

# ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your support during the OFSTED inspection last week. We really appreciated all your friendly comments and encouragement over the three days and all the cards and cakes we received too. Thank you. 97% of our parents are happy at St Peter's which was marvellous to read. We look forward to sharing with you the report when it is allowed to go public.

May we wish you a restful holiday and a joyful Easter time.

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Sarah Dunning  
Head Teacher



## Borelli Cup



A team of Y6 footballers descended on Waverley Abbey School to try and bring home the much-coveted Borelli Cup. We flew through the group stage win-

ning every game and only conceding one goal which culminated in facing St James School in the semifinal. With a very excited Mr Usher at our helm, we were victorious which meant one more hurdle to go - to face the mighty South Farnham in the final.

St Peters took an early lead but held their composure well, then the goals just kept coming (a hat trick from our enviable striker Rocky and our own celebrity Rudi hitting the back of the net as well) and we won with a non-disputable score line of 5-1.

What a day to remember! Special thanks to Mr Usher whose coaching was simply brilliant and to Nathan from year five who stepped up on the day and made a huge contribution.

## Gymnastics Festival



Mrs Perkins took her club to the gymnastics festival at St Polycarp's. the whole team performed amazingly; well done girls !

## Tag Rugby



On Wednesday a group of year sixes went to take part in a tag rugby competition. First the A team played Potter's Gate and won 5-2. Next we played St Polycarp's and won 5-1. Then we played Crookham and won 3-1.

Next we went to the Plate Final to compete for third or fourth position where we played William Cobbett and won. So we took third place overall.

Everyone played well and special thank you to Nathan for stepping in for Edward.

And also thank you to Mrs Black, Mrs Mesney and all the parents for coaching and supporting us.

## Spring Concert



Thank you to all the parents and friends who joined us for our Spring concert. The level of musicianship was so high and everyone enjoyed the variety of repertoire. The choirs were all so strong and clearly enjoyed singing. We hope more children will be inspired to join the choirs and to start learning an instrument. Thank you for supporting your child to enjoy making music and for keeping music so alive (and live) at our school.

## Alton School STEM Workshops

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, some Year 5 children went to Alton School to take part in an action packed afternoon of STEM activities led by their Senior School Science department. The activities were part of British Science week which this year had the theme of 'Time'. Working in teams, the children were lucky enough to rotate around three different Science labs to complete each challenge. The first activity was linked to fossils. The children had to make a mould of a shell using plasticine and then use that mould to create a plaster of paris 'fossil' of the shell. Next, the children had to solve a pendulum conundrum. What affects the way a pendulum swings and how could they make it swing 30 times in 3 minutes. The children found that the pendulum didn't behave as expected initially and so had to do a lot of problem solving! The final activity was to design and build a marble run which would take exactly 3 minutes for the marble to travel from start to finish. The children showed some great engineering and problem solving skills during this challenge. The afternoon was an exciting way to put together all their STEM skills and knowledge to complete the challenges. The children were exemplary in representing St Peter's and staff at Alton School were impressed by their level of independence and team work.

## French Club



We completed our fantastic French learning this term by making some delicious Madeleines and Galettes au beurre (butter biscuits) at French Club this term.

## Break Time Snacks

We allow the children to bring in fruit, raisins or cheese as a snack at break time. Too many children are taking something from the packed lunch box to have at break. We continue to encourage our children to make healthy food choices. Thank you for your support.

### Have you visited the school library recently?

After the Easter holidays, the school library will be open after school on Mondays and Thursdays. Please feel free to accompany your child to choose a book (which must be checked out). While we encourage children to make their own choice of books to take home, some children tend to stick to one kind of book or one favourite author. Nothing wrong with this but sometimes they just need a little prompt to discover something else that they might also enjoy. We would love children to mix their reading choice between fiction and non-fiction.

The opening hours are 3:15 - 3:40 Monday & Thursday. We would ask that families respect these hours as we have parent volunteers making this possible. Please do not go to the library on the days that it is not open. It's really important that all books are scanned in/out using the official system. The adults will facilitate this. We look forward to seeing increased library footfall!

### LEARNING TOGETHER PRIMARY — a restorative practice intervention to reduce bullying & promote positive mental health

In the second half of the summer term (and over the next academic year) our KS2 pupils will be participating in research being led by academic staff at The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. It is also supported by the national wellbeing organisation: Place2Be. The Learning Together project has been rolled out in many secondary schools and the team now want to pilot it in a few primary schools. As this fits well with our school's development plan and we recognise that pupils' wellbeing is a priority, we were keen to be involved. We are also interested to learn more about restorative practice which has proven success in many walks of life. More information will come out to parents nearer the time. At that point, you will also have the option to withdraw your child.

### Dates for your diary

- 15<sup>th</sup> April – start summer term (summer uniform)
- 17<sup>th</sup> April – YR national child measurement programme
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Y4 residential meeting
  - Start school-run clubs (ie clubs paid via SCO-pay)
- 24<sup>th</sup> April – class photos



### KS2 Spring Photo Competition

#### How can I enter?

Over the Easter holidays take a photo that depicts 'Spring'.

Bring in a print measuring **6 x 4 inches (15 x 10 cm) landscape format.**

Entries to be given into your class teacher by **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

