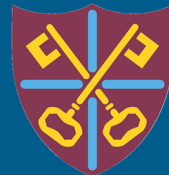


House Points,
Attendance
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St Peter's News



6th January 2023

This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

On behalf of all the staff, may I wish you a warm welcome back to school and express our thanks for the many kind words and good wishes that we received at Christmas. I hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and New Year.

We began our new term on Wednesday; the children have had a great start to their learning and I have seen already some really good work and behaviour this week. We welcomed Miss Smith, who joins us from Roehampton University, to our teaching team. We are pleased to have her with us until the end of the term. Today, we held a liturgy for the whole school themed on Epiphany. The children heard the Gospel story of the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus, and were encouraged to think about the gifts that they use in service of Him in their lives.

The start of a new term is often a good time to remind ourselves of the various expectations in school surrounding uniform. Can I just remind parents that all children should:

- ⇒ Wear a tie (either standard or elasticated) with the school shirt
- ⇒ Tie up any hair longer than shoulder length.
- ⇒ Have simple hair accessories in school colours - no large bows please!
- ⇒ Wear black school shoes, **not trainers**
- ⇒ Only wear a watch. No other bracelets are allowed.
- ⇒ Only wear stud earrings (no hoops) which must be removed for PE.
- ⇒ Not have nail varnish.

Thank you for your support in helping our children to look as smart as possible.

Can I also remind all parents of the importance of being in school by the time the gates close at 9.00 am. When one or more classes have the same attendance, the number of late arrivals is taken into account to determine the winner of the attendance trophy, so please help your child's class by being prompt each day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Richard McKenzie
Headteacher

From Sunday's Gospel...

This coming Sunday, we celebrate **Feast of the Epiphany**. When a person's true identity is revealed, the experience can be referred to as an epiphany, a word that means "showing forth." In this week's Gospel ([Matthew 2:1-12](#)) Jesus' identity as the Son of God is revealed to the Magi. The Magi represent Gentiles (all people outside the Jewish world). On the feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the fact that Jesus is revealed not just to the Jewish people, but to the world. Like the Magi, we search for Jesus. When he is revealed to us, we respond by offering him the gifts of our lives. Please take time to read the Gospel with your child.



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who died on New Year's Eve.

In the words of his Requiem Mass from yesterday:

"May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

May choirs of angels welcome you and with

Lazarus, who is poor no longer may you have eternal rest."



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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.



St Peter's International Club takes their banana campaign to the Diocese

We are a Fairtrade School. This means that we try to include Fairtrade into their daily life and work to raise awareness of Fairtrade in the local community. Last term we told you how International Club have been learning about Fairtrade issues. They were really shocked to find out that the bananas that are sent to school as part of the Free School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme for KS1 children (which is government funded) are not Fairtrade!

Every day, approx. 2.3m children aged 4-7 in state-funded schools receive a free piece of fruit which includes bananas. We think that not including Fairtrade bananas in this scheme is setting a really bad example to children around the country and they want the Government to change this.

With headteacher Mr McKenzie's permission, we have started an online petition to the Government to request that they consider changing all the bananas in the scheme to Fairtrade bananas. We need 10,000 signatures by the end of January 2023 to get a response from the government, so are asking everyone to sign the petition and encourage other people to do the same.

Sign the Petition!

We have shared their petition with parents at the school, local parishioners and other Fairtrade schools in the UK ... but need lots more signatures. Please consider signing the petition and sharing it with your friends and families. You can sign the petition by clicking here: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/619553>

Find out more about Fairtrade

Fairtrade is a system of certification that aims to ensure a set of standards are met in the production and supply of a product or ingredient. For farmers and workers, Fairtrade means workers' rights, safer working conditions and fairer pay. For shoppers it means high quality, ethically produced products. Choosing Fairtrade means standing with farmers for fairness and equality, against some of the biggest challenges the world faces. It means farmers creating change, from investing in climate friendly farming techniques to developing women in leadership. You can find out more about it on the Fairtrade website [here](#).

FOSP News

Thank you to everyone who has supported us last term. In total we raised an amazing £5,756.63!

We have helped the school with the purchase of new KS1 reading books, Twinkl and First News subscriptions, covered the cost of the coach travel for all the cinema trips, decorations for Christmas lunches plus Advent books and calendars for each class.

Now we turn our focus on to fundraising for this year:

FOSP planning meeting - Friday, 13th January at 2pm in the school. Come and get involved in our fundraising planning for 2023.

Please drop us a message or email at fosp.stpeters@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



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#WakeUpWednesday

Dates for your diary

03.01.23 INSET DAY - School Closed for children

04.01.23 All children return to school

15.01.23 CLOSING DATE for Surrey School Admissions & School SIP forms for YR in September 2023

18.01.23 NSPCC Online Safety Workshop via Zoom. FREE—All Parents Welcome

NEW

30.01.23 Bikeability Level 1 Cycle Training for Year 4 (in groups)

NEW

31.01.23 Bikeability Level 1 Cycle Training for Year 4 (in groups)

NEW

01.02.23 Bikeability Level 1 Cycle Training for Year 4 (in groups)

NEW

01.02.23 Year 5&6 at St Andrew's School for Dance Showcase

NEW

02.02.23 Bikeability Level 1 Cycle Training for Year 4 (in groups)

NEW

03.02.23 Bikeability Level 1 Cycle Training for Year 4 (in groups)

NEW

10.02.23 INSET DAY - School Closed for children

13.02.23 - 17.02.23 Half Term Holiday

20.02.23 All children return to school

31.03.23 School finishes for Easter Holidays at 1pm

3.04.23– 14.03.23 Easter Holidays

17.04.23 INSET DAY - School Closed for children

18.04.23 All children return to school

01.05.23 May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed for children

08.05.23 Additional Bank Holiday to celebrate Coronation of King Charles III - School Closed for Children

NEW

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

21.07.23 School Closes for the end of the School Year at 1pm