

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

June 2023



Dear parents and carers,

We have had another wonderfully busy few weeks and I hope you will get a flavour of it all in this month's newsletter. Although we have only three weeks of term left we have plenty to focus on and many exciting experiences for all. We are enjoying welcoming our new children into Reception through a variety of induction activities and we continue to welcome new families into a variety of year groups. We love seeing them integrate quickly and make new friends. Our Y6 children are very busy rehearsing for their play and enjoying their transition activities too.

A huge thank you to the PTFA Carnival Team for organising and creating an amazing parade in the show. We were so pleased to win two Gold Certificates! Well done to all the children who took part and a big thank you to everyone who supported.

We look forward to seeing you at various events between now and the end of term.

SJ Dunning

Sarah Dunning

Head Teacher

science day



On Tuesday 20th June, we had a whole school Science day. Each year group completed activities linked to real life problems and the global sustainability goals. The children enjoyed designing and making models of wind turbines, flood-proof homes and floating gardens,

to name just a few. They had to apply their scientific knowledge and test their models. This gave them an opportunity to work as part of a team and to exchange ideas. They also discovered that ideas don't always



translate into working models and that 'trial and error' leads to asking more scientific questions and thus furthering their knowledge. It was a day packed with lots of practical learning and discoveries.

Y4 trip to Alice Holt forest



On Friday 9th June, Y4 went to Alice Holt Forest to undertake geography field work. The children practiced their mapping skills and collected data about geographical features. They completed four activities: learning how to use a compass and to follow compass directions; finding a route using a map; measuring length and distances using trundle wheels and metre rules; identifying geographical features in a given area, including tree identification. Back in the classroom, the children used their skills and data to create simple maps and bar charts. It was a fun day and we were lucky with the weather.

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sports round up June

It has been a very busy (and hot!) June of sports events for St Peters children, with some amazing results.

Firstly, we entered 2 tennis tournaments this month involving Y6 and Y4 children. All the children played very competitively and made the most of the experience. Our sports crew members supported these events and worked so hard in very hot conditions.



It has also been a busy month of cricket. Our Y5 boys' team played first in a very competitive tournament at Waverley Abbey where the boys put on a strong performance. Next our Y6 girls, many of whom had not played a game of competitive cricket before, competed again at Waverley Abbey. To our surprise, and due to some excellent performances, we won the event! This meant a place at County Finals. We were very excited as I don't think St Peter's have reached country cricket finals before.



We had a wonderful experience at the Cricket Club at Sunbury on Thames playing on their immaculate cricket pitches for a whole day. The girls were incredible and eventually finished in 3rd place out of all the county schools.

Our Y6 boys cricket team has also played out this week. The competition was very strong, with many schools fielding teams of experienced players. However, we gave every school a great game and finished 6th. Boys – I could not be prouder of how you represented our school against such tough competition.



Our girls' football team have also played at As Grange this week in a very hot and closely fought tournament where they finished second. A great result girls.

Finally, St Peters welcomed Y1 pupils from several local schools to an athletics event on the St Peter's field. Our young leaders and sports leaders ran the whole event demonstrating wonderful leadership skills and a lot of energy. And our Y1 children were great! Every child gave it their all earning lots of stickers and a medal. Well done year one.

Thank you to all the parents who support the sport in the school to make all these events possible.

Roll on July - lots more to come!

protecting our environment



During the week commencing 12th June Green Shoots Nursery children have been learning about looking after the countryside and the world around us, through Percy the Park Keeper and their experiences at Forest School. We have learned about pollution in the sea, on the farm and completed a litter pick in the school grounds. We started with a staged litter pick and talked about why the materials shouldn't be in the environment, how to protect themselves when collecting the rubbish and what materials can be recycled or disposed of.



The staff were very impressed by their knowledge and how they behaved when collecting the rubbish. Poppy was particularly determined to ensure that we picked up all the litter we could see. We noticed that generally the school grounds were in good order,

and that the St Peter's children were making good use of the bins available. At the end of the session we listened to the 'Going Green song' and 'Looking after the Earth song' in readiness for the Eco day on Friday.

dogs

We frequently have dogs tied to the fence outside school, both at drop-off and at pick-up times. Please teach your children to ask the owner if they want to approach the dog to pet/stroke it. Not all dogs are friendly. Thank you.

a music request



Mrs Cobb is looking for a Jack in the Box and a fairy hand puppet. If you have a spare one lying around you no longer need and are happy to donate it to school, please hand in at the office, thank you.



dates for your diary

- 3rd July – Y2 trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
- 4th July – sports day competitive morning
- 5th July – sports day fun afternoon
- 8th July – PTFA summer fair
- 10th July – Y3 Lego workshop
- 11th July – Y4 recorder concert
- 11th & 12th July – Y6 Matilda production
- 14th July – charity afternoon
- 17th July – move-up morning
- 19th July – Baroque Rock concert
- 20th July – school finishes at 13.30 for summer

communication friendly setting award

Nationally accredited by Eiklan and OCN London



We have recently been awarded the status of being a Communication Friendly Setting. Staff have received a series of training sessions covering all areas of communication and we are committed to ensuring these values and strategies are embedded across our provision. We have considered the importance of language and communication as children develop, how to extend children’s vocabulary and the ability to express themselves, as well as how we interact with children through the use of modelling and questioning.

ONLINE SAFETY TALK FOR PARENTS - SAVE DATE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20 - 2PM AND 7PM

On Wednesday 20th September we have organised a presentation around keeping your child safe online. Our speaker, Sharon Girling has a background in online security with the police. She has been to St Peter's before and feedback was excellent. There will be a £2 charge for attendance and more details nearer the time. Suitable for parents of children of all ages. Please put date in diary.

Farnham Charity Family Circus
 Sunday 23rd July 2023
 12.00–5.30pm
 Farnham Heath End School

Tickets £10/head (under 2's on lap free)
 Concession tickets available from your local school

Big Top opens at 1.40pm.
 Come for the whole afternoon and enjoy the fun before the big event!

Farnham Hedgehogs – an independent charity whose mission is to support local people in need, is organising a circus to provide affordable local entertainment to Farnham families, during these tough and uncertain economic times.

This event, which is being subsidised by the Hedgehogs, will take place at Farnham Heath End School from 12:00 to 5:30pm. There will be a bar, BBQ, ice-creams and other fun activities for all the family, such as a toy tombola and traditional summer fete games. (All activities, food and drink will be at subsidised prices)

Tickets can be ordered on-line from the Hedgehogs website www.the-hedgehogs.org.uk or directly from your local school.

Enjoy a fun afternoon out with with the family!

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exciting **ART CLUB**

SUMMER WORKSHOP
 @ the Museum of Farnham Garden Gallery
 38 WEST STREET, FARNHAM GU97DX
 MONDAY 24TH JULY 10AM-12NOON

COME ALONG TO THIS FUN AND LIVELY WORKSHOP AND CREATE DRAWINGS, PAINTINGS AND 3D CRAFTS TO TAKE HOME.

THE COST IS £21 AND ALL MATERIALS ARE INCLUDED

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