



St Peter's News



17th March 2023

House Points

St Therese—713
St Margaret—601
St Francis —390
St Philip—359

Attendance Award

Y5 Poplar — 97%

Achievement certificates

Maple - Benicio
Willow - Naomi
Oak - Eva
Ash - Charlie
Rowan - Olivia
Beech - David
Birch - Seren *
Elm - Isabella *
Hazel - Joseph *
Cherry - Alice *
Hawthorn - Oscar
Poplar - Zoe
Chestnut - Nancy
Sycamore - Heloise

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

Our apologies to Tom in Y4 whose 1st Place in the individual Free-style at the recent Inter School Swimming Gala was not included in last week's newsletter by mistake.

This week in school...

Dear Parents and Children,

We began our week with a special video assembly led by Mrs Walsh, our Family Support Worker and Action for Young Carers to mark Young Carers' Day. A young carer is someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol. There are an estimated 14,000 young carers in Surrey and 30% of the young carers are under the age of 10. At St Peter's we want to make sure that any young carers feel supported. We want them to feel they have someone at school to talk to; they are not alone and have the support of each other. If you think your child might be a young carer please let Mrs Walsh, our Family Support Worker, know.

Children in KS2 enjoyed a live lesson from the Houses of Parliament Education Team on Monday afternoon, learning more about how Parliament works and the system of democracy in the UK.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parent Consultation evening this week - we hope that you enjoyed looking at your child's work and can see how much progress they have made this year.

Thank you to the wonderful FOSP for running the Mother's Day shop over the last few days. I am sure that all the female carers in your families will enjoy their presents and I hope that you all enjoy the day.

We ended the week with a big splash of green in school, and we wish all our families with Irish connections a very happy St Patrick's Day.

Finally, good luck to all the children taking part in the Cross Country event this afternoon.

Have a great weekend.

Richard McKenzie
Headteacher

From Sunday's Gospel...

This Sunday is the **4th Sunday of Lent**. This week's Gospel ([John 9:1-41](#)) tells the story of how Jesus healed a man who had been blind from birth. It was truly a great gift when Jesus healed the man's blindness, but it was an even greater gift when Jesus revealed himself as the Son of Man, the Messiah. The man became a believer and worshiped Jesus. In Baptism, Jesus reveals himself to us, and we're called to be like the man in today's Gospel, accepting the gift from Jesus so that we may truly see Jesus as our Lord and worship him. Please take time to read the Gospel with your child.



Odd Socks for WDSD

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) 2023 falls on **Tuesday, 21st March**.

The 21st day of the third month was deliberately chosen to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome.

This is what causes Down syndrome.

Everyone is invited to celebrate WDSD on Tuesday by wearing brightly coloured odd socks to 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:

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.



Hello St. Peter's!

I've had a lovely week. Thank you to **Oliver (Year 1)** for being so kind to me - I am so pleased to have made a new friend!

A big 'well done' to my Winnie Readers: **Harmehar, Hannah, Jacob, Lucie and Nicole**. You all read beautifully and I had a great time in the library with you all.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Love from,
Winnie



Congratulations Mrs McDonnell

Congratulations to Mrs McDonnell who has been appointed as the Headteacher at Send CoFE Primary School, in Send, Surrey from September 2023.

Mrs McDonnell has been our Deputy Headteacher for 16 years and the impact that she has had on St Peter's has been immense. She has not only been responsible for supporting teaching and learning across the curriculum, but has also been instrumental in developing many of the elements that makes St Peter's a special place to be. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts for her incredible hard work, dedication, and commitment, and know that she will be missed by the staff, children, parents, and community. We will be in touch later in the term with details of how we will celebrate her time at St Peter's and mark her leaving.

We will be beginning the appointment process for a new Deputy Headteacher to join our school leadership team shortly, and full details of the vacancy will be available on Eteach and our school website.

Theatre Star

Congratulations to **Bella (Y4)** who took part in several 3 hour long shows at Leatherhead Theatre last weekend called "One of a Kind", a show celebrating musical theatre over the years, performing to hundreds of audience members.

Well done to you - what a brilliant achievement!



International Club's Toy Sale



Well done International Club for running a brilliant toy sale last week, and thank you to everyone who donated or bought toys. **Eva and Livvy (Y6)** from International Club would like to share this message with you:

Thank you for coming to our toy sale last week, we hope you enjoy your new toys. We are very happy to have raised **£252** to help people who are suffering from the crisis in Syria and Turkey. The money will go to help them after the earthquake with food and shelter.

FOSP News

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Mother's Day shop - we hope your female carers enjoy their presents and have a lovely Mother's Day.

We have a change of date for the school disco - it is now on **Friday, 21st April**.

More information on times and ticket sales coming soon.

There will be a Bag2School collection on Wednesday, 3rd May, so please look out your old clothes, toys and linens.



Dates for your diary

- 20.03.23 Cake Sale (after school) organised by Y6 children in support of Shooting Star Children's Hospice
- 22.03.23 **Parent Consultation Meetings (5.30pm—8.30pm)**
- 24.03.23 Mobile Planetarium in school (am) for Year 1 & Year 3
- 27.03.23 Bikeability Level 2 for Y6 (all week)
- 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
- 19.04.23 Local School Infant Singing Festival (Y2 children) at St Peter's
- 21.04.23 FOSP Easter Egg Hunt in school
- 21.04.23 **FOSP** Mufti Day and Disco (after school) - details to follow
- 25.04.23 Years 5-6 Girls' Football Tournament @ 12.30pm (Oakfield School)
- 26.04.23 Years 5-6 Boys' Football Tournament @ 12.30pm (Oakfield School)

CHANGE

01.05.23 **May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed for children**

- 03.05.23 **FOSP** Bag2School clothing collection - details to follow
- 03.05.23 Year 5 Poplar Class Residential Visit to YHA Holmbury St Mary's (returning on 5.5.23)

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

- 09.05.23 Year 5 Hawthorn Class Residential Visit to YHA Holmbury St Mary's (returning on 11.5.23)
- 19.05.23 **FOSP** Quiz Night
- 23.05.23 Y6 Leavers & Class Photographs
- 26.05.23 May Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady

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

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