

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

September 2022



Dear Families,

Everyone has settled really well into the new academic year. We have welcomed many new families. This term offers many exciting opportunities and events now that we are able to plan for our regular activities. We thank you for supporting our school uniform policy. The Winter uniform can be worn at anytime but will be expected after October half term for everyone.

The clubs are already proving popular and fun. If your child joined late to the club, please ensure you have paid the registration cost at the office.

We are looking forward especially to our Harvest service and to the Farnham Cross Country event (15th Oct). We will be asking for walkers to the church for Harvest on 12th October.

SJ Dunning

Mrs Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

Governors' column

Rev Jacqueline is a Foundation Governor and has been the Vicar at St Peter's Church since March 2018.

She says: "I am delighted to be the Vicar here at Wrecchesham, and we are blessed with our St Peter's Church and School communities – including Green Shoots – all working together and being together as we live out our daily lives in this lovely place.

I was born and raised in Guildford, went to church as a child, then didn't go for a long time, until I went to Guildford Cathedral for a Christmas Card at their Christmas Fair in 2007, heard the choir sing, and felt called back to church-life and haven't looked back ever since! I was a Personal Assistant to the leader of an environmental and economic independent think-tank (new economics foundation) before I left in 2012 to train for ministry at Ripon College Cuddesdon in Oxford. After ordination in 2014, I served a curacy at St John's Church in the Parish of Merrow and came to Wrecchesham as my first incumbency – and what a blessing that was!

I am single and I have two adult daughters, Nicola and Maria, and an 11 year-old beautiful granddaughter, Ella. I was very privileged to preside over Maria and Alex's wedding in 2021 – and to baptise Ella when she was younger. When I make time, I love wild swimming, and especially love the sea - and I like walking, music and reading and all the gentle things, including relaxing in coffee shops that do a really good hot chocolate and cake – let me know if you fancy joining me sometime and it would be lovely to indulge and chat together!"

Summer reading challenge



Well done to our Summer Reading Challenge winners: Freddie Burr, Toby Coton, Leo Davidson, Beth Etchells, Arthur Ginn, Ava Rutherford and Juno Willis.

September sports round up

We have had a fantastic start to our sporting year, sending two football teams to an all-day tournament at Salesian School. All the boys played brilliantly and represented St Peters at its best. Well done boys. Our Y6 team reached the quarter finals out of nearly 20 teams and our Y5s reached the semi-finals only losing out in a very tight match. There will be more to come from both teams I know!



Charity Day - Summer 2022

The final total was an amazing £1,018. We shall be supporting our new link school in Uganda with a project to help their learning and the majority will go to the British Red Cross Emergency Appeal.

Barfield

As part of settling in to Y4, the children went to Three Peaks at Barfield school for the day. They took part in various activities where they had to work together as a team, show resilience, problem solve and share ideas. The children tested their skills over the low rope course and challenged themselves with the Leap of Faith. The climbing wall was extremely popular with many children reaching the 14m mark. All the children were proud of their successes at the end of the day. Well done!



Garden cutback - parent helpers needed

Your help is needed Saturday 8th October. If you have an hour or two to spare on Saturday morning 9.30-11.30 8th October we are asking for your help.

We will be cutting back growth in the school's large garden, you don't need any experience it's just manpower to cut back bramble, shrubs and general summer growth. This will then allow use of the garden for all the children. Let Mrs Webzell know via email forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk if you can help, thank you. We look forward to working as part of a team to support our outdoor areas.

food and drink

Please remember that only water is allowed to be brought into school. Cows' milk is available to order via the Cool Milk scheme and is free to children under 5 years old. Unfortunately alternatives to cows' milk are not available.

Also, snacks provided to children for morning breaktime must be fruit or vegetables ONLY. These must be easily available and not kept in lunchboxes. Children's lunchboxes are not accessible at breaktimes. Snacks are provided free of charge to all children in YR, 1 & 2.

morning drop off

Thank you to all our current volunteers who run the drop off from 8.30-8.45am. If you can spare us a morning to join the rota we would really value your time. Please see our office team to sign up. New parents – you may not be aware but we will take your children at curb side and oversee them into the school site so you don't have to park. Please do not park in the zone marked by cones during this time. It has worked really well for so many years it is so useful but the success is reliant on parent support.

school pick up

The one way system is working really well after school with parents entering through the staff car park and leaving via the scooter parking area. Some parents are turning on their heels and leaving via the car park which is fine but we will be closing the main gate once parents have arrived on site as at that point cars are starting to leave the car park. When the gate is closed we will ask parents to continue with the one way.

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. Cars are regularly parked across driveways which causes upset for our neighbours.

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, and NEVER park on the yellow zig-zag lines.

If you are able to volunteer your time once a week, regularly, to help with the drop-off zone, please speak to someone in the office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

end of day school snacks

Once again, we would ask families not to give children after school snacks while still on the school premises. These past weeks we have seen cakes, chocolate, crisps and sweets being handed out as soon as the child sees their adult. Please keep these treats until you have left the school grounds. It doesn't support our Healthy Schools remit and also sometimes causes upset for other children and unnecessary pressure for their parents.

drop off

Please may we ask parents to leave the school playground as soon as possible. It is more difficult to keep the lines flowing if adults are gathered near walkways. Even if they are not in the way of the line, children are often distracted because their parent/carer is watching. You will appreciate that learning begins as soon as the children enter the classroom. We have many small intervention and booster groups scheduled for 08:45 - 09:00. This is key learning time and we need to see impact from these but if we lose five/six minutes a day - we've lost half an hour over the week.

If the car park gate is closed (08:40) please direct your child to enter through the side gate next to the bike bay.

Trick Box parent support sessions

You will have received details of the Trick Box sessions which we are starting after half term. They are designed to help parents to support their child with resilience and other wellbeing strategies. Please do send back the form if you are interested as we have limited spaces. If you missed the information, please ask at the office.

smoking

We are a no smoking site and parents are asked not to smoke close to the school entrances.