

Our children joined with other local schools to sing their hearts out, alongside members of the Youth Choir, in The Farnham Maltings last Tuesday morning.

Thank you to all who helped walk us into Farnham and back. Many thanks too, to FYC for inviting us on an exciting musical journey. We hope to join you again soon!



Mary Poppins



Y6 enjoyed a wonderful end-of-year production of 'Mary Poppins' which was enjoyed by all. The energy and talent of all the children was amazing. Well done to everyone who made it such a spectacular show which will stay in the memories of all who took part and came along to watch. It was perfect!

library books - amnesty

As you know, we have a superb school library. A lot of time and planning is taken to ensure that we purchase new titles and a very wide range of fact and fiction titles. We have Mrs Buckland to thank for the many hours she has given to keep the library flourishing. Mrs Thompson works to track the books which have gone missing. We thank the families who have returned books or sent in money to replace those which they have lost. HOWEVER, we are missing books totalling around £800. This is very disappointing as it does indicate a lack of respect for school property (some books are donated by previous pupils) and we simply do not have the resources to restock. We ask once again, that families have another look for books belonging to the school - better late than never! Thank you.

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.

Autumn term clubs

All school-run clubs (ie clubs payable via SCOPay) will start the week commencing 12th September and run for ten weeks. There will be no clubs W/C 17th October and W/C 7th November and clubs will finish W/C 5th December. We will endeavour to make up for any missed sessions. Booking will be available online the first week of September. Before- and after-school clubs will cost £20 for the term; lunchtime clubs will cost £10 for the term.

Clubs run by external providers will have their own schedule and pricing; please liaise directly with the provider for bookings and enquiries.

absence/lateness—Autumn term

From September onwards, please report your child's absence via our absence line on 01252 714 115 or on the new email address: absence@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk, clearly stating your child's full name, class and detailed reason for absence ("unwell" or "under the weather" are not sufficient).

Any children arriving late in school will need to be signed in by their adults in the office.

Our Voice Matters is an online survey for everyone in Surrey aged 8 – 25. It's a chance for young people to tell us what they think about education, mental health, the environment and much more. The survey is a great way for young people to share anonymously how they really feel about things, and help make positive changes. If young people complete the survey by 31st July 2022, there will also be a chance for them to win a £100 Love2shop voucher.

We would love your help in promoting the survey through your network. The more responses we get, the better picture we will have of the things that really matter to young people in Surrey.

The survey can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/SurreyOurVoiceMatters>

dates for your diary

21st July – children break up for summer holidays at 1.30pm

5th September – children back in school

12th September – start of all school-run clubs

changes to the school day—reminder

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)

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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.




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