

Jesus said "Love one another as I have loved you"

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the end of term is going well for you all and your children are enjoying the numerous exciting activities that have been organised. Many of you will have enjoyed the Y6 production which was exceptional. All the children performed well as a team and worked incredibly hard to put on a fabulous show. They have made memories for life. The charity day was a huge success with many creative stalls and very enthusiastic sellers and customers, and raised an amazing £1,126.67 to be split between three charities.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked so hard this year to help run trips, activities, read with children and work on the drop off. These provisions could not work without your time, thank you.

A huge thank you to our PTFA team for all the great fundraising activities that they have organised this year and a huge amount of money to buy the much needed items for the children (that our budget doesn't stretch to). We can't wait to see the curriculum kitchen finished and being used by everyone. I am sure so many more parents will want to get involved with the PTFA next year and volunteer your time and expertise.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank every staff member who makes up the team at St Peter's – everyone plays their role with such grace and enthusiasm. We have worked hard to give the very best for your children and everyone is ready for their recharge over the summer.

I wish you all a very restful and happy summer holiday.

SJ Dunning

Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

Oishii so!!



We have been very busy this term in Japanese club. We have updated our display board with sakura (cherry blossom) and kimono. We also have been preparing miso ramen and yakisoba in the kitchen. Totemo oishikatta! It was very delicious and so encouraging to see such a high standard of cookery skills on display. Masterchef watch out!



Sports Crew at St Mary's



On Friday 28th June, our Sports Leaders and Sports Captains helped run St Mary's Sports Day. Our children were fantastic – they supported the younger children and encouraged them through their races. There was a lot of equipment to set up and re set every race and of course stickers to hand out. I was so proud of our leaders and the St Mary's staff were so incredibly grateful for their energy and help. The most impressive aspect was the intuition and common sense that our children applied and saw what needed to be done without being asked.

Y2 trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens



Y2 had a wonderful day at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens near Romsey. We spent the day exploring the beautiful gardens, and learning about the plants

and animals that live there. We went on an 'Unnature trail', enjoyed making 'Smelly Caterpillars', used sweep nets to discover the inhabitants of the meadow and found newts when pond dipping. Thank you to the leaders at Hilliers, and all the



adults who supported us during our visit.

Visit from the Mayor of Waverley



This half term Y2 carried out a geographical study of Wreclesham Recreation Ground. Following our visit to the Rec, we wrote letters to our local councillor suggesting improvements that could be made to the area. Imagine our delight when Councillor Ward (who is also Mayor of Waverley) responded in person to our letters. He listened to all our ideas and complimented us on being active citizens. Let's wait and see if any of our suggestions happen!



Music lessons at school

We offer a wide range of music lessons at school and there may be availability in September. For piano lessons, please collect a form from the office. For all other lessons, please see contact details below:

For guitar, flute, or brass instruments, please register your interest with Surrey Arts here:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts/music/lessons-for-children>

for drums, please contact Jeff Lardner here: <https://www.jefflardner.co.uk/>

for singing lessons, please contact Mel Sefton melsefton@btinternet.com

for rocksteady, please see their website <https://www.rocksteadymusicsschool.com/>



Brand New
to St Peter's School
 25 min 1-2-1 Singing Lessons
 Open to Y3,4,5,6
 Tuesdays during the day
 Fees £20 a session
 Paid termly
 Limited spaces available

Please email me:
Melsefton@btinternet.com to book
 your child a space.

Ocean – Friendly School award



This year a few Yr5 children became ocean ambassadors to show how we are all linked to the oceans even though we're not on the coast. They chose to look at climate change and how our actions affect the seas around us. Throughout the year, they completed research and a series of tasks to look at how food waste creates more green house gases and how that in turn is affecting the oceans.

'impressed with all the fantastic research that was carried out as part of your award!'



After presenting an assembly to the whole school for World Ocean Day, they challenged everyone to reduce the amount of food they threw away at lunch time from school dinners. The whole school from Nursery to Y6 contributed to a large piece of art reflecting the different states of our oceans.

'it's some of the best that we have received! It's heart-warming to see that everyone got so involved and that they are so passionate about protecting our ocean.'

As a result of their hard work, we have been awarded the prestigious Ocean-friendly School award by the Marine Conservation Society.

Farnham Carnival



Many thanks to the PTFA for organising such a wonderful float the town's carnival. The children all looked great dressed as their favourite Trick Box card. Adults were also sporting Trick Box tops. Thank you to everyone involved for all the time that you put into making this such a successful afternoon.



Forest school—building a structure to catch rain water



First we found wood and collected tools. Then we dug four holes for the four posts and cut the posts to the same length. Next we filled the holes with water and Postcrete and put the four posts in, checking everything was level. After that we could put the roof on. We used a drill, saw, spirit level and tape measure; we are proud of our achievement and very happy with the finished product.

Jamie, Denon & Benny

Mini Olympics



During their PE lessons this week, the children have been having their own taste of The Olympics through their own Mini Olympics. They have competed in the events of javelin, long jump, sprint and long distance whilst representing one of the following 4 countries: Japan, Ukraine, Jamaica or Argentina. The children got to experience listening to the National Anthems for each country,

having their flags displayed, cheering their countries on, seeing athletes on the podium and the excitement of winners' medals. We hope that this will inspire them to watch some of the Olympic events over the summer.

Charity Day



On July 11th 2024 we held our traditional Charity afternoon. Children organised and ran the event themselves. It was great to see everyone enjoying the event. Children were excellent at setting up the stalls and then tidying up after themselves. It was a joy to see great teamwork. During the afternoon children raised a whopping £1,126.67. The money will be equally split between 3 charities:

- The Fellowship of Animal Protection SOS (Ukraine). (This supports the thousands of dogs and cats who have been abandoned because of war).
- Cancer Research UK
- Diabetes UK- Guildford & South West

We would like to say a huge thank you for all your support. Your money will make a big difference to someone else.

Thank you, The School Council

Never such Innocence



This half term, 5S has been practising a song which has been put together by St Peter's and our link school in Greece. The Greek teacher came up with the music and we put the words together.

The competition: Never Such Innocence, is an international competition and this year's theme was: The Impact of War on People's lives. We spoke to one of our Ukrainian families who have returned to Kharkiv and one of our staff members whose family had to leave Sudan suddenly when war broke out last year. Mrs Dunning worked hard in music lessons to teach and record the song. We didn't win but it was a valuable exercise: a joint entry with two schools in different countries collaborating.

SPORTS NEWS!



We are delighted to announce that our wonderful athletics team WON the District Athletics competition last week. This makes them the fastest team in the area and I certainly agree! We had a super afternoon – with a little bit of rain – competing in track and field events at the Aldershot Garrison stadium. Every single child made us so proud with their determination and their amazing team spirit. Our relay teams made every single final!

We have NEVER won this prestigious event before so a HUGE congratulations to all who took part. Keep running over the summer!!

Creation Pause Day



We took a day out of the curriculum last Friday to reflect on Creation and the world around us. Children accessed their learning through discussion, art and drama. We had a quiet reflection room set up for classes to visit and think about our planet going forwards.

The younger children love the 'awe and wonder' of the room but are also reflective in their comments. Olders pupils were thinking about how they can become agents for change and put our school values of: Courage, Active Citizen and Inclusiveness into practice.

Staff changes

We bid a fond farewell to Mrs Harrington, Miss Jobson, Mrs Cook, Mrs Pointon, Mrs Perkins and Mr Lam and wish them all the best with their future endeavours.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Lea, Mrs Turnbull and Mrs Rennoldson as new class teachers, and Mrs Taylor as our new home school link worker in September.



Parking

Please can you all respect the local residents when parking in the mornings and after school. Currently, a parent is parking in the private road and it is making it difficult for the residents to get their children out and to school. Let us all work together for a smooth, safe and respectful drop off and pick up.

Ear piercing

Now is the time! If your child is wanting their ears pierced then please ensure this is your first activity of the summer! They need 6 weeks to heal, and earrings are not allowed in school under any circumstance. Please respect this rule as we will expect your child to remove their earrings in September. You don't want to waste your money.

Parent Reading Programme

As always, we are keen to find more adults who could manage 2x 15 min sessions at drop off to support a KS2 child with their reading. Thank you so much to those who have come forward and a HUGE THANK YOU to those who have committed over this year (and in some cases, for several years). It makes such a difference to a child's confidence and fluency. Please contact Mrs Major if you think you could do this.

Awaiting Award Results

Over the past week we have submitted long evidence based applications for both Artsmark and The British Council's International Award. Both of these bring together so much of our learning across the curriculum. Fingers crossed!

School attendance

Year R	97.7%
Year 1	85%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	93.9%
Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	97%
Whole School	94.4%

Attendance across the country is lower than it has ever been for many reasons. OFSTED highlighted the fact that our school continues to have a high number of unauthorised absence – which is a shame as there is such a rich curriculum on offer here at St Peter's

which children are missing out on. Next year, all holidays will, by law receive a penalty notice. This is a directive from the government and is in place to show parents that the 39 weeks of education are crucial to every child. Family time can be enjoyed in the other 13 weeks of the year. The table shows this year groups' attendance for the year (the national average is 93.6%).

Dates for your diary

2nd September: INSET day

3rd September: children back for Autumn term

4th September: school clubs promoted in assembly

11th September: Y2 & Y3 welcome meeting

18th September: individual photographs

Y1 welcome meeting

25th September: Y3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm

YR parents' welcome meeting



FREE singing workshops

30 places

With Farnham Youth Choir conductor Claire Robins

for children in school years 2-5



August 21st & 22nd
10am - 12pm. Come to both sessions!
The Barley Room,
Farnham Maltings

To sign up, email community@fyc.org.uk by 1th August



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