



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

Tues 18 Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment
Tues 20 Oct	Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment
Fri 21 Oct	Open Classroom from 3.10pm
Fri 4 Nov	School Flu Immunisations with parental consent
Tues 15 Nov	5-6pm Open Evening for Prospective Parents Sept 2023 Entry
Wed 16 Nov	9.15am Open Morning for Prospective Parents Sept 2023 Entry
Fri 18 Nov	Children in Need—Mufti day
Thurs 24 Nov	PAUSE DAY: Advent
w/c 28 Nov	Book Week with Scholastic Book Fair in hall before/after school ** NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS during Book Week **
Fri 2 Dec	Dress up day for Book Week—details to follow

THINGS TO CHECK THIS WEEK:

- Check your Parent Teacher Consultation slot
- Flu consent actioned
- All items of uniform, coats, etc **clearly named**
- Scholastic Book Club order
- Christmas Cards/Mugs order

DID YOU KNOW?...



OCTOBER IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

It began as a way for remembering important people and events in the history of individuals and peoples of African origin, classified as "Blacks". It is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in February, as well as in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Republic of Ireland in October. At St Peter's the children have been celebrating Black History month by discovering inspirational stories of important people such as Ruby Bridges.

Ruby Bridges was a six year old girl when she played a pivotal role in the end of the segregated school system in America. Her bravery and determination led to a fairer educational system and the beginnings of opportunities for all. The children in Ladybirds will be studying her story and finding out how one courageous person can change the world.



Don't follow the path. Go where there is no path and start a trail
Ruby Bridges

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it certainly is getting more autumnal, but with this comes the beautiful skies in the morning and the wonderful changing of the colours, as the trees and plants prepare for the winter ahead. As I was driving into school on Wednesday morning the pink tint of the sky over the Tandridge fields was beautiful to see, although I did try and forget the adage that says, 'red sky in the morning, shepherds take warning'. Luckily it didn't come true especially as we were welcoming lots of prospective parents to the school for one of our open morning events.

Some of our wonderful Dragonflies children have been ambassadors for the school this week. Along with parents and governors they showed our visitors around the school and delighted the prospective parents with tales of their learning and talking about what they do here in school. Sadie even remembered that 2 years ago they had recorded their Mother's Day songs in the Peace Garden for our 'virtual' Mother's Day Assembly (as parents were unable to come to events in school). It was so uplifting to hear these 'memorable' moments from the children and then to stop and think back to those brilliant times. It is amazing how children can always teach us as well. They reminded me of just how important it is to take this time to stop and think. Life moves at such an incredible pace that we need to enjoy and appreciate these precious times. So, thank you Harley, Sadie, Henry and Felix for not only doing such an important job, but for reminding me to stop and reflect. I do hope you all have some time to do this as well.

Just as I was studying the red skies and the darker mornings that mark the beginning of autumn, so too have the children in Busy Bees also been very studious. They have brought in a vast array of autumnal materials this week. They have been sorting them into shapes and graded colours to create some amazing pieces of art. We hope you enjoy seeing them.

Can you believe that we are fast approaching the halfway point of our first term? How scary is it that the children will have been at school for a 1/6th of the year already? But, gosh, what they have all achieved in this time, is incredible! Our parent consultations are next week and, as you talk to your class teachers, I hope you are proud of what your child[ren] have accomplished in such a short space of time already. We certainly are!

ST PETER'S CHOIR

This week we also saw the introduction of our new choir, set up and run by Ché. It was very well attended, and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they started the session with lots of fun games and songs.



Having taken a peek into the room, I could see their beaming faces and some great dancing moves! At the end of the session they sang their first song to me. Oh, they are going to be fantastic. You will get to hear them very soon, I promise.

OUR NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Congratulations to **Anna Sobota** (Busy Bees) who has been voted the new parent governor to St Peter's School. We thank her for her support and welcome her input within the governors team.

A NEW SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

You will have received by email details of the new menu from Twelve15 which starts after half term. When the children have done the full menu cycle of 3 weeks, we will be introducing the S.N.A.G. Team to you. Here, at St Peter's, we have a 'School's Nutritional Action Group' who will review the menu and help Claire and me adapt it to the tastes of our children. In this way we are able to reduce food wastage—as we know the children likes and dislikes—watch this space!



"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever"

Isaiah 40:8

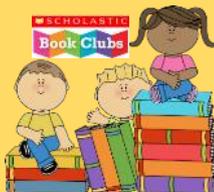
ST PETER'S AUTUMN BOOK CLUB

Don't forget that our Scholastic Book Club is on!

There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from and they make wonderful Easter presents. Every £1 you spend through the Book Club will earn 20p for our school in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online **by 21 October** to ensure free delivery to school:

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-peters-rh8/digital-book-club>



If your purchase is on behalf of 'the big man in red' just let us know and we will ensure your order is kept away from little eyes!! :-)

WE'VE BEEN NOMINATED!!

St Peter's has been nominated for a share of Tesco's £10K Community Grant. Shoppers in the Tesco Express Martletts Crawley store between 12 and 1pm on Saturday will be given a blue token to vote for one of three nominated local causes. One lucky shopper will receive a golden token which allows them to choose which one of the causes will receive the grant. If we are lucky enough to be the recipient of this amazing grant, we will be using it to fund the development of our outdoor learning spaces. So, if you are shopping in Crawley tomorrow, please do pop into the store if you are able. "Every little helps"!!

CLASS NEWS

BUSY BEES

This week Busy Bees have been exploring the Five Senses. We created 'feely hands' and explored different textures and also had a 'smelling station' where we smelt different pots and recorded our findings in a science journal page. In Maths our learning has been based around the concept of 'more' and 'fewer'. We have also built upon our phonics knowledge to start writing short words independently.



LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have been very busy this week. Our English work has been based around the story 'Laura's Star' by Klaus Baumgart. We made up our own variation of the story featuring our own stars and all the adventures they have had. In Maths we have been writing numbers as both numerals and words. We made rainsticks in DT and then evaluated them to gauge how successful our designs were. In PE we are really enjoying our Hockey sessions with Louise: we had a go at being goalies this week.



DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have been continuing our Paddington topic this week by writing diary entries as the character. We focussed on including emotion in the writing and the use of conjunctions to improve the flow of our writing. We have been investigating 2D shapes in Maths and the children have begun using the language of vertices/ vertex to describe the properties of different shapes. In Science we concluded our 'teeth' experiment. We were quite horrified to see the effect that cola can have on the shell of an egg (our teeth) in just a week! The children have written a full, detailed science experiment write up including: prediction, the method, fair test, results, conclusion and scientific drawings. Amazing work!

We have also been introduced to Virtual Reality (VR) in Dragonflies this week. The children took a virtual visit to London and saw all the sights using our VR headset.



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, with lots of fun and laughter.

God bless,
Lenia Greenaway

CHILD PROTECTION CONTACT CENTRE

At St Peter's we take the safety and well-being of every child very seriously. If you are ever concerned about a child please speak in confidence to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Greenaway or our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Atterton.

If you feel you have not had a satisfactory response from us to any child protection issue, please phone the contact centre on:

Tel: 0300 200 1006

"Safeguarding is Everyone's Business"

REMINDERS:



ONCE A WEEK, TAKE A PEEK
It's Friday! Take a little look please!

LETTERS HOME

Scholastic Book Club
'Friends' Christmas Cards Orders
Autumn/Winter Menu via email



HOMEWORK

BusyBees: Phonics Practice—sheets in book bags
Ladybirds: Autumn walk
Dragonflies: Fire of London fact file

CHURCH NEWS



ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

11am All Age Worship
4.30pm Café Service @ St Mary's Church, Oxted
6.30pm Holy Communion

Things to pray for and about:

- For the people and land of Ukraine and the refugees now settled in Tandridge
- For all currently struggling with hardship and financial worries
- For Pakistan and Somalia, both suffering the results of extreme weather conditions
- For King Charles III and the Royal Family as they adjust to their new roles

So many shades of gold
Autumn

Another miracle we take for granted
Another expression of the artist's vision

The blending of the autumn hues
with the setting sun

Warm

Comforting

Perfect

Thank you for autumn, Lord



Emergency information regarding the school
will be announced on HEART RADIO 102.7FM
and the school website

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

AGE RATING
PEGI 3

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the 'just one more game' mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder: a recognised mental health issue.

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prices.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website *Deserts* and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of the FIFA franchise, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on inQredients sites including iGN and TechRadar, among others.



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