



ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable first half term and a lovely half term break. Hopefully all our new families are feeling settled. Everyone was ready to have a week to recharge and fight off the Autumn bugs and return for the lovely lead up to Christmas. There is much to read about in this newsletter and to celebrate. May I thank everyone who went on the Y6 residential to make it a special week of making memories for our Y6 children.

Everyone must be in winter uniform now please (shirts and ties for the Juniors), absolutely no earrings and all hair tied back.

SJ Dunning

Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

global links

This week, the Global Committee and some of the Eco team met with Raptou School in Larissa, Greece. This link was made through The British Council. It was our first meeting where both groups of children gave a presentation about their school. It was very striking to find that we share so much in common. Our presentations were very similar and included the arts, sport, ethos and charity fund raising. The



Greek School is a Christian (Greek Orthodox) school with a broad curriculum and many additional clubs and opportunities. The plan is to share some collaborative learning with our Y5 pupils. We are renewing our International Award this academic year and it's important to demonstrate connections with schools in other countries. If anyone has contacts we'd be interested to find out more.



Y5 Winchester Science Centre Trip

On Wednesday 18th October, Year 5 visited the Winchester Science Centre as part of their science curriculum about the Earth and Space. The children were really excited to be going on the trip. At the centre there were many interactive activities which they thoroughly enjoyed. The highlights of the trip were the Planetarium and the rocket workshop. The Planetarium proved to be an awe-inspiring experience for the children who demonstrated great knowledge of our solar system. The rocket workshop proved to be both challenging and entertaining as they competed to design and build the fastest rocket. They represented the school well and were a credit to St Peter's.



Y6 residential



The week before half term, Y6 and a plucky team of staff set off to Dorset. When the coach turned the steep corner into PGL Osmington Bay, there was a huge cheer from the children as the panoramic view of the Dorset Coast from the site is spectacular. There then followed an exciting week where the children took part in some wonderful activities: playing in the water at Portland with some stand up paddle boards, a delightful hike which included some delicious farm ice cream, the trapeze (involved climbing up a tall pole, and jumping off a platform, to descend under the control of ropes), a fabulous zipwire that was framed by the ocean, indoor wall climbing, street surfing (like a skateboard but with only two wheels), the infamous giant swing, aeroball, archery, fencing, problem solving (outdoor puzzles involving teamwork) and Jacob's ladder. The evening activities were a lot of fun too – an outdoor game of Cluedo in the dark, a raucous campfire with lots of silly songs and some great team competitions. The PGL staff looked after us very well, with lots of energy, skill and plenty of satisfying food. PGL 2023 was made very special by a fantastic group of children, who had a go at everything (sometimes in some challenging weather conditions and were) with positivity and enthusiasm. They certainly upheld our school values throughout the week! Thank you so much to Y6 for being such a pleasure to be with, and to all the St Peter's adults who gave up their spare time support the trip.



FUNDRAISING

Farnham Food bank



In the week 9th-12th October 2023 the School Council has organised a Harvest collection for Farnham Foodbank. We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' for all your donations. We have collected a generous amount of tinned food and toiletries. These items will make a considerable difference to someone in need. Farnham Food bank representatives were overwhelmed with your generosity and were impressed with the School Council children helping to pack and load up the donated items.

Just One Tree

School was awash with children in Autumn colours last Friday and we raised a wonderful £297.24 for Just One Tree, which means almost 300 trees will be planted!
<https://www.justonetree.life/>

PTFA cake sale



Our wonderful PTFA ran another successful cake sale after school, which completely sold out in less than half an hour and raised vital funds for our school community. BASE also ran a mini-cake sale and raised a further £85 for the school.

Y2 trip to Rural Life Living Museum



As part of our History topic Year 2 enjoyed a visit to the Rural Life Living Museum. We found out what it was like to be a child growing up in this area in the Victorian period. The school room was very different to school now. We had to sit in rows and stand up if we wanted to speak. The teacher was very strict. If you didn't sit up straight, you had to use

the back straightener. We had a go at writing on slates and learnt some new sayings – "Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Till your good is better and your better is best."

feeling good week



This month we celebrated Feeling Good Week. This annual event compliments our PSHE learning which includes looking after our own and other people's health; physical, mental and emotional. The theme for this year was 'I Can...We Can...' Every person has a unique set of positive qualities, and nurturing and encouraging these strengths leads to more vibrant communities. To support this week, picture books were purchased for each class from Reception to Year 3 to enjoy and promote further discussion. Children in Y4-6 can request a class book from the Healthy Schools committee for their classroom.



Farnham schools cross country

PLACE	OVERALL BELL CUP	GIRLS TEAM TROPHY	BOYS TEAM TROPHY	INDIVIDUAL GIRLS	INDIVIDUAL BOYS
1 st	South Farnham	St Poly-carps	South Farnham	St Poly-carps	South Farnham
2 nd	St Peters/ St Poly-carps	South Farnham	St Peters	St Poly-carps	South Farnham
3 rd	Waverley Abbey	Potters Gate	Waverley Abbey	Waverley Abbey	William Cobbett

We were absolutely thrilled to welcome nearly 700 runners to our October Cross Country event in Farnham Park – by far the biggest turn out so far! We had over 100 runners from St Peters – again our biggest team for many years. Thank you to everyone who ran – you were all amazing. The sun shone and the quality of the running was incredible. The 1.8km course was run in 6.51minutes by the boys and 7.50minutes by the girls. Our huge congratulations to our St Peters top placed runners: Grace in 5th and Rudy in 6th. Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported this wonderful community event.

books books books

Help your child discover a love for reading! Or buy more books for them to devour! This is a recommended booklist for primary aged children and will help you with your Christmas gift ideas.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/>

digital watches

Please can you keep all Apple watches, or any watch that allows children to access emails and internet, at home. They are a real distraction in the classroom, assemblies and break times.



dates for your diary

2nd November – PTFA fireworks

6th - 10th November – no school-run clubs (ie clubs paid via SCOPay)

7th - 8th November – parents' evening in the hall

8th November – Y1 trip to Milestones Museum Basingstoke

16th November – Y4 Viking workshop in school

25th November – PTFA film event

Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **30 October 2023** and **15 January 2024**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

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