

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a smooth term so far and that your children have been enjoying the variety of activities on offer this term. We enjoyed welcoming the Young Carers from St Polycarp's recently to join our YC's in Forest School. We have had numerous workshops and visits which have all enhanced the curriculum. We continue to welcome new families to St Peter's and I hope you have started to feel at home and navigating your way through school life. Soon we will be having a parent forum to come and speak with Governors and Senior staff to share your thoughts on the strategic direction of our school over the next few years. We hope you will want to come and have your voice.

Enjoy this month's news.

SJ Dunning

Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

Y2 Florence Nightingale Workshop



Last week Y2 children welcomed Florence Nightingale to school. She shared her experiences of what it was like arriving at Scutari Hospital during the Crimean War. We learnt about the improvements she made to the hospital and know why she is still remembered today.

Weydon Dance Show



The Y5 dance club performed brilliantly at the Weydon dance show on Friday night. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication to the complicated dance which involved lifts. They behaved impeccably and the Y10 students taught them well. It was wonderful to see so many past pupils from St Peter's dancing in the show.

Panathlon Event



Earlier this month six of our pupils attended an inter school Panathlon event held at Heath End Secondary School. The pupils kept their focus, performed brilliantly and enjoyed interacting with pupils from several other local schools. The team represented St Peter's with pride.



Half Term Project - Farnham Literary Festival



Why not encourage your child to enter the poetry competition this year. The theme is 'friendship'. Remember poems do not have to rhyme! Let the emotions flow! Closing date Friday 16th February. See details and link below.

Farnham Poetry Competition The Farnham Poetry Competition is back and for 2024 the theme is 'friendship'. This year, entrants are asked to write a poem on the theme of friendship – what it means to them, who their friends are, what is important about friends, anything about friendship. There are two categories www.farnhamliteraryfestival.co.uk

Book Fair (Autumn Term 2023)

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair last term. We raised an amazing £1,600 to spend with Scholastics. Our teachers have either ordered books or are in the process of choosing books for their classes. This supports our current 'Reading for Pleasure' project and every child in the school will benefit.

Anti Bullying Workshop and Assembly



Last week all the children enjoyed an exciting assembly with a message. Open View Education Theatre company engaged pupils from YR - Y4 through a lively puppet based production. It was an interactive presentation with lots of pupil involvement. Pupils in Y5 and Y6 were challenged to think about how to respond and act if they become aware of something



which constitutes bullying. The sessions included role play and group work to enable them to take the key messages on board. Feedback

from the day has been overwhelmingly positive. It would be a valuable exercise to have a chat with your child around these key points:

WHAT IS BULLYING?

- Bullying is not just banter.
- Bullying is intentional, it's done on purpose.
- Bullying can happen face to face or online.
- Bullying involves an imbalance of power.
- Bullying is repetitive. It happens again and again.

MAKE A NOISE WITH KINDNESS!

- Show kindness with your words and actions.
- Tell a trusted adult if you think someone is being bullied.
- Don't join in with unkind jokes.
- Think about how your words could make others feel.

Thank you to all the families who supported this initiative. This learning will go with the children into their teenage and adult lives.

Forest School Kit

Please ensure that for the winter months your child has extra layers for their forest school kit, e.g. extra leggings, long sleeved top, hat, socks, gloves (fingerless is preferable) and a warm coat. Forest school takes place whatever the temperature, so the children need to dress suitably. Thank you.

Surrey Connect - on demand bus service

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/community-transport/surrey-connect?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo#whol (surreycc.gov.uk)

Are you passionate about children's reading?



If so, would you be able to spare a small amount of time to enable the school library to open for a short time after school? We are always keen to involve parents in their child's reading

journey and are hoping to be able to open up the school library after school for 25 minutes on two days a week. This would allow parents to visit the library with their child to help them to choose a suitable book.

Unfortunately, we simply do not have staff capacity but it would be fantastic if a couple of parents/grandparents would be able to volunteer once a week. Ideally, we would have two adults on two different days (so each adult would only do one day). It would involve overseeing the scanning of books in/out of the library. We would of course show you how this works. The times would be 3:15 pm - 3:40pm (prompt). The day could be to suit you but we'd need consistency each week.

We used to have this set up a few years back and it was very successful but we didn't reinstate after covid and now feel it's a good time have another go.

If you feel that this is something you would be up for once a week, please could you let the office know and someone will come back to you.

Diary Dates

- 5th – 9th Feb : NO school-run clubs
(ie clubs paid via SCOPay)
- 7th Feb : Y4 School Of Noise workshop
Y5 Mosque visit (TBC)
- 12th – 16th Feb : half term
- 19th Feb : INSET day
- 20th Feb : children return to school
- 21st Feb : Y5 fire safety talk
- 22nd Feb : Y2 fire safety talk
- 27th & 28th Feb : parents' evenings (in person)
- 28th Feb : Y4 Civil War workshop @ Farnham Museum



Nurture through nature with your pre school child. Build creativity, resilience and exploration through play, in our woodland environment. Sessions include: nature crafts, bug hunting, nature exploration, painting with natural materials, mud kitchen fun, camp fire cooking whilst enjoying refreshments around the fire.



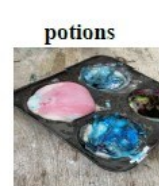
Nature art

Five week course
Friday 9.30—11am
23/2, 1/3, 8/3, 15/3, 22/3,
Places are for 1 adult & 1 child
(aged 18months—4 years)
Sibling discount prices available.
Booking essential, full course and
pay as you go available
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Homemade bird food



Shelters



potions



Nature crowns

Sessions are led by a level 3 Forest School Practitioner with Outdoor First Aid Training. All activities are risk assessed to a high standard whilst allowing freedom for your little ones. Sessions will take place in all weathers (with the exception of lightning storms and high winds) so outdoor clothing is essential. For further information or to book a place, contact forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk



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