



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

"For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future"
Jeremiah 29:11

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DIARY DATES

- w/c 15 Nov Anti-Bullying Week
- Fri 19 Nov Mufti Day: Children in Need—wear as many colourful spots as you can
- Fri 26 Nov 8.45-9am Early Morning Open Classroom
- Wed 1 Dec Open Morning for Prospective Parents Sept 2022 Entry
- Tues 2 Dec Flu Nasal Spray

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow!! Another busy week in the life of St Peter's School. We have had lots of visitors to school this week with open mornings and evenings for prospective parents looking for school places for next September. We have our last Open Morning scheduled for Wednesday 1 December, so please do spread the word if you know of anyone currently thinking about schools for their children. Our Dragonflies children have been amazing ambassadors—talking to the guests and showing them around our school. One very intriguing visitor, who seems to have sneaked into school undetected, was 'Goldilocks' herself. It appears that she left, in her wake, a trail of mischief. However she did leave lots of clues as well, so I am guessing she's not an expert at 'sneaking' just yet. The Busy Bees children have been the most amazing detectives discovering what she has been up to, assessing the evidence and drawing their own conclusions about her midnight activities. It has certainly grabbed everyone's attention. Hear more from the Busy Bees below.



LETTERS HOME and HOMEWORK



WHOLE SCHOOL

BUSY BEES

Homework : Practice writing the sounds e, u and r.

LADYBIRDS

Homework : Tens and Ones Worksheet. Plus reading!

DRAGONFLIES

Homework : Money Activities



ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER

- 10.55am Remembrance Day Service
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER

- 2pm Toddler Praise

Trivia Quiz evening at OCH - Tickets which cost £12.00 each (£8.00 for under 16's) can now be booked for the Trivia Quiz evening being held on Saturday 27 November via val.adamson@btinternet.com or on 01883 714859. They include a fish and chip supper (alternatives available) and a pay bar will be available. Come as a team or as an individual --no one will be put on the spot to answer questions individually"

Christmas Day Community Lunch at OCH – for the lunch to go ahead this year, we are keen to find someone who would be willing to take the role of lead organiser. We believe there would be plenty of volunteers to make it happen on the day, but we can only go ahead with the lunch once this role is filled. It is a great opportunity to enjoy Christmas with members of the community, who might otherwise be alone at Christmas.

The Oxted Adventure will be taking place this year, in the usual way. We are looking for individuals, families or groups who are interested in hosting an evening of the Oxted Adventure, please contact Natasha (stmaryoxted.stpeterandtrudge@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved, and for more info.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

I have had some fantastic meetings with the many different pupil councils this week. The School Council and I met on Monday. We looked at the role of the School Councillor within the school and thought about how we could make school even better. The children had some fantastic suggestions. We also linked this work with the Bible story of the 'Good Shepherd', which the children had been exploring earlier in our Collective Worship. They came up with some fantastic quotes, which I just wanted to share with you.

"We are all the shepherds, looking after all the sheep - we are all looking after each other."

"Sometimes we all do the wrong thing, but it is important to realise it."

And, my personal favourite: "What we basically want the school to be, is the best school in the world!"

ECO COUNCIL NEWS

The Eco Council Team had an equally great meeting on Thursday where they looked also at their roles in school. They had some great ideas about their work:

"If you ever see any rubbish on the floor, pick it up"
"We are here to save the planet" – we can definitely try!

They will be looking at different activities we can do both at home and school and wanted to share this first simple, but effective one with you. What could you swap with someone else?



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to all of you who have brought in shoe boxes or completed an on-line 'box' for the Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoebox appeal. **We are extending the deadline to Monday 15 November** so anyone who would like to create a box in person rather than on-line has this additional weekend to do so.

Please note: **We will NOT be able to accept any boxes that come in after Monday's deadline.**

More details can be found at:
<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

CHILDREN IN NEED SHOW YOUR SPOTS

In support of BBC Children in Need, we would love the children to dress as 'spottily' as they can next Friday 19 November in return for a suggested donation of £1. Our cook, Claire, will be making some Pudsey biscuits and we will be participating in Joe Wicks Workout in the morning. Should be a fun, non-uniform day!



BARLEY MOW PUB QUIZ



Our neighbours, The Barley Mow, has started running a monthly Monday night pub quiz with the proceeds being donated to a nominated charity/good cause. We are delighted to say that the first quiz (attended by some of our 'quiztastic' parents) was held in aid of St Peter's School and raised £125. The Barley Mow Team have, so generously, personally doubled the amount raised meaning St Peter's will receive £250. We would like to say a massive thank you to the Barley Mow for their generosity, and well done and thank you to those of you who participated. Thank you. It would be so lovely if the school could continue to support them with a regular quiz team—anyone ?!

Father in heaven,

We thank you for the amazing, beautiful world you created. Help us to care for it.

We thank you for the wonderful, unique people you have made us to be. Help us to care for one another.

We thank you for the incredible, tasty foods you have invented. Help us remember and care for those who are hungry.

We thank you for the inspiring stories and teaching in the bible. Help us to share this good news with people everywhere.

Amen.



CLASS NEWS

BUSY BEES

This week Busy Bees had a big surprise. On Tuesday morning, when we arrived in the classroom, we found out that someone had broken into our classroom and made a big mess!!! Porridge was spilt everywhere, there were footprints and police tape cordoning the "crime scene". We spent the whole day looking for clues and recording them on appropriate police forms. We used magnifying glasses to search the school for the culprit and perfected our questioning skills to gather evidence from each other. At the end of the day we discovered that the 'intruder' was Goldilocks, so on Wednesday we made wanted posters for Goldilocks and wrote messages for Goldilocks to come and clean up the classroom. The children made some wonderful maps to help Goldilocks find the classroom. What an exciting week for our Busybee Detectives!!!

Since Goldilocks had stolen the Three Bears' porridge, we decided to make them a healthy meal so that they wouldn't be hungry. We thought carefully about which foods would be a good choice to make a delicious, healthy snack for them.

In Maths we learned about 2D shapes and some of the words to describe their properties. We compared shapes and identified similarities and differences between them—the number of sides and corners; are they straight or curved? We practised drawing different shapes and looked for examples of them in the world around us. We tested our knowledge by finding the odd one out in a group of shapes and explaining the reasons for our decision.



LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have again been very busy this week. We have been looking at the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson and thinking of great adjectives we can use to describe the dark. We created story maps to help us retell the story and also created our own extra chapters to expand the story. We used adjectives to describe Plop—the main character—and shared our ideas with the class. In Maths, we have been looking at teen numbers and recognising how many tens and ones each number has. We have continued to learn about the gunpowder plot in History and we learnt about the other people involved. We have also thought about Remembrance Day, writing some wonderful acrostic poems about this.

DRAGONFLIES

We have continued looking at the antics of 'Dirty Bertie' in Dragonflies this week. The children have planned and written their own versions of the story—creating new characters and thinking of many, many disgusting things those characters can do. We linked to this in our Art activities where we all drew the Bertie character. The children made some incredible drawings! In Maths we have been learning about money. We have identified the different coins and notes and combined wallets to work out a total amount. For Science we have continued our 'Animals (including Humans)' topic by investigating birds. We labelled key parts and compared the bird to a human.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Thea (age 7) and Hamish (age 5)



CHILD'S PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

Leaves are twirling everywhere – shaken by the autumn wind, spinning through the air.

Thank you for time to play and time to work, time to think and time to dream.

By Juliet Harmer

MESSAGE FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT:

Whether it's your Facebook, Amazon, or Netflix account, the explosion in popularity of online apps and services means more and more of us have to remember an increasingly long list of passwords.

Unfortunately, some of us cope with this challenge by resorting to practices that leave our data, devices and money at risk - by using the same password across multiple accounts, or by creating simple passwords that could easily be guessed by hackers. Here are some top tips that will make your life easier and your online accounts more secure:

1: Creating memorable passwords

A good way to create strong, memorable passwords is by using 3 random words. But remember, don't use words that can be guessed (like your pet's name). You can include numbers and symbols if you need to. For example, "RedPantsTree4!"

2: Saving passwords in your browser

Saving your password in your browser means letting your web browser (such as Chrome, Safari or Edge) remember your password for you.

This can help:

- * make sure you do not lose or forget your passwords
- * protect you against some cyber crime, such as fake websites

It is safer than using weak passwords, or using the same password in more than one place.

Here are some useful links on how you can start saving passwords in your browser: [Google Chrome](#), [Microsoft Edge](#), [Firefox](#), [Safari](#).

3: Email account passwords

If a hacker gets into your email account, they could:

- * reset your other online account passwords
- * access personal information you have saved about yourself or your business

Your email password should be strong and different to all your other passwords. This will make it harder to crack or guess.

Need help changing your email account password? You can use these links to find step by step instructions: Gmail, Yahoo! Mail, Outlook, BT, AOL Mail.

For more of the government's latest advice on how to stay secure online, visit the Cyber Aware website: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberawareofquestions>.

NEW WRAPAROUND CARE

We are delighted to be working with Premier Education to offer wraparound care to St Peter's children. This is hosted at St Mary's School, and St Peter's children will be able to travel from St Peter's School on the Buses4U minibus where they will then be collected by the Premier team at the other end. For more information please speak to Mrs Frost in the school office or contact Premier directly: mharcombe@premier-education.com and Buses4U: [rtp://esrtp.org.uk](http://esrtp.org.uk)

Premier PREMIER EDUCATION ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
St Peter's Wrap Around Care.

Working in partnership with St Peter's School, Premier Education and St Mary's have joined forces to extend the wrap-around care to St Peter's school, to further support families with childcare options after school. This will be starting on 1st November 2021.

All booking must go through mharcombe@premier-education.com please do NOT book on our website as they will not be accepted.

Spaces are on a first come first serve basis.
Transport is provided by St Peter's school, collection is from St Mary's Primary school Dated.

Session times and prices:
3.15pm-4.15pm: £5.50
3.30pm-6.15pm: £12

For our full brochure and for further information please contact the Business Manager, Melissa Harcombe at mharcombe@premier-education.com. Or call on 07368 822 330.

I hope you have a really wonderful weekend. Thoroughly enjoy!

God bless. *Lenia Greenaway*

SIMPLE STEPS TO GET THERE SAFELY...

BE BRIGHT!
The brighter the better - bright or fluorescent colours, reflective wear and torches can help improve your chances of being visible to other road users.

BE STEIN!
Use designated crossings when walking on or beside a road by moving to a spot where you can be seen clearly and there is space to reach the pavement or the other side.

BE ALERT!
Remove distractions when walking on or beside a road (mobile phones, mobiles etc.) so you can listen for traffic and always look both ways before crossing.

#WalkSMART
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Emergency information regarding the school will be announced on HEART RADIO 102.7FM

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