



30th September 2022

Due to an administrative error, we don't have the list of children who were awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly at the time of this newsletter going to press.

Never fear however - the list will be published in full, along with house points in next week's edition.

## Coming up next week:

03.10.22 — Animal Club sessions for KS1

03.10.22 — FOSP Lucky Jar Collections

07.10.22 — Grandparent's Morning in School, please see information inside.

07.10.22 — Cross Country Meeting at KGV Effingham. 4.15pm start

## This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

This is the time of our year when we start thinking about Harvest and giving thanks to God for his wonderful gift of creation. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 had a chance to experience Harvest in 'real life' this week when they took part in the very interesting Harvest Live online lessons in partnership with the National Farmer's Union. The children found out more about what Harvest means for farmers and about the plants that are harvested for our food at this time.

We also gave thanks to God for all that we have in our wonderful Harvest Liturgy which was led by Year 3 on Thursday. The children read beautifully from scripture that explained how Jesus calls us to share what we have with those less fortunate than ourselves, and this was very evident in the generous donations that we collected for the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank. The liturgy was lifted by their wonderful singing, I think I, and many of the teachers, had some of the songs in our heads for the rest of the day! A very big congratulations to all of our Year 3 children and to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Davies for preparing the liturgy with the children.

We will continue with the very successful model of Open Mornings for prospective parents this year, with a series of smaller, shorter tours rather than one large event. Places do need to be pre-booked, so if you have a younger child who is planning to join Reception in 2023 or know someone who is, please share this [booking link](#) with them.

Our congratulations go to the Cross Country team who were in action last Friday. There is a full report inside, but they all did brilliantly and made us very proud. A special mention to Mrs Lloyd whose 'big' birthday this week was also celebrated in Assembly.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Best wishes,

**Richard McKenzie**  
Headteacher

## From Sunday's Gospel...

This Sunday we will celebrate the **27th Sunday of Ordinary Time**. In this week's Gospel ([Luke 17:5-10](#)), Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God. In the Gospel we hear how each of us is called upon by God to believe that He can work miracles in our lives, and that God can use us to make a difference in our world. You may like to think about some of the little things that each family member does for others in the household that make a big difference in your family life. Please take time to read the Gospel with your child.



## Birthdays in School

A reminder that when children are celebrating birthdays, they should not bring any sweets or treats to school to share with their class.

If your child would really like to gift something to their class to mark their birthday, then a book for the class book corner would be a wonderful gift, but this is not an expectation. Children can also write a message in the front of the book if they wish.

Our 'Birthday Books' gift from school will also continue this year - please see inside for more information.

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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:

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(Lead)  
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[dsl@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk)

## Supporting Families

We are able to offer support to families experiencing financial or other difficulties.

Please contact Mrs. Walsh our [Family Support Worker](#) in confidence and we will do what we can to help you.



## Winnie's Weekly Wag

Hello everyone! It has been another fantastic week in school! Thank you to all of my wonderful Winnie readers - **Thomas, Michael, Edward, Beau and Carlo** (Year 6). You all read beautifully and I really enjoyed making some new friends too. I am really looking forward to reading with some new children from Years 3 and 5 next week!

My Winnie Work of the Week certificate went to **Phoebe**, from Cherry Class, for her outstanding narrative rhyming poem. Mrs Hunt was very impressed by the effort you put in, and I can't wait to hear it!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Love from,  
Winnie



## Congratulations

Last Friday, we had our first Cross Country event of the year. It was fantastic to see so many children come out to compete and everyone should be really proud of how well they did - even completing the course is a fantastic achievement! Particular congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 girls who came second overall out of all of the schools competing. Well done too to: Isla Chambers (17th), Eva Goldie (15th), Tom Delves-Jones (14th), Annie Little (17th), Alana Grimmer (10th), and Freddie Laslett (8th) for their excellent individual efforts. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for next Friday/s (7th October) Cross Country meeting. Mrs Roberts and Mr Tyler



## FOSP News

**Grandparents' Day** - We will be serving refreshments on Friday 7th October and need donations of cakes. Please bring into the school hall on the morning and remember they must all be nut free.

**Bag2School** - Please bring your bags at **drop off** on Tuesday 11th October.

**Autumn Fair** - We are looking forward to the fair on Saturday October 15th and need your help with the following:

**Lucky Jars** - the class competition will run from 3rd-14th October

**Teddy Tombola** - please bring your unwanted soft toys on the same morning as Bag2School (Tues 11th October.)

**Bottle Tombola/Cakes** - Friday 14th October will be a mufti day in exchange for a bottle or a cake, if you are a class baker.

We need volunteers to help on the day - your class Whatsapp group will have a sign up sheet.

**Christmas Market** - we are looking for stall holders for the market and grotto on Saturday 3rd December. £10 plus raffle prize per stall.

## Clear out your CUPboards!



Bag 2 School collection from  
St. Peter's Catholic Primary School on:  
**Tuesday, 11th October 2022**

The collection point will be the grassed area near the bike racks. Bags can be dropped off between 8am and 9am on the 11th October only.

**We cannot store any items before.**

### WHAT WE COLLECT:

**Bag 2 School accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:**

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen, Household curtains, Household towels, Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

**NO** ripped or stained items, no duvets, rugs, pillows and no logoed school items.

You can use **ANY** bag to fill with your recycling items.





## Shine Night Walk

Congratulations to the staff and parents that took part in Cancer Research's Shine Night Walk last weekend.

Mrs Hunt, Mrs Earl and Mrs Venables completed the half marathon walk around London throughout the night raising a fantastic £758 for Cancer Research.

Mrs Walsh and the Race for Grace gang also completed the half marathon walk to raise money and awareness for Neuroblastoma UK. It was especially poignant to raise awareness of this important cause with Grace's anniversary also occurring this week.

Well done to you all!



## Grandparent's Day



Grandparents or other older relatives of children in school are invited to join us on 7th October for a morning of activities and we are very much looking forward to meeting you all.

**9.00am - 9.10am: Arrival and meet in the hall** (there will be plenty of parking available on the main playground)

**9.15am: Grandparents can visit classes.** There will be lots of different activities happening and you can visit more than one class if you have several grandchildren at St Peter's.

**10.15am: Refreshments & Choir performance.** Grandparents should make their way back to the hall for refreshments and a performance from our choir. Please feel free to come back to hall before this time if you are in need of a rest.

**11.00am - Depart**

*"Grandparents are a treasure in the family.  
Please, take care of your grandparents: love them and let them  
talk to your children!"*



## Online Workshops October to December 2022

Talking about drugs with your child – a guide for parents  
10th Oct, 7.30pm

An introduction to drugs and working with young people.  
15th Nov, 11am

All workshops are hosted on Zoom, last one hour and cost £15

To book, go to [www.hopeuk.org/events](https://www.hopeuk.org/events)

Equipping young people to make drug-free choices  
020 7928 0848 | [enquiries@hopeuk.org](mailto:enquiries@hopeuk.org) | [hopeuk.org](https://www.hopeuk.org)

# Parking Issues - Grangemount

It is with great sadness that, less than a month into the school year, we have already been approached by residents who are experiencing issues with parents parking at the start and end of the school day.

This week, we heard from residents of Grangemount, which is a small, single width road branching off from Grange Road. The residents' report that parents collecting children from St Peter's are obstructing driveways, damaging property and being abusive towards residents. This is not in keeping with our Catholic ethos of treating each person we meet with dignity and respect, and is beginning to damage our reputation with our local community so must be addressed.

As you can see from this Google Streetview image, Grangemount is so narrow that parking wholly on the road would stop other cars, and particularly emergency vehicles, from getting through. You can also see that, should cars park wholly or partially on the pavement, this would force wheelchair users or people with prams to walk into the road.



**We are requesting that parents travelling to school by car DO NOT park in Grangemount.**

As a school, we understand that our site is tricky to access, particularly with the new parking controls which came into place in the summer, and we are committed to supporting parents and residents in finding solutions to this issue. We have created two 'Park & Stride' routes which have ample free public parking and are less than a 10 minute walk away. You can find more information on those routes [here](#).

We also have wrap around care, based on and off site, for parents who would find it easier to collect at a slightly later time. You can find all this information on our [website](#).

We have been informed by the residents of Grangemount that Surrey County Council have reviewed the parking controls that came into place on Grange Road and surrounding roads in the summer and that discussions to also include Grangemount in these controls are ongoing.

In regards to Grangemount in particular, I would also like to remind all parents that, according to the Highway Code, it is **illegal**:

- ☐ To park in parking spaces reserved for specific users, such as Blue Badge holders, residents or motorcycles, unless entitled to do so.
- ☐ To leave your vehicle in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.
- ☐ To stop or park (regulations pertaining to Grangemount are in bold):
  - ☐ near a school entrance
  - ☐ **anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services**
  - ☐ at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
  - ☐ on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
  - ☐ **opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction**, except in an authorised parking space
  - ☐ near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
  - ☐ **opposite** a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) **another parked vehicle**
  - ☐ where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
  - ☐ **where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles**
  - ☐ **in front of an entrance to a property**
  - ☐ **on a bend**
  - ☐ where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities

Additionally, you **SHOULD NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

We will ask the Parking Enforcement team to make more regular visits to ensure that these rules are being adhered to, and will encourage local residents and parents to work with us in challenging illegal parking by reporting it. If you notice a vehicle parked in any of the above areas, please report it to the local council who may issue the owner with a penalty charge notice. They can be contacted at [parking@molevalley.gov.uk](mailto:parking@molevalley.gov.uk) or 03456 009 009.


**However, if the vehicle is parked:**

- ☐ dangerously, or
- ☐ in a way that would prevent emergency vehicles from accessing, or
- ☐ if a driver or passenger in the vehicle is using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour towards another driver or resident,

then this needs to be reported to Surrey Police as a **crime** either by using their [online reporting](#) function where you can upload pictures, or by calling 101. (If you feel like the situation could get heated or violent very soon, if someone is in immediate danger or if you need support right away then you should call 999.)

Thank you for your cooperation and as ever, thank you to the vast majority of parents who do park considerately.





All about St. Peter's

# Birthday Books

As a school, we believe in the power of reading and the impact that reading has on children's overall achievement.

We are delighted to be able to support this love of reading through our 'Birthday Books' initiative.

We want every child to identify with books that they have enjoyed and to have access to good, quality books.

**With Birthday Books, on their birthday each year, every child will receive the gift of a quality picture or story book jointly funded by the school and the Friends of St Peter's to keep at home forever.**

Our Birthday Books are well loved, classic titles chosen by our staff which we hope children will treasure for years to come.

Children will receive their book on (or on the nearest school day) their birthday. Children with birthdays in September may have a very short wait while the new selection of books for this year arrive and children who have birthdays during the school holidays will receive their books before we break up.

Book ownership has been directly linked with improved mental health amongst children and a greater desire to read for pleasure.

As a school, we were surprised to find out that one in four disadvantaged children across the UK has fewer than ten books of their own at home\*, and one in eight has none. When we looked into the research further, we also found that disadvantage is by no means the only reason for a lack of books in many homes. Lack of time, negative experiences as a child or lack of confidence about their own reading skills or book choices can all affect a family's inclination to own books.

Birthday Books will give children from all backgrounds a greater opportunity to enjoy owning and reading books at home.

(\*Book ownership, literacy engagement and mental wellbeing © National Literacy Trust 2018)



# Dates for your diary

3.10.22	Animal Workshops in school for Y1 &3	
3.10.22	<b>FOSP</b> Lucky Jars collection starts—please bring filled jars to school and give to class teacher	<b>NEW</b>
7.10.22	Grandparent's morning in school 9.00am—11.00am	
7.10.22	Cross Country Meeting for Y3-6 at KGV Playing Fields, Effingham 4.15pm start	
11.10.22	<b>FOSP</b> Bag2School Clothes recycling collection & <b>Teddy Tombola Collection</b>	<b>NEW</b>
14.10.22	<b>FOSP</b> Mufti Day— Please bring a bottle for the bottle tombola or a cake if you are a baker	<b>NEW</b>
15.10.22	<b>FOSP</b> Autumn Festival	
20.10.22	Y6 Visiting Hampton Court Palace	
21.10.22	Mufti Day—organised by International Club to support the DEC Pakistan Flood Appeal (suggested £1 donation)	<b>NEW</b>
21.10.22	Cross Country Meeting for Y3-6 at KGV Playing Fields, Effingham 4.15pm start	

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

31.10.22	Children return to school	
01.11.22	All Saints Day Liturgy for children in school	<b>NEW</b>
01.11.22	Dental Hygiene sessions for children in YR.1&2 led by Central Surrey Health	<b>NEW</b>
06.11.22	Y6 Health Screening in school Central Surrey Health	<b>NEW</b>
08.11.22	Nasal Flu Vaccination team in school (more details to follow)	
09.11.22	Parent Consultation Meetings 5.30pm—8.30pm (more details to follow)	
10.11.22	Y3 visiting Butser Hill (more info to follow)	<b>NEW</b>
11.11.22	School Photograph Day—All Classes	
14.11.22	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm—6.30pm (more details to follow)	
15.11.22	Y3 visiting Cinema as part of the BFI 'Into Film Festival' (more details to follow)	
17.11.22	Y2 & 4 visiting Cinema as part of the BFI 'Into Film Festival' (more details to follow)	
21.11.22	World Cup Football Themed Day in school	
21.11.22	YR& 1 visiting Cinema as part of the BFI 'Into Film Festival' (more details to follow)	
22.11.22	Y6 visiting Cinema as part of the BFI 'Into Film Festival' (more details to follow)	
23.11.22	Y5 visiting Cinema as part of the BFI 'Into Film Festival' (more details to follow)	
26.11.22	Family Photo Session in school	
16.12.22	<b>School finishes for Christmas Holidays at 1pm</b>	
03.01.23	<b>INSET DAY - School Closed for children</b>	
04.01.23	All children return to school	