

## House Points

St Philip—190  
St Francis —181  
St Therese—155  
St Margaret—147

## Achievement certificates awarded to:

Oak - Jonny  
Ash - Everyone!  
Beech - Jake  
Rowan - Liam  
Elm - Isabella  
Birch - Tanitha & Fraser  
Cherry - Alice  
Hazel - Mikayla  
Hawthorn - Grace  
Poplar - Stanley  
Sycamore - Robin  
Chestnut - Beau

Also a special congratulations to Lewis (Y3) for completing his Piano, Initial grade exam.

## Coming up next week:

**13.09.22**— Clubs booking opens online @8.00am

Meet the Teachers' information session for Y6 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome

**14.09.22**— Swimming starts for Y5

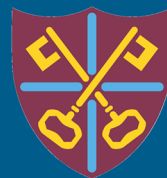
Meet the Teachers' information session for Y1 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome

**15.09.22** — Meet the Teachers' information session for Y4 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome

Understanding the Secondary School Admissions Process Zoom for Y6 & Y5 parents @6.30pm

**16.09.22**—Meet the Teachers' information session for Y3 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome

# St Peter's News



9th September 2022

## This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to school. I hope that you had an enjoyable and restful summer break. I am looking forward to an exciting and successful year.

The school year began for our staff last Thursday, with a day of preparation for the children's return and a full day of Safe-guarding training for all staff that work in the school. I would like to thank Mr. Jacek and the whole staff team for all their hard work over the holidays preparing the school for the children's return. We also have some lovely re-vamped toilet facilities for our youngest children.

We began the school year for our children on Monday with a special assembly to welcome them and our new staff back to school. We welcomed Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Peart, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Di Crescenzo to our

teaching team and hope that they have long and happy careers with us.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the parents and children joining us this year, both our new Reception children and those joining us in other year groups. It has been great to see our new children in school this week, especially when our new Reception children met their buddies today.

As we settle into the swing of the term, our programme of after school clubs is now complete and is attached to this newsletter. Thank you to the staff who have offered to run clubs this term. It is testament to their dedication to our school and your children that they give their time voluntarily, in addition to their other commitments.

There is more information about how we shared the sad

news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II with the children below. As soon as we have any information about how the arrangements for the Queen's funeral may affect school, we will let you know.

Have a lovely weekend - the children have certainly earned a good rest after their hard work this week.

Best wishes,

**Richard McKenzie**  
Headteacher

## From Sunday's Gospel...

This coming Sunday we celebrate the **24th Sunday of Ordinary Time**. In this week's Gospel ([Luke 15:1-32](#))

Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. Remember a time when you lost something special or were lost yourself and how this felt. Just as your family would go to any length to find and bring you home, so too would God. No matter what we do, no matter how wrong we are, God, our loving Father, is always anxious to forgive us and welcome us back home. Please take time to read the Gospel with your child.



## Queen Elizabeth II

We gave thanks for, and commemorated the life of Queen Elizabeth II in school today. We began our day with a special assembly, where Mr McKenzie talked about her life, her rule and her legacy. We also prayed for her family, and in particular, our new King. In class today, children have written prayers which will be offered for her during this period of national mourning.

In our Celebration Assembly today, we were joined by Mr. Sturgeon-Clegg, our trumpet teacher, who had the honour of playing many times for the late Queen. He played the royal fanfare that was used for her at state occasions, and this will be next heard at the coronation of our new King. Mr. Sturgeon-Clegg shared some of his personal memories from when he met the Queen at various ceremonial events, and we concluded with the National Anthem.



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## School Safeguarding Team

If you are worried  
about something  
that your own, or  
another child has  
told you, or you  
think that they may  
be at risk of harm,  
please contact our  
Designated  
Safeguarding team:

**Mr. McKenzie**  
(Lead)  
**Mrs. McDonnell**  
(Deputy)  
**Mrs. Hall** (Deputy)

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## Supporting Families

We are able to offer  
support to any  
families experienc-  
ing financial difficul-  
ties. Please contact  
us in confidence and  
we will do whatever  
we can to help you.

# Congratulations

## Mrs. McWilliams

Our very warmest congratulations to Mrs (& Mr) McWilliams who were married over the summer holidays. We wish them all the very best as they start their new lives together.

May your marriage bring joy to one another and blessings to  
your family for many years to come.  
May love and laughter fill your hearts and your home for all the  
days of your lives.  
Amen.



## Drop Off and Collection arrangements - All Children

### Mornings:

To help ease the flow of pedestrians, we ask parents to continue to use the one-way system wherever possible. You can enter the school site near the electric gates and exit onto the Pit Path through the double pedestrian gates. We find that this really helps with congestion and the general flow of 425 children being dropped off and collected each day.

### Drop & Go:

Please say your goodbyes to children before they come to the gate. We would ask parents not to stand at either the main or the reception gate as groups of adults can be intimidating for our children. There are staff ready to greet children at each gate and supervise their entry into school.

- 8.45am - gates open for all children, (please say goodbye to your children before the gate)
- 8.59am prompt - gates locked
- 9.00am - school starts

If you arrive after 9.00am you will need to take your child to the office and they will be marked as late. Families that repeatedly arrive late will be monitored by the Educational Inclusion Team.

### Afternoon collection arrangements:

- 3.15pm - Playground gates open
- 3.20pm - Children in Y1-6 are dismissed from their usual place (Year Reception begin dismissing a little earlier at just after 3.15pm)
- 3.30pm - playground gates closed so that our after-school provision can use the playground safely.

**Playground play equipment is not to be used at the end of the day by children of any age please.**

## FOSP News

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM on Wednesday evening, it was lovely to have such a great turn-out. Thank you to our outgoing committee members Victoria Richardson, Kath Greene and Sarah Proctor for all their support and commitment to FOSP over the last few years. Welcome to our new Co Vice-Chairs Lisa Dowd -Patel and Carole Karam and our new Co-Treasurer, Becca Gathercole.

**Congratulations** to Kelly Bates and Tanja Crimi-Turner who were the lucky winners of the August and September 100+ Club draws. If you would like to join the 100+ Club, click this link: <https://forms.gle/GuYoHP35ZYzmJnUv6>

**Save the Date!** We are delighted to confirm the Autumn Festival will take place on Saturday, 15th October - more information coming next week!

**Bag2School** - if you're planning a clear out, we will have a Bag2School collection on 11th October, more information on what items they accept will be sent out shortly.

# Family Support Worker

My name is Mrs Walsh and I am the Family Support Worker at St Peter's. My role is to provide support, advice and information to the families within our school community. I can help you with any worries that you may have in relation to your child's wellbeing or if there is a tricky situation at home that you feel we need to be aware of. I am also here as someone to talk to if you need it and can help with signposting to other services in the local area. I may not have all the answers but hopefully I can help you to work out how to find them and support you in the process.

My working hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday 8.30-11.30 and you can contact me by phoning the school office or by email on [fsw@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fsw@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk)

Unless I have a prior commitment I will be on the school gate at drop-off time on these mornings if you would like a chat or just to put a face to a name. I look forward to being able to support our St Peter's families.



## KS1 & 2 Meet the Teacher Sessions

Parents / carers are warmly invited to a 'Meet the Teachers' information session with the teachers from their child's year group. We will be holding them at 9am in the hall so that parents can combine it with drop off and the slides and information will be sent via ParentMail to anyone who is not able to join us. There is no need to sign up, everyone is welcome, just come to the hall after dropping your child off at the gate. The sessions will last for around 20 minutes and will cover:

- general expectations for the year group;
- the main teaching and learning to be covered over the year;
- assessments; and
- homework and how you can help your child at home.

These sessions are not designed for staff to talk to parents about individual children. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher directly. The dates are:

- Tuesday 13th September – Y6
- Wednesday 14th September – Y1
- Thursday 15th September – Y4
- Friday 16th September – Y3
- Monday 19th September – Y2
- Tuesday 20th September – Y5

Parents in Year Reception (EYFS) will have an information session later in the term. We look forward to meeting you then.

## Understanding the Secondary School Admission Process Parent Information Session

**Thursday 15th September at 6.30pm**

We have been approached by a number of Y6 parents who have questions about the process of applying for a secondary school place, and in response, will be holding an online information session at **6.30pm on Thursday 15th September**. Any parents that are interested in finding out more about how the schools admission system works are very welcome to join us, however parents in Y6 and Y5 may find it most helpful. We will record the session for anyone who is not able to join us.

The session will cover:

- the Surrey online admission process for state maintained schools (not Independent or Grammar Schools),
- unpicking admissions criteria and oversubscription criteria, and
- how to use Surrey data to determine how likely your child may be to gain a place at a school that you are interested in.

Join our Zoom Meeting using this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83149749084?pwd=YTN6UE4rTFIkWEZxU3VUOVFISFdOUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 4974 9084

Passcode: 781717

We look forward to seeing you then.





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## Open Morning

**Friday 7th October 2022**

**9.00am - 10.30am**

Tours of the school available



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## Open Evening

**Thursday, 15th September  
2022**

**5.30pm - 8.30pm**

Headteacher talks at 6.15pm & 7pm



## OPEN HOUSE

Monday 26 September at 9am



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# Dates for your diary

13.09.22	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y6 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
14.09.22	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y1 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
14.09.22	Swimming Lessons start for Y5 classes (Hawthorn & Poplar Classes)	
15.09.22	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y4 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
16.09.22	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y3 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
19.09.22	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y2 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
19.09.22	Teacher— led clubs begin this week	<b>NEW</b>
20.09.22	'Meet the Teachers' information session for parents of children in Y5 @9.00am in the School Hall—all welcome	<b>NEW</b>
29.09.22	75th Anniversary Mass for children in school	
7.10.22	Grandparent's morning in school 9.00am—11.00am	<b>NEW</b>
11.10.22	<b>FOSP</b> Bag2School Clothes recycling collection	<b>NEW</b>
15.10.22	<b>FOSP</b> Autumn Festival	<b>NEW</b>
20.10.22	Y6 Visiting Hampton Court Palace	<b>NEW</b>

## Monday 24 October to Friday 28th October - Half Term Holiday

31.10.22	Children return to school
08.11.22	Nasal Flu Vaccination team in school (more details to follow)
16.12.22	<b>School finishes for Christmas Holidays at 1pm</b>

## 03.01.23 INSET DAY - School Closed for children

04.01.23	All children return to school
10.02.23	<b>INSET DAY - School Closed for children</b>

## Monday 13th - Friday 17th February - Half Term Holiday

20.02.23	All children return to school
31.03.23	<b>School finishes for Easter Holidays at 1pm</b>

## 17.04.23 INSET DAY - School Closed for children

18.04.03	All children return to school
01.05.23	<b>May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed for children</b>

## Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half Term Holiday

21.07.23	<b>School closes for the end of the School Year at 1pm</b>
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