

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

April 2023



Dear Families,

This term has started at pace and I am sure will continue to gather momentum. Once again we have much to pack into this half term. The older children will be sitting tests but we will ensure they are given support and a comfortable atmosphere in order for them to do their best.

We have been experiencing some unkind behaviour on WhatsApp and inappropriate language being used between Y6 children. I urge all parents in all year groups to keep a close eye on your child's activity on line and to keep an open dialogue with them so they feel they can report anything that makes them uncomfortable. If things are not reported then they get worse and young children will find it hard to deal with these challenging issues. Thank you for your support.

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Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

governors' column—Ted Wheatley

Hello, I am Ted Wheatley, a diocesan foundation governor, and am on the Curriculum and Learning committee.

I live in Headley Down, and have been there since 2010. I am married, with two grown up children – a son who lives in New York and a daughter who lives in London. I also have three grandchildren.

I started my working career as a secondary science teacher, and then moved into local work advising schools on science teaching. After that I spent some years training primary and secondary teachers, and for many years did a lot of school inspections and worked as an education consultant. For the last ten years I have been inspecting schools in the Middle East, but on a part-time basis.

So you can see, education is in my blood! However, I have other interests. I sing in a choir, and am thinking about joining a second choir as I enjoy it so much. I garden, and prefer growing vegetables to anything else. Occasionally I play bridge, and want to find time to develop another hobby – painting.

More importantly, I am privileged to be a governor, and I hope that I bring some of my experience in education to supporting what I see as an extremely happy, caring and effective school in its development.



sports roundup

We already have some great sporting results to report!



Firstly, during the last week of the Spring term we sent two girls' football teams to a tournament at Frensham Heights. The girls were brilliant with our A team completely undefeated and becoming the tournament



champions, and our B teams finishing in a very respectable 4th place. Super results girls! Our Y6 boys' football team has also been out in action. We had a wonderful afternoon last Thursday at Waverly Abbey competing against the other 14 schools in the confederation. The standard was extremely high but we were thrilled to win our group and proceed to the knock-out stages. After a couple of very closely fought matches, we eventually finished in 3rd place. Our best result since 2016 - I think! Well done boys team and well captained George Colliss. A great end to your St Peter's footballing!

coronation nature competition



Hopefully you have all been busy growing plants for King Charles III Nature competition. Please remember to bring your planters into school next week (2—5 May) and we look forward to display them around the school grounds.

Mrs Webzell

What does Farnham mean to you?

It's Local History Month and Community and we want to know what represents Farnham to you. It could be a place, a historic event, or a historic person.

Your entry could be:

- An artwork, such as a painting, drawing, or collage
- A short story (500 words max)
- A poem

This competition is open to children and adults. Entries will be chosen for a library display!

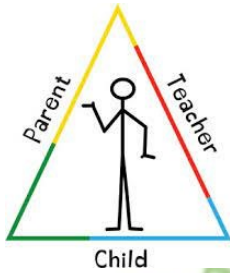
Please hand your entry in to the library by **Wednesday 31st May**



train to teach

Do you know anyone who would like to be a primary teacher? We work with St Polycarp's School, Farnham to train to teach the best teachers, who contribute so richly to your children's lives in the classroom. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a teacher, please contact traintoteach@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk and one of the team will talk you through the many options on offer or follow this link to our recruitment events <http://www.stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk/TeachingSchool/Teaching-School-Events/>

TRICK BOX - how to use the cards



We had planned two presentations at the start of term, but unfortunately we did not have enough responses to make them viable. We truly believe that by giving parents a much clearer idea of how the tricks are used in school and which tricks their child knows, parents will feel empowered to support their child not only emotionally but across many aspects of school and home life.

It may be that this was the wrong time of year, straight after Easter and into the lighter evenings. We shall definitely revisit this in the first half of the Autumn term, when hopefully more parents will be able to attend.

Step by Step Assembly



Last Friday the children learnt about the work of the Aldershot-based charity, Step by Step. One of our Christmas collections was donated to Step by Step and they came in to speak to us about how the money is used. This is charity close to home which supports young people (11-25) who through various unfortunate circumstances, find themselves homeless. A good number of those they have supported are from the Farnham area. It reminded us how so many different things can happen in people's lives to find themselves in this situation. The charity helps with accommodation, independence, education and training and also offers an outreach counselling service which we have accessed from St Peter's. We shall be looking at ways to support their good work in the future.

Parking

Please can we remind parents not to park on the zig zag lines outside the gates. This is still happening and unfortunately members of staff have on occasion felt verbally abused when asking people to move their cars.

dates for your diary

- 1st May: Bank Holiday
- 3rd – 5th May: Y4 Residential Marchants Hill
- 3rd May: Y2 great fire of London workshop
- 5th May: King Charles III Coronation picnic lunch
- 8th May: Coronation Bank Holiday
- 9th – 12th May: Y6 SATS week
- 13th May: Y3-6 cross country at Farnham park
- 19th May: PTFA quiz night
- 22nd – 26th May: Bikeability (group 1)
- 25th May: French day
- 29th May – 2nd June: half term
- 5th June: inset day
- 6th June: children back at school



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