

# ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

January 2023



Dear Families,

We have had yet another busy and exciting half term. I hope you will enjoy reading about many of the events in this newsletter. We are always grateful to the volunteers that come into our school to enhance the experiences and the learning of the children. Thank you for giving your time to us. Parents' evening will be a great opportunity for you to catch up with your child's teacher face to face and to look at your child's books. We look forward to seeing you in person, in the school hall next week.

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Sarah Dunning  
Head Teacher

## governors' column

I would like to share some reflections as we embark on 2023. Time has flown by and it has been exactly one year since I put pen to paper and wrote the inaugural governors' column in this newsletter.

During 2022, I developed many wonderful friendships within the St Peter's family and learned a great deal as a school governor, through participating in governance meetings, attending training sessions on a range of topics and interacting with the wonderfully diverse range of stakeholders who constitute the St Peter's family. It is heartening to see just how much we all care for the school.

I would like, especially, to mention the great pleasure I had in 2022 of gaining a much better understanding of the PTFA (Parent Teachers Friends Association) and liaising closely with Roz Bache who, until very recently was its Chair. She is someone who deserves many thanks for her contribution, great energy and abundant ideas on supporting the school.

While the PTFA and Board of Governors are two separate bodies, we very much share the wellbeing of the school as a common denominator. One of our tasks for 2023 is to increase the understanding everyone at the school has on how we closely collaborate together and serve the school.

Separately, as I look forward at the rest of this New Year, I am also excited about taking the role of eco-governor and working closely with Mrs Edmonds as the lead eco-teacher, pupils and other stakeholders as we develop a greater understanding of our school's environmental footprint and our role in driving forward the Global Sustainability Agenda.

There is an abundance of opportunity for every pupil and every one of us to make a difference and play our role in improving the world around us and, in that spirit, I say 'Here's to a wonderful 2023!'

Alberto Lidji

## sports round up January



We have had some great sports events this month. Firstly, a group of Y4 children participated in a badminton festival at Heath End School. Although many of these children were new to the sport, they showed some

great skills, as well as enthusiasm and excellent teamwork. Well done Y4.

We also had the Football League Finals last week. This is the culmination of the league of fourteen schools which we have been playing all Autumn term, and only four schools qualified. We had an amazing result to finish as runners-up - our highest finish position in the league for many years. A huge well done to captain George, and to Jude, Jack, Milo, Milo, Sammy, Rocky, Rudi, James and Oscar who all played so brilliantly. Unfortunately, no photo as we were all too cold by the end!! Great result boys and more to come.

## Chinese New Year



As part of our learning about Chinese New Year the children in Reception made moon cakes. Then, during an RE session we talked about how Christians do charitable things for others. We talked about the Children's Society and some children were quite surprised that not all children have the same family life as they do. We decided to hold a cake sale and sell the moon cakes they had made. The children made posters and then sold their cakes for a donation. We were delighted to raise over £65 which we have great pleasure in donating to The Children's Society. Thank you to all the parents who supported our sale.

## music lessons at St Peter's

Is your child interested in learning an instrument? We have a variety of peripatetic staff that work here and if you would like your child to have a 1:1 instrumental lesson then please enquire at the school office for the contact details of the music teacher. Currently we have: saxophone, flute/toot, guitar, drums and brass. We do have piano teachers but currently there is a waiting list. We are excited also that 51 children are currently learning rock music through group lessons called Rock Steady.

## Weydon dance show



We had a wonderful evening on Friday at the Weydon Dance Show. Our Y5 children have been so lucky to have had this opportunity to work with the Weydon dance staff and amazing Y10 students to be part of this show. All parts of the show were truly breath-taking, and our Y5's performed brilliantly. What an experience for them! Thank you girls for representing our school so well. I was very proud.

## cathedral



I had the pleasure of talking some Y1 & Y2 children to Guildford Cathedral for a special day focusing on Eco matters and a lovely reflection time led by the Dean of the Cathedral. They didn't stop talking all day and they absorbed it all. Soon, we will put together an assembly to present to the school what we did today in the workshops. There was plenty for us to think about how we protect our planet. The children were in awe of the building. If you haven't visited the cathedral it is well worth a visit.

## Christmas performances

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets to support our Christmas performances. We are pleased to say enough money was raised to buy:

Green Shoots Nursery & YR – two writing sheds to support outdoor learning, allowing children to access resources independently

Y1 – large construction kit

Y2 – recently published books to update our classroom book corners

We could not have bought these items with your support, so thank you from all the staff and children.

### morning drop off

Thank you to all our current volunteers who run the drop off from 8.30-8.45am. We still need one extra person for Mon, Tue and Thur mornings; 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.

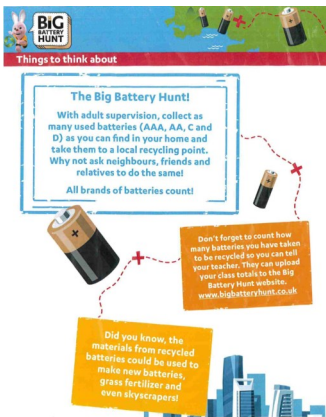
### parents in the car park

Whilst we like our one way system of using the car park please may we polite remind you at 3pm onwards to stop young children running in between the cars to avoid injury to the children and damage to the cars. Also, please may we ask parents not to lean on the car bonnets whilst waiting.

### food and snacks

A gentle reminder that nuts in any shape or form are not allowed in school (this includes chocolate spreads etc.). Children in EYFS and KS1 are given a fruit or vegetable snack during morning break time. KS2 parents are welcome to provide children with a healthy snack from home. In line with our Healthy Schools remit, please keep chocolate, crisps, cake and sweets as treats at home, thank you.

### the big battery hunt



The Big Battery Hunt!

With adult supervision, collect as many used batteries (AAA, AA, C and D) as you can find in your home and take them to a local recycling point. Why not ask neighbours, friends and relatives to do the same!

All brands of batteries count!

Don't forget to count how many batteries you have taken to be recycled so you can tell your teacher. They can upload your class total to the Big Battery Hunt website: [www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk](http://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk)

Did you know, the materials from recycled batteries could be used to make new batteries, glass fertilizer and even skyscrapers!

We are taking part in the big battery hunt and have a collection point in the foyer for all old/empty batteries you may want to get rid of. For info, see: [www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk](http://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk) Prizes include cash towards the school garden and outdoor equipment, so get recycling!

## The Forest School Eco Shop

All proceeds go towards Forest School supplies

Lavender Bags £1  
Jute Bags £3  
Seed Bombs £1

### dates for your diary

- 6<sup>th</sup> February – 3R feet first walking training
- 7<sup>th</sup> February – 3E feet first walking training
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February – parents' consultations in person
- 9<sup>th</sup> February – PTFA cake sale
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February – half term
- 20<sup>th</sup> February – inset day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Y4 school of noise workshop
- 27<sup>th</sup> February – 12<sup>th</sup> March – fairtrade fortnight

### school garden

Any gardeners out there who could take cuttings of any climbers such clematis, honeysuckle, jasmine etc and any perennials or unwanted shrubs (no thorns please), please let Mrs Webzell know via email: [forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk). Mrs Webzell is also looking for a bird bath and a large ceramic pot.

### saplings

Saplings, our toddler forest school is running Thursday and Fridays between 9.30 and 11 am (booking essential). For more info and to book, please contact Mrs Webzell via email: [forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk)



Green Shoots Nursery

St Peter's C of E Primary School

Are you seeking a Farnham nursery which will nurture your child and allow them to develop into happy, self-assured individuals?

Green Shoots Nursery at St Peter's C of E Primary School welcomes children from 2 years old until they start school

For further information or to arrange a visit please see our website: [www.stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk) or call us on: 01252 714115



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