

# St Peter's News



24th April 2020

## This week in our school community ...

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! Did you see our song to welcome you back to school? If you haven't you can find it on the school website, click on the picture to take you there. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Shabankareh who had the idea for a song and then used her creative genius to re-write the words to fit our school community. Thank you also to her son, Karim for editing it all together. Some of our staff weren't able to take part for many reasons (technology being one of them!) but they all send you their thoughts and best wishes.

We love a song at St Peter's and our staff's 'big' birthdays are always celebrated in assembly with a song from the children and a card and a gift. This week we remembered Mrs Hall's and Mrs Clegg's birthdays and hope that they enjoyed their celebrations with their families.

Thank you to the FOSP for providing the prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt, the answers to where they were found are inside along with the winners from each year group. Congratulations to you all!

I hope that you are all enjoying this lovely weather, try to spend as much time (safely) outside as you can. Perhaps read a book in the garden or take your art activity outside. The sunshine always seems to make things easier.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Yours sincerely,

**Richard McKenzie**  
Headteacher



## St Peter's Virtual School

[Click HERE to visit the Virtual School](#)

### What's happening in the Virtual School next week...

**Monday 27th April - Values Assembly** An assembly thinking about why it is 'Good to be Me'.

**Wednesday 29th April - Wednesday Worship** A chance for children and families to gather in prayer and reflection based on the Gospel from Sunday.

**Friday 1st May - Celebration Assembly Live at 9.35am.**

Parents can nominate children for inclusion in our 'Celebration Gallery' on the website. Please send a picture or short description of your child's achievements in the week to Mrs McDonnell by **12 noon on Thursday** please. [deputy@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk)

**Friday 1st May - Share a Story Month**

Tune in to next week's celebration assembly for more information on the exciting way that St Peter's is going to be marking 'Share a Story' month.

### Sunday Mass - Live

While we may not be able to attend Mass, we can still share in the Mass together online.

**Our Lady & St Peter's will be live streaming Mass each day**

**9.45am** -Morning Prayer  
**10.00 am** - Mass

Click on the picture to visit their YouTube channel.



## Easter Egg Hunt winners



Did you find them all?  
Congratulations to our winners who each received a £5 Amazon voucher:

**Reception**  
Amy & Alfie

**Year 1**  
Isla M & Louis

**Year 2**  
Nico & Patrick

**Year 3**  
Mia K & Mark

**Year 4**  
Poppy & Chloe W

**Year 5**  
Darcy & Dug

**Year 6**  
Leonor & Hannah

Thank you to the FOSP for generously donating the prizes.

## Can you sew? Help make scrubs for NHS and care workers

Mrs Murray, one of our parents has asked us to share this message with you:

I'm part of a group of over 600 people in the area making much needed equipment for healthcare staff in our local hospitals, doctors surgeries, care homes and hospices. We are making scrubs, isolation gowns, scrub wash bags (so staff can keep scrubs separate from other laundry), headbands and ear savers (to stop the mask elastic from hurting ears) and surgical caps.

Non sewers are collecting fabric donations (old duvets etc.) and picking up and delivering all the items being made. Everyone is giving their time voluntarily but we are raising money (link below) to buy fabric for the scrubs which has to be of a specific composition. Donations of duvets or other fabrics which can be washed at 60 degrees are welcome as they can be used for the gowns, hats and bags.

If you would like to get involved and help, please join the Facebook group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/712605792817043/?ref=share>

If you would like to make a donation to the appeal to buy material you can do so here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/scrubs-for-epsom-and-st-helier-area>

We would all also like to say a very big congratulations and thank you to Arlo as he has been using his skills to make one of the surgical hats.

Great work, Arlo.



# 'Share your Scientist' Project for Parents and Children

As Science lead at St Peter's I am always seeking to make the children understand how important science is to our daily lives, and how we come across science at home and at work, as well as trying to inspire future scientists.

Particularly at the moment, with everything that is happening, this is even more important and relevant. Many of the children have talked to me and my colleagues about how proud they are of what you are doing and it would be lovely to record their thoughts for posterity. We would also like to be able to share them on our website and on our science board when we return to school.

I would love to hear from children, who have parents that use science in their jobs (even if you are not currently working in your normal way) for the 'Share your Scientist' project.

The two key questions that we would like children to answer are:

- What job does Mummy/Daddy/another family member do?
- and
- What Science do you think they have to know about in their job?

There are a number of ways that children can take part:

- They could write about the answers to these two questions. Parents can then photograph/scan the writing and email it to Mrs Williams [a.williams@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:a.williams@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk) You can also upload pictures of writing to Tapestry for children in Year R-2 or
- You could film them talking about the answers to these questions and then send the video clip to Mrs Williams, [a.williams@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:a.williams@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk) or upload it to Tapestry for children in Year R-2.

**We would like to use these video clips and pieces of writing on our website and for display in school; please only send them if you are happy for us to do this.**

## Science Selfie—Last Chance!

While you are at home, have a look. Science is all around you!  
It could be in the kitchen, bathroom, in a plant pot or out in the garden?

Take a photo of you and some exciting science you have come across at home or in the garden.  
Maybe you are making potions in the kitchen, planting in the garden, hunting for mini beasts or devising your own investigation?



Reception & KS1 please post your selfie on Tapestry and title it **Science Selfie with your name and class**. Ask an adult to record the science you have found out about.

KS2 email your photo and a small write up to [a.williams@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:a.williams@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk) or [m.tredger@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:m.tredger@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk) **State subject as Science Selfie with name and class**.

**All entries will form part of our St Peter's Science Selfie Book!**

**We can't wait to see your entries!**

**Closing date—Friday 1st May**

## Picture News



Are conversations at home, or around the dinner table becoming a bit strained? With us all staying home together, there isn't much to share about the different things that we have done.

Picture News has offered all schools a free subscription to its home learning service during the lockdown. Each week they will publish a thought provoking image, based on current events and a range of discussion topics that families could use at home if they wish.

This week's image focuses on the changes to our travel due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

Children and parents can access the full sheet on our website: and you can join the discussion at <https://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss>

## Miss Moon's 26 and a half challenge

Hello everyone,

During these unprecedented times, it is important to look after our well-being - physically, but also mentally. One way to do this, is to try to exercise on a regular basis. Exercise is good for both physical and mental health in many different ways. It not only changes our body but it changes our mind, attitude and mood.

The government's advice talks about how (if able to leave your home) you are permitted to do so for one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household. If this is not possible, there are still plenty of ways to stay active at home via online videos, using your own garden or even household stairs!

Inspired by this belief in the benefits of exercise and an initiative called 'The 2.6 Challenge' to help UK charities, I have decided to fund raise on behalf of NHS Charities Together.

Starting on the 26th April, I plan to run 2.6 miles a day, for 10 consecutive days, in order to complete the London marathon distance on the 5th May. Then, the 6th May will be a 'rest' day ahead of completing a full half marathon distance of 13 miles on the 7th May - a date which will mark the next government review, and hopefully a revision of our national lockdown and a time when we will be able to be together again.

A JustGiving page has been set up <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/helen-moon10> if you would like to contribute. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Warmest regards, Miss Moon



## BBC Bitesize

The BBC have begun daily lessons online, delivering content through BBC Bitesize, iplayer and other platforms. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>



The schedule for these lessons is only being released a day or so ahead of publication at the moment, which makes it very hard for us to integrate them into our teaching plans. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/teach/bitesize-daily-lessons-schedule/zdtwjhw>

They have, however, got some brilliant ideas and resources on the site for a range of curriculum areas including PHSE, music as well as the core subjects.

This could be a great resource for both families who would like a little more to do, and for children who would either like some extra independent practice on key skills or who want to explore their favourite topic or subject further.

## Phonics Play

We have heard from some Apple users that they are having problems with the Phonics Play website because it needs Adobe Flash, which isn't supported on Apple products.

Their new website is supported on all devices: <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

You don't need a log-in to access most of the games, however, to access all the content on the site for free while schools are closed, you can use the details:  
Username: march20  
Password: home