

St Peter's News



25th November 2022

House Points

St Therese—824
St Francis —751
St Margaret—586
St Philip—455

Attendance Award:

Rolled over to next week.

Achievement certificates

Oak - Sammy*
Ash - Idris*
Rowan - Alfie*
Beech - Thomas*
Elm - Ellerie & Gisele
Birch - Karmen
Cherry - Katie
Hazel - Ola
Hawthorn - Tabitha
Poplar - James
Chestnut - Annie
Sycamore - Harry

*Our special Writing Certificate awards and invitation to the writers' tea party

Noah also shared his medals from Dorking Rugby Club.

This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

Our week began with thinking about bullying and the impact that it can have on people as we all watched the BBC Anti-Bullying Live Lesson in classes. Children then followed up this work in class over the week. You can find more information on what we have been learning this week and about how to talk to your child about bullying on the [Anti-Bullying Alliance website](#).

The children have had a couple of busy weeks recently. It was an exciting afternoon on Monday as those who wanted to, met in the hall to watch the England men's football team play Iran. The children were really excited but also really very respectful and enjoyed the match immensely. Also this week, the remaining year groups enjoyed attending the free cinema screenings as part of the national 'Into Film' Festival. Thank you to all the parents who helped with these trips and to the FOSP who provided the funding for the coaches.

As we approach the final part of this Autumn term, it seems that there is no let up in the 'busy-ness' of school life. At this point in the year, I often take a moment to reflect on the season of Advent ahead:

*Amid all the hustle and bustle of this Advent season, Lord,
help us to remember that we do it all in honour of you and in preparation to celebrate your coming at Christmas.*

Information about how we will prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus in school is included at the end of the newsletter.

For those of you attending the FOSP wreath making night tonight, happy creating!

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,

Richard McKenzie
Headteacher

From Sunday's Gospel...

This Sunday we celebrate the **1st Sunday of Advent**.

In this week's Gospel ([Matthew 24:37-44](#)) Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared, and that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord. Many of us feel the pressure be ready for Christmas, but today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something else. Please take time to read the Gospel with your child.



Primary Maths Challenge

Our Year 5 & 6 children recently took part in the National Primary Maths Challenge. Congratulations to the following children who achieved the following levels:

Silver Level
Ethan - Sycamore

Bronze Level
Oli - Sycamore
Zachary - Hawthorn
Henry - Chestnut



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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 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!

I've had another great week in school. A huge thank you to **Bianca, Mia, Eva and Agnes** for taking such great care of me - I've really enjoyed my walks!

Thank you, as well, to my Winnie Readers - hearing your stories is such a lovely way to spend my afternoon. My Work of the Week certificate, this week, goes to **Thomas** (Sycamore Class) for the outstanding effort he is making in learning his spellings. Keep up the hard work, Thomas!

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Love from,
Winnie* 



Christmas Boxes of Joy

Christmas is a time to spread joy to others. This year, there will be families in our school community who are facing a Christmas without presents, food or basic essentials. Following the success of our Christmas Shoe-boxes - we are introducing 'Boxes of Joy' at St Peter's.

As a school, we are accepting nominations of families who may be either experiencing financial hardships or may be in need of a little 'boost' following a tough time. We hope to be able to deliver a box to nominated families which has:

- Age appropriate gifts for children in the family
- Some treats or gifts for adults in the family
- Seasonal food items

If you know a family in need, or you are a family in need, you can make a nomination. Nominations are made anonymously and the only people who see them are Mrs McDonnell & Mrs Walsh (FSW).



If you are able to donate any new children's gifts or seasonal food items which we could add to the boxes, please bring these to the office for Mrs McDonnell by Monday 5th December. Please make any nominations [using this form](#) by **Tuesday 6th December**.

FOSP News

Autumn Fair - A huge thank you to everyone who attended and our helped out. We raised a fantastic **£2330** for our school!

Santa Grotto and Christmas Market, Saturday 3rd December 11-3pm - We need volunteers please to help us either set for this the afternoon before or on the day. Please sign up here <http://volunteersignup.org/A7B7Q> We are also still accepting stall holders - £10 per pitch, plus raffle prize.

Raffle - We have some great prizes, including over £1000 of Hackett goods and a Nintendo switch bundle. Tickets have been sent out to the eldest sibling, if you'd like more, please ask the school office. Please return all sold and unsold tickets to one of the FOSP postboxes by **2nd December**.



Christmas Celebrations

As the season of Advent, and our preparations for Christmas draw nearer, we would like to share the arrangements for the various activities and celebrations in school. If you have any questions about any of the events listed below, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

The St Peter's Christmas Post Box will be open from **Thursday 1st December** with the first deliveries later on that week. The post box is situated in the main reception lobby and children can drop off their cards in the morning or during the day. Please make sure that all cards have a **name and class** on them please.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is a very special event at St Peter's. This year, Christmas Dinner days are:

- **Wednesday 14th December** - Years R-2
- **Thursday 15th December** – Years 3-6

If your child is in EYFS/ KSI and usually has a packed lunch, but would like a Christmas Dinner, please email office@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk by **Friday 2nd December**. There is no charge for children in EYFS/KSI as they are all entitled to the daily school meal.

If your **KS2 (Y3-6)** child **DOES NOT** usually have school dinners and would like to have a Christmas Dinner please make a payment off £2.60 via ParentPay by **Friday 2nd December**. If your child usually has school meals then they will automatically have the Christmas Dinner - you do not have to make an extra payment.



Festive Picnics

When the hall is being used for Christmas Dinner, children in the other classes will need a packed lunch, provided by parents please, which will be eaten in class as a 'Festive Picnic'.

- **Children in Years R-2** need to bring a packed lunch on **Thursday 15th December**.
- **Children in Years 3-6** need to bring a packed lunch on **Wednesday 14th December**.

If you are in receipt of means tested Free School Meals or would find it challenging to provide a packed lunch from home on these days, please let us know by **Friday 2nd December** as we will be able to help.

Nativity Play Performances

Parents are warmly invited to join us for our Nativity performances where each year group will present a simple retelling of the Christmas Story. These performances are not ticketed but to ensure we have room for everyone, we ask that **maximum of 2 adults per family** join us and that you **only attend one of the performances**. Thank you.

- 5.12.22 - Year 2 Nativity for parents in Rowan and Beech Classes @2.30pm
- 6.12.22 - Year 2 Nativity for parents in Rowan and Beech Classes @9.20am
- 6.12.22 - Year 1 Nativity for parents in Oak & Ash Classes @2.30pm
- 7.12.22 - Year 1 Nativity for parents in Oak & Ash Classes @9.20am
- 9.12.22 - EYFS Nativity for parents in Maple & Willow Classes @9.10am
- 12.12.22 - EYFS Nativity for parents in Maple & Willow Classes @9.10am



Carol Services

Year 3 and Year 4 invite parents to join them for Carols around the Christmas Tree on **Friday 9th December** at **2.45pm**. We are also going to be joined by some residents from Milner House, so we ask that a maximum of 2 adults per family attend.

Year 5 and Year 6 will be leading our school Carol Service for all children at St Michael's Church, Ashted at 10.30am on **Thursday 15th December**. Parents from Year 5 & 6 are warmly invited to join us and offers of help to supervise walking to and from church are much appreciated! Please email Mrs Hall ruth.hall@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk if you can help.

Dates for your diary

26.11.22	Family Photo Session in school	
30.11.22	Computing workshops in class for KS2 (1 year per day)	
1.12.22	Advent Service of Reconciliation with Fr Livie followed by an opportunity for individual reconciliation (Children in Y4)	
1.12.22	Computing workshops in class for KS2 (1 year per day)	
2.12.22	Fr Michael & Fr Stephen in school for opportunity for individual reconciliation (Children in Y5&6)	
2.12.22	Computing workshops in class for KS2 (1 year per day)	
2.12.22	KS2 Choir and Trumpeters in the Carol Service at Church of Our Lady & St Peter, Leatherhead. All welcome, 6pm start.	
3.12.22	FOSP Christmas Wreath	
5.12.22	Computing workshops in class for KS2 (1 year per day)	
5.12.22	Year 2 Nativity for parents in Rowan and Beech Classes @2.30pm	
6.12.22	Year 2 Nativity for parents in Rowan and Beech Classes @9.20am	
6.12.22	Year 1 Nativity for parents in Oak & Ash Classes @2.30pm	
7.12.22	Year 1 Nativity for parents in Oak & Ash Classes @9.20am	
07.12.22	RockSteady Band Concert for parents of children attending lessons in school at 2.00pm	
9.12.22	EYFS Nativity for parents in Maple & Willow Classes @9.15am	CHANGED
09.12.22	Carols Around the Christmas Tree for parents of children in Y3&4 (Elm, Birch, Cherry & Hazel) @2.30pm	
12.12.22	EYFS Nativity for parents in Maple & Willow Classes @9.15am	CHANGED
12.12.22	Year 2 visit to Windsor Castle	
14.12.22	Year R, I & 2 Christmas Lunch	
	Year 3-6 'Festive Picnic' -please bring a packed lunch on this day	
15.12.22	Carol Service at St Michael's, Ashted for all children and parents of Y5&6 @ 10.30am PARENT HELPERS NEEDED	NEW
15.12.22	Year 3-6 Christmas Lunch	
	Year YR, I & 2 'Festive Picnic' -please bring a packed lunch on this day	
16.12.22	School finishes for Christmas Holidays at 1pm	
03.01.23	INSET DAY - School Closed for children	
04.01.23	All children return to school	