

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

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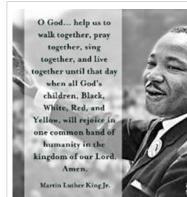
DIARY DATES

Mon 30 Oct	Flu Vaccines for Rec—Year 2 children with parental consent
w/c 6 Nov	St Peter's Book Week ** NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS **
Tues 7 Nov	9-9.30am Parent Information Session: How to help your child[ren] with Reading
Fri 10 Nov	Dressing Up day for Book Week—Book characters related to "Hope"
	9-10am Bring Your Grandparent to School morning

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have seen so many brilliant learning experiences this half term that it is quite hard to believe that a third of the school children have only been with us for 6 weeks. In that time all our children have shown how they have developed, in every sense of the word. We have seen lots of acts of kindness and caring gestures. As I write this I saw Lawson (in Busy Bees) today giving a small flower to another child to put a smile on their face. How wonderful is that?

They are changing before our eyes into superb learners who are showing that love and passion for learning that becomes a 'love for learning for life'. We are so proud of you all. We hope you have all enjoyed the first half term.



In our Collective Worships this week the children have been thinking carefully about people who have influenced our lives and society in general. They have explored the lives of Martin Luther King, Ruby Bridges and Nelson Mandela, looking at how their faith in God carried them through darker times and influenced how they stood up for the rights of all people. We have all agreed that it doesn't matter what you physically look like, whether you have pink, black, white or blue skin, one leg or ten; it is about what is on the inside that matters. Or, as Reggie (in Busy Bees) said, "it is about your love heart".

The Dragonflies Class then led a thought-provoking assembly about this on Thursday, centring their main theme on the life of Nelson Mandela. Children learned about his life and campaign to give everyone equal rights. Their ultimate message was that everyone is equal. A lovely Collective Worship— thank you so much Dragonflies.





BOOK WEEK & BRING YOUR GRANDPARENT TO SCHOOL MORNING As promised you will have received a Book Week letter yesterday explaining many of the exciting things planned for the children during our special Book Week. We would also love grandparents to join us on the last morning for our special 'Bring your Grandparent to School' time. This is always such a magical time. The grandparents will join us for Collective Worship first – for our Friday 'Great

Learning' assembly and then have some special time to read with their grandchildren or a small group of children. With this I would just like to say that we know not all children have grandparents who will be able to join them (for many reasons), but that is okay. What makes this so special is that the children do understand this, and they are always taken under the wing by other grandparents or staff. We explain this carefully to the children in the lead up to events such as this. To help us plan and manage numbers, please sign your grandparent up on the <u>Googleform</u> via the link. Thank you.

THINGS TO CHECK THIS WEEK:

- Full PE Kit in school at all times
- Named wellies in school
- All items of uniform, coats, etc clearly named

HAPPY HALF TERM BIRTHDAYS TO ...

George and Seren (both age 6)



IMPORTANT—PLEASE TAKE NOTE

A REMINDER TO NOT PLAY ON STEPS BEHIND THE HALL AND/OR CLASSROOMS AFTER SCHOOL.

Please may we remind parents, as we have also reminded the children, that they should **NOT** be playing on the concrete steps behind the hall area after school whilst in the school field. We fully appreciate that parents can't have eyes everywhere, but this could be potentially very serious if a child were to fall or slip down the steps. If you are enjoying the field area after school please make sure you are supervising your children as we can not be responsible for their safety after school hours. In addition to this, children should **NOT** be using the toilets after school. For safeguarding of all, if you need access to school after pick up to look for any lost or forgotten items, please come to the front of school so that you can be accompanied and we aware you are on site. Thank you very much for your support here.

WE ARE SUPPORTING THE RBL POPPY APPEAL

When we return from the well-deserved break we will be selling poppies and additional poppy-related items before and after school to raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The Dragonflies children will be out in the

playground at these times tempting you. They are very persuasive, so I am giving you forewarning!



Thank you to Reuben's daddy and Alice's mummy for a very enjoyable Collective Worship today.

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WE STILL NEED KIND VOLUNTEERS—CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME AND GIVE US SOME HELP ?

We have a number of small jobs, and some events coming up, that we would really love some help with :

- Can you be an advocate for St Peter's School? We are looking for some parent volunteers who would like to support our Year 2 pupils showing prospective parents around our beautiful school on Open mornings and evenings. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to show off our amazing school, ensuring we attract lots of potential children into our reception class for the following year.
- Do we have any handy people who could help us clear up the school grounds, move some slightly heavier objects and do some simple DIY?
 Are you able to spare 15-30 minutes at the start or end of the day during book week to help set up and run the Book Fair?

Please speak to me or email the school office and I can then talk you through these roles, dates/times and what is involved. I promise it is nothing too taxing but would be really appreciated. Thank you so much in advance.

CLASS NEWS

BUSY BEES

This week our Busy Bees have been doing some really amazing learning. We have been trying really hard during our phonics lessons and writing cvc (consonant-vowel-consonant) words using the sounds we already know. In Maths we have been looking at comparing quantities of non identical objects using the language of more, fewer or the same. During our Science lesson we learned about germs and what we can do so we don't get ill. Also this week, during our Art sessions, we painted autumn pictures using coffee and made owls with ripped paper inspired by the story of the "Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell.



LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have had another good week with lots of fun learning activities. In English we have been looking at imperative verbs that we might use to write instructions. To help us understand this we followed instructions to make fairy cakes and we then had to write up our method using imperative verbs. We really enjoyed this activity. In Art we have created some lovely autumn themed pictures to go with this term's topic learning about the seasons. We have had a few sessions using the chrome books; learning how to navigate Purple Mash (an cross curricular website specifically for primary school children) and starting to learn to type properly.



DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have had a brilliant last week of this first half term. We started our week by burning London! The children got to see how quickly and easily the fire spread from the 'bakery'...leaving nothing but ash. We then took this learning into the classroom to write a short summary about what we had seen and we answered several comprehension questions about the fire. The children's knowledge is impressive! In Science we have been looking at healthy eating and we created our own balanced meals using the knowledge we have. Yesterday we led Collective Worship to share our learning about Nelson Mandela. We conducted research about him and presented this to the school explaining how he helped to change people's ideas about the rights of all people in South Africa and around the world.

Truthful words stand the test of time, but lies are soon exposed (Proverbs 12:19)

A gentle but firm reminder to parents that children find it extremely difficult not to tell us when they have been on holiday. So, if you are planning a holiday, please do just tell us rather than pretend your child is sick. This is not role modelling good messages to children. Children are like sponges and they absorb everything we do. Under the new attendance rules as laid out by the government, if it is discovered that a child is actually on holiday rather than ill the child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised anyway, so you may as well come clean-or better still, don't take holiday during term time!!

REMINDER:

Resurfacing works are scheduled to take place for 9 days from 25 October with road -5pm. Diversions will be in place. closures 8am-

NOTE: This may impact the school run for the first few days after half term.

May I take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support this first half term, for being fabulous parents and having brilliant children.

I hope you have a really super break and rest. (Apologies if it is work as usual for you). And don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday 29 October. You get an extra hour's sleep!

Best wishes and God bless, Lenía Greenaway



HAPPY HALF TERM

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 Leads, Mr Atterton and Mrs Vaquinhas.

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"

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



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- Busy Bees: Letter formation
- Ladybirds: Lots of half term reading please
- Dragonflies: Read, read, read please!



For general information:

The public-facing front counter at Reigate police station will be relocated from 30 October to **Caterham Police Station**, Timber Hill Road, CR3 6LD – ensuring the public can continue to report crime and speak to us in person. Opening hours will remain the same, 08:00 - 22:00 seven days a week excluding Christmas Day.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE



SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

11am Family Communion 4.30pm Café Service @ St Mary's Church, Oxted 6.30pm Evensong

Phone: 01883 714263

Email:stmarvoxted.stpetertandridge@gmail.com os://stpeterstandridge.uk/Groups/343723/St_Peters_Church.aspx

Dear Father God,

Fill the hearts of all people with your love and the desire to ensure justice for all their brothers and sisters.

By sharing the good things of the earth, may we secure justice and equality for every human being, an end to all division, and a human society built on love and peace.

Amen

Thank you to those who supported The Friends fundraising activities in 2022/2023.

We raised an amazing (5) £5,756 (5).

You will see how important raising money for the school is from the "What We Spent" image below. With help from parents, friends and family we have been able to provide the children with some exciting new educational equipment, much needed hall curtains and a fantastic new library and learning area! We couldn't have done it without your help!

This year we are working towards a tech themed **Wish List** including a new interactive whiteboard, new tablets and chargers etc. Thank you again 🙂



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year s FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly e are of. in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be a

RECURRING RELEASES

WHAT ARE

THE RISKS?

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

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IN-GAME PURCHASES

RESTRICTIO

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POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS



Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

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