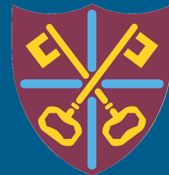




St Peter's News



2nd December 2022

House Points

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

Attendance Award:

Poplar Class 98%

Achievement certificates

To Follow next week.

Oak -
Ash -
Rowan -
Beech -
Elm -
Birch -
Cherry -
Hazel -
Hawthorn -
Poplar -
Chestnut -
Sycamore -

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

This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

This week we marked the beginning of Advent the, start of the festive season in school and the first candle on the Advent wreath was lit. Fr Livie joined us for a Service of Reconciliation with all classes in the hall. Well done to our Year 6 children for leading this so beautifully. During the service Fr Livie reminded us that Advent is a time to prepare ourselves, and our hearts, for the coming of Jesus. Over this week children have been given the chance to prepare through individual reconciliation with our Parish Priests. Thank you Fr Michael, Fr Stephen and Fr Livie for giving your time to help the children in their advent journey.

Our Posada has also started its journey around our school community this week. Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus. Our modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph, and classes will be hosting the Travelling Crib during this month.

Can I remind all parents please that **ALL teacher led clubs** have now finished for the term. Thank you to the staff who gave their time to run these clubs - it is much appreciated.

International Club and Mrs McDonnell led our Values Assembly this week, thinking about the importance of Social Justice. They have launched a campaign to get the Government to make all the free bananas that are sent to school, Fairtrade. They need 10,000 signatures by the end of January - please support, sign and share their petition as widely as you can.

I am looking forward to hearing our choir and our trumpeters perform at this evening's Carol Service at Our Lady & St Peter's and may see many of you there.

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,

Richard McKenzie
Headteacher

From Sunday's Gospel...

This Sunday we celebrate the **2nd Sunday of Advent**. In this week's Gospel ([Matthew 3:1-12](#)) we hear about the appearance of John the Baptist in Judea, preaching a message of repentance. John reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. The children have participated in a service of reconciliation in school, but you might like to seek out the sacrament for yourselves. Please take time to read the Gospel with your child.



Dogs in School

We know that many families walk to and from school with their dogs, which is good exercise for all, but there has recently been an increase in dog-related issues. Can I please remind all owners, that any dogs coming to school **MUST be on a short lead at all times in and around our school site and that they must be under control so they do not jump up at others**. Many of our children are nervous of dogs and it is not fair to expose them to dogs which run, or jump up at them. **Dogs must not be brought up to the playground gates, or onto the playground**. Please tie them up on the grass opposite the bike shelter. If your dog not happy to be on a lead or not happy to be left, please do not bring them into the school site.



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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)

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!

I am so excited now that we're in the first week of Advent. Thank you to everyone for my lovely Christmas cards and festive pictures - it really has made this week special!

Thank you also to **Eva, Leila, Elena and Livvy** for being such wonderful walking companions - I really enjoyed playing with you in the beautiful wintery weather.

My Work of the Week goes to **Robin** (Sycamore) for making such an effort with his work and catching up on anything that he's missed. Mrs Hall is very impressed with you and so am I!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Love from,
Winnie 🐾



Christmas Jumper Day



We are marking Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day in school on **Friday 9th December**. Children should come to school in normal uniform but can swap their school jumper for a Christmas Jumper in return for a donation. Please make donations online via ParentPay as the Government will provide match funding for any donations made online.

Please Do NOT buy a brand new sweater! You can buy pre-loved jumpers in charity shops or you can even make your own jumper. Just grab any old thing from the back of the cupboard and cover it with stickers, felt, tinsel, glitter, baubles, whatever. Yule look woolly wonderful!

Christmas Post

If children would like to send each other Christmas cards then they should use our special St Peter's post box. The post box will be in the entrance hall and our Y6 elves will be making regular deliveries to classes. Please ensure that **all cards are labelled with the recipient's name and their class, please**. If you would like a list of first names of children in your class, please ask the school office or your child's teacher.



FOSP News

Santa Grotto and Christmas Market, 3rd December 11-3pm - We're looking forward to seeing you on Saturday! We really need volunteers to help us tidy up in the afternoon. Please sign up here <http://volunteersignup.org/A7B7Q>

Raffle - One week left to win 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 post-boxes by 2nd December

Wreath Making Evening

Thank you to all who came—as you can see we had a wonderful time and made some beautiful wreaths.





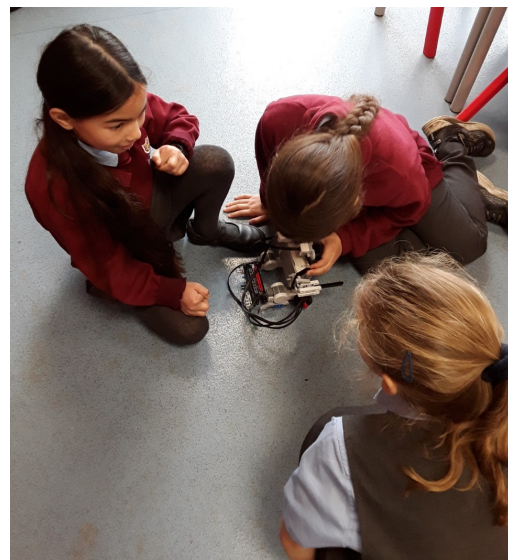
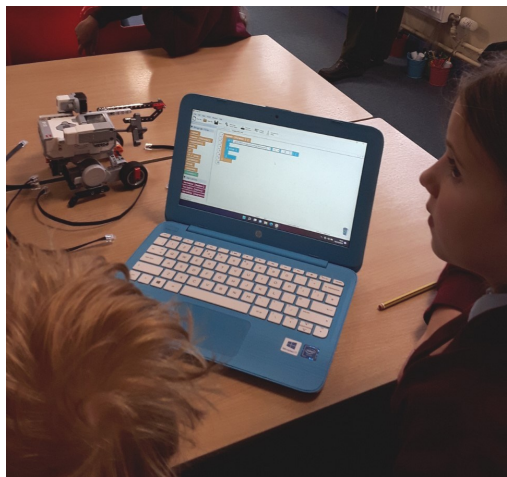
Christingle at St Michael's

How lovely it was to see some of our children attending the Christingle service at St. Michael's last Saturday afternoon. Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world.
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ.
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations.
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

KS2 Robotics Workshops

This week Years 4, 5 and 6 have been taking part in computing workshops led by Wojciech from PrepareRobo. In their workshops, they had to build and code a robot which could take part in a robot battle. They used their teamwork and problem-solving skills throughout and demonstrated fantastic coding abilities.



Christmas Celebrations

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/ KS1 and usually has a packed lunch, or if your **KS2 (Y3-6)** child DOES NOT usually have school dinners and they would like to have a Christmas Dinner then you **must tell us by 5pm on MONDAY 5th December.**

Due to ordering times needed in the kitchen, no bookings can be accepted after this date.

There is no charge for children in EYFS/KS1 as they are all entitled to the daily school meal. Payment of £2.60 for KS2 Christmas Dinners can be made via ParentPay. 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, you **must tell us by 5pm on MONDAY 5th December** so that we can arrange a packed lunch. Please email office@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

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

3.12.22	FOSP Christmas Market & Santa's Grotto	
5.12.22	Computing workshops in class for KS2	
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	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day in school	NEW
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	