



ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

October 2022



Dear Families

It has been a very busy half term and I am sure, like the children, you have enjoyed a break from school routine. The children have worked incredibly hard this term and it has been wonderful to see so many activities being planned by staff to enhance their classroom learning. Thank you to all our volunteers both in school, at the weekends doing grounds work and in the mornings on drops off. We really couldn't function without you all. Thank you.

We hope you all had a very restful week and look forward to another filled half term with learning challenges and fun.

SJ Dunning

Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

governors' column



Sarah Dunning is Head Teacher and sits on all the Governors' committees and has been in post since January 2013.

I thoroughly enjoy being the Head Teacher of St Peter's and feel that I bring a great deal of experience to the committee through my 26 years of teaching. It is my second Headship; previously I was Head of Tolworth Junior School in Kingston. I moved to a more local position when my child started school. I studied music and education at Homerton College and feel very passionate about keeping music alive in our school. As a Governor, I have the important role of ensuring we plan strategically for the future of our school. Although a great deal of our work is in the here and now, we must as a team plan financially to ensure our school is efficient and continues to maintain the high standards already achieved. It can be challenging for us as our budget has to stretch in so many directions and the current financial stresses are very real. However, I always manage to bring myself back to the role of teacher and ensure that the children are at the heart of our day to day work and that we serve their best interests and create a safe environment and a fulfilling education that prepares them for the future. I want our children to create everlasting happy memories of their time with us and for each of them to embrace the exciting opportunities that we offer.

Outside of school, I enjoy; weekly park runs, an annual half marathon, watching my son horse riding and going to gigs and classical concerts (mainly Steely Dan, Queen tributes and Classical Choral works).

sports round up October

It has been a wonderful month of sport for St Peters, culminating in the Cross Country on Saturday – see our separate report. Thank you to every child, staff member and family member who continues to support the wonderful opportunities we can give to children in the school.



We have had so much fun playing in the Football and Netball leagues and have performed brilliantly with both teams winning all but one of their matches. We are hoping this means we will proceed to the league finals although I can not confirm this yet! Although the leagues were short, we are hoping to arrange more friendly and inter-school events for both teams who have shown such enthusiasm and determination, as well as being fantastic role models for St Peters.



We also had a fantastic afternoon at the Schools Hockey Tournament where amazingly we conceded no goals in 7 matches – great playing in defence Ana! Eventually, we were just beaten into second place out of all the schools attending – a great result.



We have also started our first steps to training our Y6 Sports Crew. We had a really fun and exciting morning learning how to lead at Weydon this month. The children came away with so many great ideas and we are keen for the Sport Captains and Crew to be a driving force for the development of sport in the school. More to come...

Farnham food bank



The school council would like to say a big Thank you to everybody who has donated items in support of the Farnham Food Bank this year. You have been very generous and the collection was huge. The School Council members helped to sort out and unload all the items. The Farnham Food Bank volunteers are ever so grateful for your generosity.

Farnham and District Schools Cross Country Event



Last Saturday morning, Farnham Park was buzzing with children, families and dogs. What a fantastic turn out! There were 12 schools competing and over 500 pupils running. The cross-country event is organised by St Peter's and has become quite a big team event over the past few years. We had over 90 pupils running from Y3 – Y6. Every single child put in top effort for the team and will have a chance to improve their personal best in May 2023.

Although St Peter's is now one of the larger schools, there are a couple of others which have many more pupils. As such, we were delighted to be placed in the results table as follows:

Girls' Team 2nd Place
Boys' Team 3rd Place
Overall Team 2nd Place

Well done to all of the pupils who represented the school last weekend and a special thank you to the whole staff who come together to organise the event. There is a lot of behind the scenes preparation, including liaising with Farnham Town Council, the Park Rangers and St John's Ambulance. The course has to be risk assessed the day before and set up very early on the morning. We had over 60 members of staff up at the park on Saturday morning. It does bring everyone together and is a brilliant team event which is valued by all of the participating schools and their families.

dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd November – PTFA fireworks

Friday 4th November – Y1 trip to Milestones Museum Basingstoke

7th – 11th November – parents' consultations online, **NO school-run clubs this week**

Monday 14th November – Y3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm

Tuesday 22nd November – Y4 Viking workshop

Wednesday 30th November – Advent service at St Peter's Church

no parking on zigzags

It is illegal to park on the zigzags before and after school. It is dangerous and unfair to other drivers as it limits their view of children entering or exiting the school. We appreciate that parking is tricky but it is unacceptable for people to park up saying they will only be a few minutes. Please do not park on the zig zags.

