

St Peter's News



9th February 2023

As Friday is an INSET Day there is no celebration assembly this week.

This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

This week has been Safer Internet Week in school and began with a special assembly thinking about this year's theme of: 'Want to talk about it?'. The children were encouraged to think about how they could be safe online as well as signposting them to people they could talk to if they encountered any behaviour online which made them feel uncomfortable. This has been followed up in class with year groups taking part in special activities including BBC Live Lessons.

It has been a busy week again, with Y1 parents joining us for a phonic workshop on Tuesday, parents and grandparents helping with sewing, a drama group visiting to help Year 2 learn more about the Great Fire of London and our wonderful FOSP organising the 'Wear what you Love Day' and donut sale today. These types of activities enrich our curriculum and community and I am thankful for everyone who gives their talents and efforts to make them happen.

Congratulations to Year 5 who completed their swimming course this week. Your teachers and swim coaches are absolutely thrilled with your progress. Over the last 17 weeks you have developed new skills and improved others, with some of you going from not being able to swim, to completing a whole length of the pool – an incredible achievement! Swimming is such an important life skill, (and a fun form of exercise), and I hope that you carry on swimming regularly.

You will have received a letter earlier today from our Co-Chairs of Governors announcing Mrs Kelly as our Headteacher from September 2023. I have worked with Mrs Kelly as a fellow deanery head for the past few years. She is a caring and experienced head, and I know that you will join me in welcoming her to our school.

Have a lovely half term break - remember that tomorrow is an INSET day and school is closed to children.

Yours sincerely,

Richard McKenzie
Headteacher

From Sunday's Gospel...

This Sunday is the **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In this week's Gospel, ([Matthew 5:17-37](#)) Jesus tell us that he has not come to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them. Rules are everywhere - in society, in school and at home. Without rules, life would be chaos. In the Gospel, Jesus talks about following the law, telling us that God's Law of Love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another. We pray for the grace to overcome anger, and to show respect for one another by following God's Law of Love in our everyday lives. Please take time to read the Gospel with your child.



Parent Meetings

Please join us for our Spring Term Parent Consultation meetings on:

Tuesday 14th March 2023
3.40pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 22nd March 2023*
5.30pm - 8.30pm

Information on how to book a slot to see your child's teacher will be sent after half term.

*Please note Mr Tyler may be on Paternity Leave for this session so an alternative date will be offered to parents of children in Poplar Class.



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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 DSL)
Mrs. McDonnell
Mrs. Hall
Miss Greene
Mrs. Walsh
(Deputy DSLs)

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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.

Year 2 DT Project

Well done to Y2 for their wonderful puppets! The children worked really hard designing them and then showing us their running stitch skills when they sewed them together. Thank you to the parents and grandparents that came in to help the children with threading needles - I am sure you will agree the end product is fantastic.



Congratulations

To Mr. Tyler and his wife, Rachel who are expecting a new baby in early March. We send them our warmest congratulations and best wishes as they prepare to welcome this new arrival to their family.



Safer Internet Day 2023 | Tuesday
7 February
Together for a better internet
www.saferinternetday.org



This week we joined schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2023**.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents. Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or our Designated Safeguarding team on dsl@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

FOSP News

Congratulations to Victoria Parker who won this month's 200 club draw. If you'd like to be in with the chance to win cash and support our school please go to this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIvLIJqW6KQDyAb3-m3e3CsZ0lqfWACzGq5UYoJE3bDT0A/viewform>.

How to create an environment for kids to talk

internet
matters.org

1 Talk early and often

- Talk with children from an early age to make it easier to maintain good communication
- Have bitesized conversations that are relevant to them



2 Choose the right time

- Choose to talk when you are due to spend some time together, like over a meal or during their bedtime routine
- Bring digital experience into normal, everyday conversations

3 Open up and share too

- Model the behaviour you want them to show by sharing about your day
- Be open and encouraging to make them feel supported



4 Create a safe space for your child

- Ask open-ended questions
- Ensure that your child feels listened to rather than cornered
- When they start talking, hold off with questions and really listen
- Be prepared, calm and patient with them



What to talk about

Online reputation

- Understanding how online activity creates a 'digital footprint' that lasts forever
- Being a good digital citizen e.g. treating people like you would face to face
- Thinking before posting

Critical thinking

- Making them aware that some people hide behind fake profiles
- Being critical about what they see online as not everything is true
- Agreeing digital boundaries to allow them freedom to make informed decisions

Resolving online issues

- Tools and strategies to deal with issues they may face online such as cyberbullying or seeing inappropriate content
- Where & how to report an issue – encouraging them to speak to an adult



Personal safety

- Keeping info private on devices and apps they use with privacy settings
- What a secure social media profile looks like
- Create strong passwords for every online account

Best of the net

- What they enjoy most about their favourite apps or sites
- The coolest sites and apps among their group of friends
- Talking about things online you can enjoy together and ways to stay involved in their digital world

Free tools to promote conversations

Digital Matters

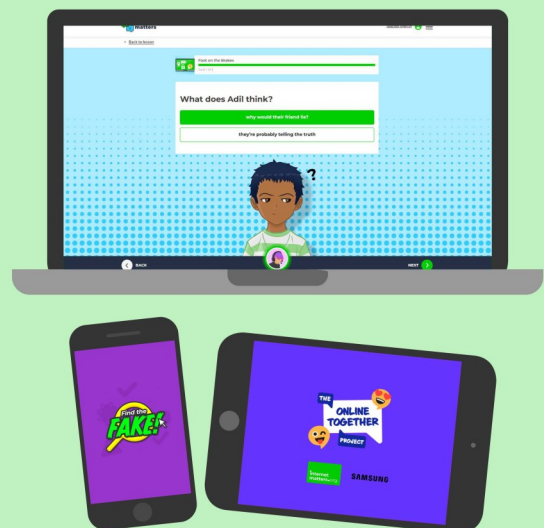
Use the Once Upon Online storytelling activities to discuss how children can get help and from where, along with how to manage different aspects of their online lives.

The Online Together Project

This interactive quiz provides guidance on how to talk about tough issues like gender stereotypes and online safety.

Find the Fake

Discuss what misinformation online looks like and what children can do to make sure they think critically about what they see online.



Dates for your diary

13.02.23 - 17.02.23 Half Term Holiday

20.02.23	All children return to school	
21.02.23	Year 6 to Junior Citizen Event	
22.02.23	Ash Wednesday Mass with Fr. Livie	NEW
23.02.23	Y5 to visit Therfield School for a production of Bugsy Malone (more info to follow)	
24.02.23	Opportunity for children in Y4&6 to receive individual reconciliation	NEW
27.02.23	Book Fair in school this week	
28.02.23	KS2 Swimming Gala at Parkside School Cobham	
02.03.23	World Book Day Celebrations in school (more info to follow)	
03.03.23	Years 3-6 Cross Country @ 4.15pm (King George V Playing Fields)	NEW
06.03.23	Opportunity for children in Y5 to receive individual reconciliation	NEW
09.03.23	Year 6 Netball tournament @ 9am (Manor House School)	NEW
14.03.23	Parent Consultation Meetings (3.40pm—6.30pm)	NEW
17.03.23	Years 3-6 Cross Country @ 4.15pm (King George V Playing Fields)	NEW
22.03.23	Parent Consultation Meetings (5.30pm—8.30pm)	NEW
27.03.23	Bikeability Level 2 for Y6 (all week)	NEW
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	
25.04.23	Years 5-6 Girls' Football Tournament @ 12.30pm (Oakfield School)	NEW
26.04.23	Years 5-6 Boys' Football Tournament @ 12.30pm (Oakfield School)	NEW
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	
19.05.23	FOSP Quiz Night	NEW
23.05.23	Y6 Leavers & Class Photographs	NEW
26.05.23	May Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady	NEW

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

12.06.23	Years 3-6 District Sports @ 4pm (King George V Playing Fields)	NEW
26.06.23	Years 3-6 District Sports (Reserve Day) @ 4pm (King George V Playing fields)	NEW
21.07.23	School Closes for the end of the School Year at 1pm	