



St Peter's News



9th December 2022

House Points & Attendance Award:

Rolled over to next assembly

Achievement certificates

Carried over from last week:

Oak - Austin
Ash - Yunika
Rowan - Hugo
Beech - Tommy G
Cherry - Emmie*
Hazel - Eleanor*
Hawthorn - Toby

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

This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

This week began with an assembly reflecting on the message of Christmas. We heard about the events leading up to the Christmas Truce during WWI and how the simple act of hearing the words of a known hymn across the trenches led to a ceasefire, if only for a day. The children were challenged to think about power of the message of Christmas in their lives.

The Christmas story has been performed very loudly and clearly this week with our Year 2, Year 1 and EYFS classes sharing their nativities with families. Thank you to all our staff for preparing them so well, and to the parents for providing such creative and lovely costumes. Year 3 & 4 led our 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' this afternoon, performing a selection of songs, both new and old.

It was lovely to have the hall so busy with parents, grandparents and siblings each day. Whatever their year group, it was wonderful to see the children performing so confidently; singing and speaking wonderfully clearly. They were obviously enjoying each performance to the fullest.

A very big thank you and well done to the children, parents and staff who joined us at last Friday's Carol Service at Our Lady & St Peter's. Congratulations to all the children for adding your talents to our joyful celebrations; you represent our school so well with your enthusiasm.

Thank you also to all the children and adults that took part in Christmas Jumper Day today for Save the Children. We raised over £320!

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,

Richard McKenzie
Headteacher

From Sunday's Gospel...

This coming Sunday is the **3rd Sunday of Advent.**

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete (a Latin word that means rejoice) Sunday. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of hope and joy.

In this week's Gospel ([Matthew 11:2-11](#)) John asks Jesus: Are you the One? Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst. Together as a family you may like to talk about the signs of hope that show God is at work in our world. Please take time to read the Gospel with your child.



Group A Streptococcus

We are aware that the rise in cases of Group A Streptococcus infections is a source of concern to parents. At present we have been informed of a very small number of confirmed cases of Group A Streptococcus infection in Year R and Year 1.

In the vast majority of cases this remains a mild illness. It is important however, that parents are vigilant of the symptoms and know what to do if they are concerned. I have included the fact sheet sent earlier in the week inside to support parents with factual information regarding the illness. If you suspect your child is showing symptoms of Strep A, please contact your GP for advice.

If your child does receive a diagnosis of Strep A, please inform the school.



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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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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 hope that you've all had a fantastic week in school! I've loved my walks in the colder weathers - I enjoy running through all the fallen, crispy leaves!

Thank you to all my lovely visitors this week. I've received so many cards and Christmas pictures that I feel very lucky indeed!

I have also seen some brilliant work, this week, that celebrating with you all in the new year!

Love from,
Winnie



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

Due to ordering times needed in the kitchen, no more bookings can be accepted for the Christmas Dinner.

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**.

Carol Service at St Michael's Ashted

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.



FOSP News

Thank you everyone who helped out and/or took part in our wreath making evening and Santa's Grotto and Market. We've had some lovely feedback and will let you know soon how much we raised.

Congratulations to this month's **100 club winner**, Sophie Rose.



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24 November 2022

Fact sheet for schools and parents about Group A Streptococcus (GAS)/Scarlet Fever.

What is Group A Streptococcus?

Group A Streptococcus or *Streptococcus pyogenes* is a bacterium that can be found in the throat and on the skin. People may carry it and have no symptoms of illness or may develop infection.

How is it spread?

Group A Streptococcus survives in throats and on skin for long enough to allow easy spread between people through sneezing and skin contact. People who are currently carrying the bacteria in the throat or on the skin may have symptoms of illness or they may have no symptoms and feel fine. In both cases, these bacteria can be passed on to others.

What kinds of illnesses are caused by Group A Streptococcus?

Most Group A Streptococcus illnesses are relatively mild, with symptoms including a sore throat ("strep throat"), scarlet fever or a skin infection such as impetigo. However, on rare occasions, these bacteria can cause other severe and sometimes life-threatening diseases.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The **symptoms** of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it will still feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

Children who have had **chickenpox** or **influenza ('flu')** recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and so parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling). If you are concerned for any reason please seek medical assistance immediately.

What is invasive Group A Streptococcal (iGAS) disease?

Although rare, invasive Group A Streptococcus disease may occur when bacteria get into parts of the body where bacteria are not usually found. These infections are called invasive Group A Streptococcal disease and can be very serious and even life-threatening.

What are the symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease?

The most important thing to be aware of are the early signs and symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease. These are:

- High Fever
- Severe muscle aches
- Localised muscle tenderness
- Redness at the site of a wound

What should I do if my child becomes unwell?

If your child becomes unwell contact your GP practice. Alternatively, you can call NHS111 and you should also call NHS111 if your surgery is closed.

If my child is unwell, should they stay off school?

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms you should contact your GP practice or call NHS111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice. If your child is unwell they should stay off school until they are better.

What else can I do to prevent my child from becoming unwell?

Because Group A Streptococcal disease is spread through coughing, sneezing and skin contact, it's important to have good hand hygiene and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and throw these away. If you are unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice. This will all help limit the spread of other infections, which are common this time of year.

Dates for your diary

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
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	