

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

April 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a very restful Easter break and the return to school has been smooth for you. We welcome new families this term and hope you feel very settled soon. Please always come and speak to us if you have a concern as it is better to chat it through early on. We also appreciate knowing about children's achievements outside of school so that we can celebrate on a Friday in our Celebration Assembly. Please send your child in with information/medal/certificate so that we can share.

I hope to see many of you at the Cross Country event on Saturday 18th May.

Best wishes,

SJ Dunning

Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

Y2 Great Fire of London



Our forest school area was lit up this week with the sound of 'London's Burning' and houses ablaze as Y2 children continued their learning about the Great Fire of London. During the day, they learnt where flour came from and how bread was made, cooked rolls on the open fire, created a piece of artwork using charcoal from the fire, and worked in teams to move water from the Thames to the fire. Thank you to Mrs Webbzell and the parent volunteers who helped make the day possible. In the words of the children: "That was the best day ever!"



Y2 SATRO workshop



Y2 became Crime Scene Investigators and were asked to investigate if Goldilocks was guilty of the crimes she is often accused of. The children had to keep an open mind as they were challenged to eliminate suspects by using the evidence...footprints found at the crime scene, bite marks on the spoon and hair left in cottage. Using all the clues they found, the children then had to decide if each suspect was guilty or not guilty. Thank you to the team from SATRO and a local police officer for making this such an interactive and fun session. We can see who might want to be investigators in the future!



Alumni

We love to hear about the success of our former pupils. If you have information to share with us please do get in touch.

Charlotte Lill, who is now in Y11, made her debut for Scotland U19 netball team last week against Wales. She got her first cap which was very exciting. Her netball passion all started playing for our Y6 team when in Y5 for St Peters!

Isobel Kandak, now in Y9, was chosen to play in the Inspire Girls Academy (IGA) and last week they won the Junior Premier League. Isobel won the player of the match in the final. Her passion for girls' football started here in Y5. Andrew Hall spotted her talent early on!



Attendance

We currently have 81 children who are attending school less than 90%. This means these children have missing the equivalent of half a day's learning each week or 2 days each month since September. This will have a significant impact on their learning, memory of information and their enjoyment. Children with this low attendance are missing key activities, events, visitors, class photos etc. OFSTED were very clear that it is the parents' responsibility to ensure high attendance is a priority and how important it is for all children to access all the learning and any additional support that children receive at school. If they do not attend, then they will not progress at the expected rate. A day of learning cannot be caught up and a missed intervention is just that – missed. Please think about your child's attendance and please respect the letters that I send to you reminding you about your child's low attendance. *Mrs Dunning*



Taiko—Japanese drumming

KS2 have exciting Japanese drumming workshops, led by Mark Alcock, to look forward to in July. Mark will be performing at the Maltings with his professional group Taiko Meantime, on Sunday 12th May, and has kindly provided a discount code for anyone who wants to book tickets for the performance. Please use code **FNHTAIKO20** for 20% off the regular ticket price.



farnham maltings Sunday 12th May 2024
www.farnhammaltings.com Performance starts 3pm
£20/£12

PE kit

Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school at all times. Sometimes the PE timetable will be adjusted, or one-off activities take place for which PE kit is needed, thank you.

Dates for your diary

- 1st May: Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
Y5 Crime and Punishment online workshop
- 2nd May: Y2 Great Fire of London workshop
- 6th May: Bank Holiday
- 7th May: Primary Music Festival (by invitation)
- 8th – 10th May: Y4 residential Juniper Hall
- 13th – 17th May: Y6 SATS week
- 17th May: Y1, 3 & 5 visit from Wimbledon Synagogue
- 17th May: mufti day for mental health week
- 18th May: Farnham Cross Country (Farnham Park)
- 20th May: Y1, 3 & 5 visit from Wimbledon Synagogue
- 24th May: French Day
- 27th – 31st May: half term
- 3rd June: inset day
- 4th June: children back at school

