

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

November 2023



Nysambya School, Kampala

Last week a group of Y3 and Y4 children met up with children aged 7-9 from the Nysambya School, Kampala, Uganda. It was fantastic to meet up and ask questions about



each other's schools. The Ugandan children asked some interesting questions and explained that some of them are Christian and attend church while others are Muslim

and attend the local mosque. There were lots of questions around food and the fact that the Y4 children were dressed as Vikings prompted lots of interest! They also introduced their head teacher and sang their school song, which was great! We plan to introduce more year groups to the each other over the school year.

Dear Families,

We are looking forward all the exciting activities that the end of term brings. The children are working hard to rehearse their Christmas nativities, preparing for the Advent service and for our Carol Service. We warmly welcome all families to join us in church on Monday 11th December at 6pm to sign carols and listen to readings. We are being visited again this year by Signposts – a group of volunteers from a variety of local churches who will dramatize the Christmas story and involve children in songs and activities – its always great fun. Y5 will be taking their cheerful voices to Ashton Manor in the final week to sing carols to the residents.

We look forward to welcoming you to the various performances and services in December. Don't forget to look out your Christmas jumper!

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Sarah Dunning
Head Teacher

Y6 football friendly 10th November



Last Friday a group of Year 6 girls played a friendly football tournament at Weydon School. We played against five schools including Walsh, St Polycarps, Rowledge and South Farnham. This was our first time playing as a team and everyone played really well. Thank you to Mr Hall and Mrs Simpson for organising it and taking us.

Remembrance

On Friday 10th November, Amelia and George represented our school at the Farnham, School and Town Remembrance service. It was a special and important time together where all the school are represented and take time to pay our respect for the fallen.



Y4 Viking workshop



On Thursday 16th November 2023 the year 4 children took part in a Viking workshop. Children came dressed up as Vikings and everyone looked great in their costumes. Children learnt about what it was like in the Viking times, where the Vikings came from and what is their legacy. They had a chance to see and handle real Viking artefacts like a comb made from a reindeer antler and a skin from a wild boar. Everyone enjoyed seeing real weapons used in the Viking times – arrows, spears and a shield. They tested their strength in a ‘Pulling trial’ and re-enacted the story of ‘Ragnarok’ – the End of the World. We all had a fabulous day and learnt a lot.



Looking to buy books for Christmas..

If you are looking to buy a new book for your child for Christmas and are not sure what they might enjoy, please take a look at the top recommended reads per year group on this website. We hope you enjoy!

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

Farnham Christmas Lights Switch On



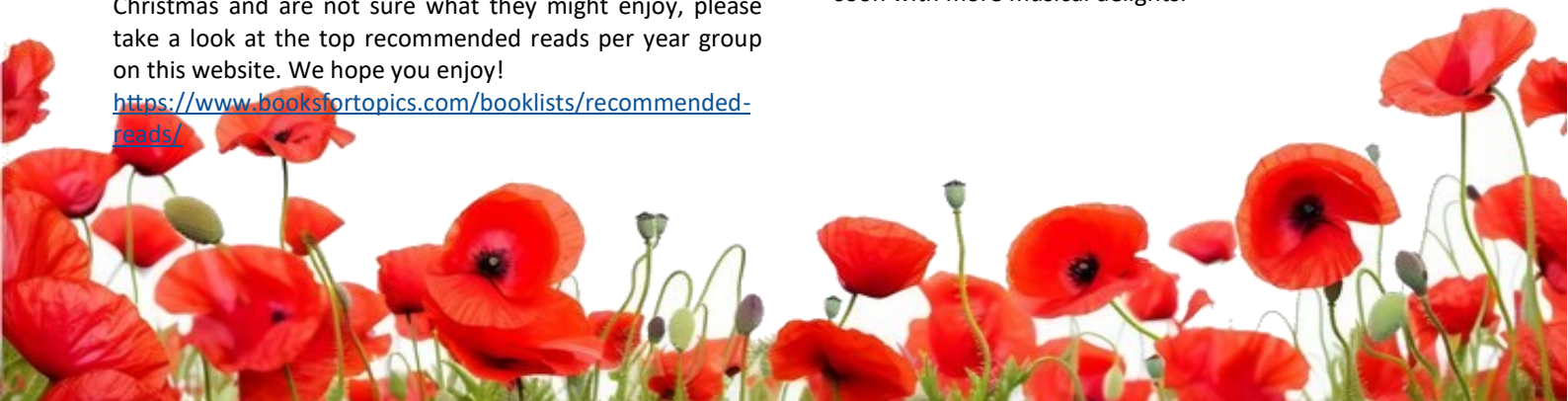
Thank you to parents, friends and staff who came and supported us at the Christmas Lights Switch On in Gostrey Meadows on Saturday 18th November. Although it was a rather gloomy afternoon, this did not dampen the wonderful singing from both our choirs – Young Voices and Junior Choir. The children rose magnificently to the occasion and started our countdown to Christmas.



Music at Bourne Wood Manor Care Home



Ten musicians recently visited the Bourne Wood Manor Care Home to entertain the residents with music. Each child played a solo on their instruments and then we sang three songs together. The children played beautifully and the residents loved hearing their talents. Two of the piano pieces were familiar to them and they started to sing along which was very special. We are hoping to visit again soon with more musical delights.



STEM Ambassadors



As part of their Science unit about rocks, Y3 have benefitted from two separate workshops run by STEM Ambassadors with their amazing collection of rocks. Under their guidance, the children observed different rocks using magnifying glasses in order to visually describe their colour and texture, and to learn how these physical features can be used to group and identify them. They also investigated the hardness and permeability of rocks. The children were challenged to distinguish man-made stones from natural rocks and to think about how a variety of rocks might be used for particular purposes. The children will put this knowledge into practice when completing a walk of our local area to identify rocks and their uses.



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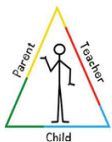


Well done to the #Roar23 finalists from 4H. They will be joining the national final for innovative design next month.



They designed a playpark that creates new energy when you are using the equipment. An amazing sustainability idea. Good luck team 4H!

TRICK BOX



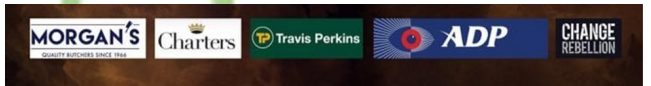
Trick Box cards are now available in the office. £5 a set (only need one per family throughout your time at St Peter's). If you do not have the means to pay, please let us know. Using the cards at home can really help to support your child with resilience and positivity. At parents' evening you were given a flyer showing which cards your child has practised. If you need more advice, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. It really does work!

dates for your diary

- 1st December – mufti day in exchange for a bottle for the Governors' Tombola (at the Christmas fair)
- 2nd December – wreath making workshop (fully booked)
- 5th & 6th December – KS1 Nativity 'Baarmy Bethlehem'
- 8th December – PTFA silly sock day and cake sale
- 11th December – KS2 Carol Service at St Peter's Church (date change!)
- 13th December – EYFS and nursery Nativity
- 13th December – Christmas lunch
- 15th December – Christmas jumper day, **term finishes at 1.30pm**, Christmas fair in the playground

Bonfire night

The PTFA would like to send out our huge thanks to everyone who came to our annual Fireworks display last week (albeit a tad later than expected!). We had nearly 900 people attend, which was a fantastic amount. We sold out on both the BBQ and the hot chocolate, and the Year 6 Cakes and Treats stall. The glow tent was fantastically popular, and we loved seeing all the beautifully painted faces. Thanks need to go out to our Corporate Sponsors: Change Rebellion and ADP Security, whose contributions for the event were extremely generous. We also want to convey our greatest thanks to Morgans Butchers for donating ALL the meat, Farnham Brewing Company for donating our ale and lager on tap, Travis Perkins for providing all the electrical equipment, and Charters for permitting use of their advertising boards in the weeks prior to the event. We will send more details of the money raised once all funds have been collated, as well as what your generous spending will go towards for the school community. For now, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.



Can you spare 15 minutes twice a week to support reading in school?

Our parent/pupil reading scheme is now up and running successfully. However, we still have one or two pupils targeted for the scheme who need a regular adult reader. If you are able to spare two 15-minute slots before school (on mornings to suit you) please could you get in touch with Sally Major in the office. Many thanks.



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