

ST PETER'S NEWSLETTER

April 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Isn't this weather wonderful? The children are all in good spirits and they love the freedom to play on the field. I hope you enjoy our newsletter this month and can see all the wonderful opportunities that our children have. A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising the mini marathon in London and the event on our field. It was so successful, so well organised and the children had a great time. The fund raising pot so far is incredible, thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Dunning".

Sarah Dunning

Head Teacher

Y2 GREAT FIRE OF LONDON FOREST SCHOOL



Y2 had a very enjoyable day in the forest learning about the Great Fire of London. These are some of our highlights.

I liked making bread and cooking it on the fire. Charlie
 My favourite part of the day was watching the houses burn. Marcus

We made a fence using willow. It was fun trying to weave it. Aela

I loved drawing a scene from the Great Fire using charcoal from our fire. Elka

The water challenge was great fun. Phoebe
 Many thanks to Mrs Webzell for planning the memorable day and to the parents who came and supported our learning.



SPRING CONCERT



Thank you to all the children who gave us an evening of joyful music. The children were able to perform on the brand new stage, provided by the PTFA. The standard of musicianship was extremely high and we all loved seeing your confidence and pride in your performance. We had a wonderful selection of instruments and three fantastic choirs. We raised £100 for the music department which we are so grateful for, thank you.

If you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument then please make an enquiry to the school's office and they will pass on the number of the music teacher.

TRICK BOX—FLOATING CLOUD



This trick is taught in YR and then repeated throughout school. As we go through life we can develop tense mind/body states that we are not consciously aware of. These can become habitual. A prolonged presence of the stress hormone, cortisol can reduce levels of serotonin and dopamine, lined to the development of anxiety states and depression. Mindful relaxation helps to train the mind and body to relax and to recognise what that feels like, allowing us to choose to be 'so' at a given moment. Children are taught how to breathe to calm and relax their state.

The adult would ask them to compare their clenched fist with a relaxed physical state. They will be shown how to breathe from their tummy to control their breathing. Using a calm voice ...with lots of pauses... the adult will say: "Close your eyes and breathe slowly in and out through your nose and into your tummy. Now imagine that you are floating on a big, thick, soft floaty cloud." Children are then asked to tense up.. and then relax again. The aim is for children to become aware of how they can control their physical state which in turn has an impact on their mental state.



CHESS CLUB

Chess club – join us if you'd like to!
The chess champion of the Spring term was Charlie in Y5.

Y4 RESIDENTIAL JUNIPER HALL

Y4 went on our residential trip to Juniper Hall near Dorling. We all had an amazing time. Our favourite activity was mammal trapping. We caught one wood mouse, one vole, and a common shrew. We hadn't seen them before. The other activity we really enjoyed was den building and survival skills. Once we had built our waterproof shelter we made a fire. Later we sang songs round the fire and toasted marshmallows. We also made nettle tea with added herbs and spent time pond dipping. Everyone had a great time and we had a brilliant stay at Juniper Hall. Thanks to Elana who made it so much fun.

Staying Safe Online

Hints and Tips #4 – Setting up Parent Controls

All devices have ways to allow parents to keep control on their child's use of gaming devices and set limits. Each different gaming device has their own parent control app that are available for free on



This issue, we are going to focus on



Nintendo Switch Parental Controls

These controls allow you to

- Keep an eye on play time
- Customise online features
- Restrict video chat
- Check what your child is playing
- Choice what games your child can play

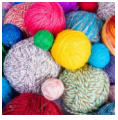
More information can be found direct on the Nintendo Switch website

<https://www.nintendo.com/us/switch/parental-controls/>

Alternatively, there are two videos below. The first if the official Nintendo Parent control video, the second explains how to set up the controls clearly.



FOREST SCHOOL REQUESTS



Mrs Webzell is looking for unwanted wool any colours small or large balls. If you have any yarn you'd like to donate to the school, please drop off at the office, thank you.

If any parents/grandparents/carers are interested in helping with gardening around school and willing to get DBS checked, please email Mrs Webzell for more information forest@stpeters-farnham.surrey.sch.uk.

TERMLY REMINDER—FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd & 9th May: Y1, 3 & 5 visit Mike Freedman

9th May: PTFA quiz night (tables of 8) *More details via Classlist*

12th – 16th May: Y6 SATS

13th May: nursery parents welcome meeting

14th May: Y5 Robin Hood forest school

16th May: French Day

17th May: Farnham Cross Country

19th – 23rd May: Y6 Bikeability

21st May: Y4 humanist visit Alan Lindsell

26th – 30th May: half term

2nd June: inset day

3rd June: children back to school



Book now for April & May sessions
Forest School Sessions at St Peter's C of E Primary School, Farnham



Campfire cooking!

Do you and your toddler like the outdoors? Why not come and join us at St Peter's Saplings!

Nurture through nature with your pre school child. Encourage creativity, resilience and exploration through play, in our woodland environment. Sessions include: nature crafts, bug hunting, gardening, exploring pond life, painting with natural materials, mud kitchen, dens, tool, rope bridges and much more including snacks and cooking on an open fire.



Dinosaur Fun!

Thursday and Friday sessions available after Easter

Booking essential - places are limited

Places are for 1 adult & 1 child

Second child price

(aged 18months—4 years)

9.30—11.00am

Book the course or book sessions to suit you and your toddler.

Refreshments and campfire snacks included

Tools & mud kitchen fun!



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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