

# ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable end of term and the children have talked about all the exciting things they have been doing. We have had to manage their energy and behaviour at times but to be fair to them all, they soon reminded themselves of our expectations and show us the super ambassadors that they are. Thank you for supporting us to have high standards of uniform and attendance at the end of term. There are some families that have taken unauthorised holidays and this is disappointing as the children really love these end of term celebrations and community activities together. We hope you have enjoyed reading your child's report and celebrating their achievements and looking at ways to support them going forwards. The Y1 children have coped very well as we shuffled them into Y2 and their move up morning session was a success. I apologise that the timing of the letter was later than it should have been and created

some unnecessary angst for some parents. I know that they will continue to thrive next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTFA for all their hard work and super events that have been planned that brings our community together and raises vital funds for the school. Thank you also to all the staff – we are 85 strong now – and everyone is so dedicated to getting it right for your children. I wish everyone a restful and happy holiday.



*SJ Dunning*

Sarah Dunning  
Head Teacher

## Fairtrade stories



Last week a group of Y5 pupils read their stories about the lives of Fairtrade producers to a small group of St Peter's parishioners and governors. They spoke about the impact that climate change is having on the poorest food producers and how decisions we make can affect others in different parts of the world. The adults who attended were moved by the stories and impressed by the maturity of our pupils who expressed empathy and compassion.

## Mosque visit



Y5 pupils visited the Mubarak Mosque in Tilford to learn about the mosque and how it was designed. They also learnt first-hand how a mosque supports Muslims in prayer. We have also been fortunate to have had input from one of our parents who has come into school for sessions with both Y5 and Y2. These experiences are invaluable to learning in RE and help pupils to understand other people's beliefs and practices.

## charity day



As always, this was a fantastic afternoon organised by pupils. There were so many exciting stalls including fortune tellers, penalty shoot outs, juice bars, nail bars, cakes, toffee apples, crafts, books and toys. This is a big event in the school year and is an opportunity for pupils to bring into play our school values: Courage, Inclusiveness and Active Citizen. Children have a chance to spring into action and think about what they can do to make a difference to someone else's life. The charities selected by children this year are a children's hospice and WaterAid, and an amazing £1,108 was raised on the day! Thank you to families for supporting your children with this event.



### chefs in the making!



The children really enjoyed preparing and cooking delicious ramen (noodle soup) at Japanese Club. We made a miso broth and stir fried vegetables to go on the top of rice noodles! Oishikatta! It was delicious!

### Y2 garden project—phase 1



A big thank you to Coomers Timber and Building Supplies in Bordon for donating materials; NW Gardens; A&E Tree Surgeons; and our parents for their time and help to get the Y2 garden project started.

Our new bug hotel built for our school garden and gifted to us by a very generous grandparent, thank you!



### Y2 singing spree



As part of Farnham Youth Choir’s Singing Spree, Y2 joined four other schools from the Farnham area to sing a medley of four songs together at Farnham Maltings. We also listened to the different youth choirs singing some of their favourite songs. The song that most children enjoyed was the Dinosaur Song. We would like to thank Farnham Youth Choir for hosting this event and for the parents and staff who came to support us.

### Y1 medieval day



Y1 had a marvellous medieval day: we used and operated a draw bridge; learnt and performed a maypole dance; enjoyed many medieval games including quoits, jousting, hoopla and bowls. We made flutes and enjoyed a medieval stew called pottage. Thank you to the parent helpers and volunteers for making a wonderful day possible!



**sports round up July**

*Well... what a finish to a wonderful year of sport at St Peter's!*



We took a team of almost 50 children to District Athletics at the Aldershot Garrison stadium to compete in sprints, relays, throwing, jumping and longer distance running. It was an amazing afternoon with such brilliant team spirit

across all the children. We won race after race and qualified for more finals than ever before.

Eventually we came away with not one but two trophies!!!! We won the small schools cup and came second overall winning a huge trophy. This is our best place for many years and really is down to the tremendous effort of all the children involved, most of who had never run on a "proper" track before. Well done athletes.



We have also competed two teams in rounders this month on a beautiful afternoon at Waverley Abbey. Our B team played very competitively qualifying for the semifinals, and our A team, who faced some very tough competition, played with great team spirit and fun. It was a great afternoon and wonderful to take all the year 6 children who have been part of rounders club out to play.



We have also had our St Peter's Sports Days. Our competitive morning was incredible with all our children, right from the nursery, taking part. Many children showed great determination to compete for their house. A big thank you to our Sports Crew and Captains who helped run this event.

A huge well done also to all the children in year 5 and 6 who ran, managed, encouraged and scored the non-competitive part of Sports Day. It was great to see all your leadership skills in action year 5 and 6 and you made us very proud. Both Sports Days were wonderful occasions with Exeter house coming out on top this year. Thank you again to all the staff and parents who have supported sport in the school this year, and to all the children who have competed. And to year 6 - we will miss you and please keep up all your sporting interests next year.

**Y2 trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens**



Y2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens near Romsey a couple of weeks ago. The staff from the Education Centre there led our sessions with lots of hands on and practical activities, including role play, around the gardens. We learnt about colour filters and what colours bees see when they collect pollen; tree dynamics; we found and identified lots of minibeasts in the meadows; made beautiful colour curtain art sculptures in the trees and much more. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who so kindly gave up

their time to come with us and support us. We are very grateful to you.

School





## Eco team



In March the school entered an energy saving competition run by Satro and Powercor. The Eco team co-ordinated the competition by monitoring energy, sharing energy saving tips across school and running a weekly competition for the most energy efficient class.

The pupils, staff and other service users have been amazing and as a school, we reduced carbon by 5.17 kg per person from March to July this year. Y5 & Y6 Eco team members attended the awards ceremony at Surrey University last week and were overjoyed to win two trophies for best for best innovation and best in planning for the future. The Eco team learnt a lot about cutting carbon emissions and the urgent need to make the planet much cleaner. Eco team is open to KS2 pupils and is run at lunchtime by Ms Edmonds and Mrs Fassett.

## PTFA summer fete

Thank you so much to our dedicated PTFA for organising such a fantastic afternoon! It was wonderful to be back with a proper 'fete' again and with so many different stalls and activities, including a superb judo display. We are so lucky to have such a resourceful team! Thank you also to all the families who came along to support. Remember that everything the PTFA organises goes back into your child's school experience!



## dates for your diary

20<sup>th</sup> July – school finishes at 13.30 for summer

4<sup>th</sup> September – inset day

5<sup>th</sup> September – children back at school

W/C 11<sup>th</sup> September – start Autumn term clubs

12<sup>th</sup> September – online safety talk for parents, 2pm and 7pm (NEW DATE)

20<sup>th</sup> September

– individual photographs

– Y5 Indus Valley virtual workshop

– online safety talk for parents 2pm and 7pm

## Thank you!

On behalf of all of St Peter's Staff, thank you for the very generous gifts and kind words; we are very lucky to have such supportive families.

We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September!**