



ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support this term ensuring your children are well prepared for school, their homework and reading completed and for talking to them about their learning. All of this has a huge impact on their progress. It has been a really busy and successful term ending with wonderful Nativities and a Carol Service. The children have been wonderful in their performances and have shown real enjoyment in story telling and singing. The Christian message has been shared in such a beautiful and joyous way, so thank you all.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the staff who work at St Peter's, including our catering team, who give so much energy and are dedicated to their jobs. We have once again had much illness in the team but everyone has covered and worked even harder to support each other.

We wish you all a peaceful and lovely Christmas. See you on Tuesday 3rd January.

SJ Dunning

Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

governors' column - Michael Hopkins



My daughter is currently in Year Six at St Peters, and I have been a governor for a little over four years. I became a governor to try and help the school to be the best that it can be.

I have lived in Farnham since 2005, and my 'day job' is minister of the Spire Church, which is the Methodist and United Reformed Church in South Street, opposite Sainsburys. I also work in three village churches around Farnham, and for the wider United Reformed Church.

I grew up in Warwickshire, and have also lived in Durham, Nottingham, Oxford, London, and Reading. I've now lived in Farnham longer than I have lived in any other house in my life.

Outside work, I enjoy drinking gin, cooking, and crosswords and puzzles.

Being a governor has been very rewarding, as well as, I hope, offering some small help to the school. St Peters is an amazing school, doing great things, and I am very proud to be associated with such a wonderful school.

The Prince of Peace



This our contribution to The Prince of Peace art exhibition at Guildford Cathedral. If you're in Guildford between now and January please pop into the cathedral and take a look. There are contributions from many church schools across Surrey and Hants.

sports round up December

It has been a chilly and busy December for sport at St Peters. Thank you and well done to all the children who have taken up the opportunity to represent their school so brilliantly.



Our Y4 footballers played in a closely fought tournament at Weydon in late November. The boys played so well, facing a nerve-wracking penalty shoot-out against St Polycarp's and eventually finishing 5th in a very high-level competition.



We had amazing success at the Y5 & 6 floorball tournaments with both teams qualifying for the play-off stages. In fact, in the semifinals we had to play St Peter's v St Peter's which was a lot of fun! Our B team eventually finished 4th out of all the schools attending, and our A team were victorious. Amazing results and great sportsmanship from all involved.



We took a team of 29 keen cross-country runners from Y3 to 6 to run at St Edmund's school last week. This was an incredible event with over 1400 runners over the course of the day. Every runner ran their best for the school on a demanding course. Huge congratulations to our medal winners: Jessica and Sebastian in Y3, Nathan in Y4, Rudi and Sophie in Y5, and to our Y6 winner Oscar North. An amazing result for Oscar winning out of the 100 plus Y6 boys there.



We also sent a year 6 hockey team to Charterhouse to a tournament organized by Guildford Hockey Club last week. Our team played brilliantly, winning 5 out of their 6 matches, and drawing 1. Amazing play.



We also entered 2 year 6 teams into a Rugby Festival. This was an event for children that do not play out of school and they were fantastic. They had to learn fast the rules of rugby but did so with such enthusiasm and fun it was a pleasure to support. Well done everyone for taking the opportunity to represent the school at something new.



Finally, it was the turn of KS1 to get their first competitive football match and wow they certainly took advantage of the chance to show how amazing they are! Well done to our year 2 boys who played so brilliantly and organized themselves so well – even for the photo – to secure a 9-1 win over Highfield. Boys, you were a pleasure to watch and I can't wait to see you play again.

Lastly, thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported children at these events. We couldn't do it without you.



#ROAR2022 finals



Our finalists from Year 4 really enjoyed taking part in the Zoom National finals on Wednesday 7th December. Olivia, Dante, Molly and Alexandra were showcased in the showreel and were

excited to see their invention on the screen. The Roar project is supported by the Lions and each year children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to create an invention that could change the lives of people. The girls planned, designed and made a hat that will help someone's memory. Start thinking of your new ideas everyone as we will be taking part again next year!

girls' football league



The Y6 girls' team played brilliantly and brought home a cup for coming 3rd in the Farnham Girls' Football league. They were up against some very experienced teams so the final result was a great achievement.

Andrew Hall is passionate about introducing more girls to the game. There are clubs for Y1 up and beginners or those with more experience are encouraged to join.

TRICK BOX workshop for parents



We have had really positive feedback from the first group of parents to complete the workshop. The content covers **Confidence** and **Stress** and is designed to help parents to support their child, using simple strategies.

All children experience setbacks and disappointments at times. There are some who are nervous about new situations or even about coming into school and separating from their key adult. There is nothing unusual about these situations but at times, adults feel that they are not effective in helping their child to move forward. These workshops focus on positivity and have been put together to help all parents to reflect on why their child is feeling a certain way and to suggest ways to make small but meaningful changes. They are delivered in small groups in a safe environment and participants only share what they are happy with. There are useful materials to take away and keep. Please contact us if you would be interested in joining or if you'd like further information.

carol service at St Peter's Church



Thank you so much to all the families and friends who joined us for the Carol Service on Tuesday. It was an uplifting and warm service, prepared but also suitably casual. Everyone was in good voice and we were reminded about the real meaning of Christmas through reading, poems and reflections. Ami Stone sang her solo like an angel, the school orchestra (on a range of instruments) welcomed us to the church, some of our Ukrainian pupils told us about Christmas traditions in Ukraine and Lina Sharomova played a Ukrainian carol on the grand piano! The church looked beautiful. We are so fortunate to have Reverend Jacqueline and this supportive community.

EYFS and KS1 nativity



With a cast of ninety 2-5 year olds, the children from Green Shoots Nursery and Reception were delighted to perform their nativity to a packed audience. We are very proud of how all the children narrated, sang and danced with enthusiasm - such confidence from the younger children in our school.



KS1's nativity production this year 'A King is Born' was very successful. The children sang beautifully and with great enthusiasm, and, despite coping with many absences, the children performed magnificently. We are very proud of all the children. Well done!

Christmas lunch



On Wednesday the whole school tucked into a delicious and festive Christmas dinner. A big thank you to the kitchen elves, school staff and the governors who came to help.

school applications

Please note the deadline for applying for a September 2023 YR place is 15 January 2023.

Surrey strongly encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. Parents can apply online from a smartphone or tablet as well as a laptop. If parents are unable to apply online, they will need to request a paper application form via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). The completed paper application form must be received by Admissions (to our Quadrant Court address) by 15 January, so parents must allow time for the post to reach us. If parents need to apply on paper, we recommend that they send applications by recorded post.

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. The Surrey Schools & Childcare Service can also provide impartial help in completing an application.

Applications received after the closing date without an exceptional reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.



January dates

- 3rd January – children back at school for Spring term
- 9th January – start school clubs (ie all clubs paid via SCOPay)
- 15th January – deadline for YR applications for September 2023
- 16th January – Y2 Florence Nightingale workshop

reminder

Please remember to book your school dinners in time for the start of next term. School meals have to be booked a week in advance and the menu can be found here: <https://itstwelve15.co.uk/primary-menu/>

morning drop-off zone

We urgently need volunteers to keep our drop-off zone going in the morning. If you can spare 10-15 minutes at 8.30, please let the office know. Thank you!

spring term clubs

A wide range of clubs (both school-run and external clubs) will be available once again next term. School-run clubs (clubs booked via SCOPay) will run for 8 weeks and start W/C 9 January. Clubs will be promoted in assembly on Wednesday 4 January and booking via SCOPay will open that same day at 5pm. External clubs run their own admin and schedule, please contact the providers directly with any queries.



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