



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 6 Nov	St Peter's Book Week ** NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS **
Mon 6 Nov	Deadline for Link to Hope Christmas Shoeboxes
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—sign up required
w/c 13 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 17 Nov	Mufti Day—wear 'spots'/home clothes for a donation to Children in Need

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. I hope you realise what that means!—it is, I am afraid to say (but at least I am giving you fair warning) 'the countdown to Christmas'. Yes, as I write this, I can tell you that there are only 51 days to go. That normally would seem a long way off, but for schools this means a lot of planning, and for parents - the letters and costumes! We will try not to overwhelm you but, just a little heads up as, for us, we only have just under 5 weeks before the performances are filmed and photographed!

However, we have a lot of other things going on before then. There was great excitement at the beginning of the week when the children saw the huge machinery starting to dig up and re-lay the road outside the school. The team were literally full steam ahead on Monday (as you couldn't have missed) taking off and tarmacking the road seamlessly. The marvels of technology! They are making good progress but I am afraid they will not be finished this week. They still have half the road to do and then put another full layer on the lane. We are assured that this should be finished by end of Monday—fingers crossed! In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing tolerance of the situation.

The children were also certainly full steam ahead, jumping straight into their learning. They have settled straight back after the half term and were very excited to be thinking ahead to their new topics. The Dragonflies have been very busy labelling each other and identifying the different bones in the body. A brilliant way to remember what and where their bones are. Ladybirds are reading and writing about one of my favourite books 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. They are loving the various escapades that Plop gets up to. A fantastic read for anyone, regardless of age. And the Busy Bees have been doing lots of fantastic learning. Their phonic knowledge is progressing at a rapid rate, and they are thoroughly enjoying their exploration into the world of 3-D shapes.

The Anti-Bullying Team also met with me and Mrs Long yesterday to think about and plan for National Anti-Bullying Week (beginning 13 November). The team have been designing posters and discussing the meaning of bullying. We look forward to sharing more with you during that week.



BOOK WEEK & BRING YOUR GRANDPARENT TO SCHOOL MORNING

We are really looking forward to our Book Week. Please don't forget to come to our short Reading presentation led by Mr Atterton next **Tuesday 7 November** 9-9.30am in the school hall. We will also have the wonderful Book Fair available from Monday. Please make sure you come along before or after school to take a look—and to hopefully make some purchases as they are beautiful books—and the

school does receive commission on any books sold! Our theme for Book Week is 'Hope' which reflects our Christian Value for this term. I am also sending home a 'Hope' Christian Value Family Sheet which is a lovely set of activities that you can do at home with your child[ren].

A reminder too that we would love grandparents to join us on the last morning for our special 'Bring your Grandparent to School' time. Please sign your grandparent up on the [Googleform](#) if you would like them to take part. Thank you.



N.B.: 'Bring Your Grandparent to School' morning is on **Friday 10 November** NOT as first advertised 17 Nov.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 17 November

This will be a mufti (non-uniform) day at St Peter's. There is no particular dress code theme, however, for this charity event, if children wish, they can be 'spotacular' by wearing clothing with spots, dots, bright yellow or Children In Need/Pudsey branding. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their support with this worthwhile charity. We suggest a donation of £1 if you are able, but every penny does count so please donate what you can afford.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Black Friday and Christmas online shopping this year. Over 7,000 brands including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to St Peter's for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more! These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterstrandridge



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 BIRTHDAY TO...

Ellie (age 5), Theo C. and Eliza (age 6)

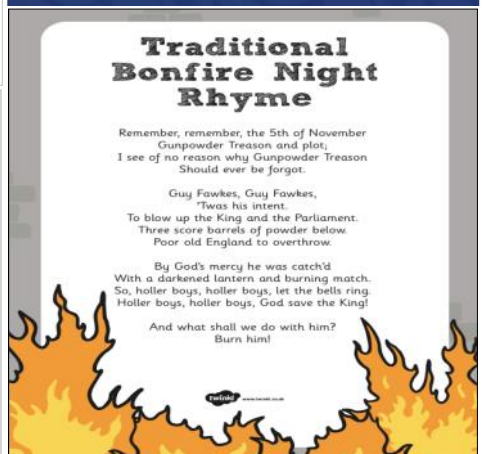


HOUSE TEAM POINTS

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STAY SAFE ON BONFIRE NIGHT

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service has shared some advice on staying safe during these activities and ensuring that the right safety procedures are followed. Details can be found at [Firework and bonfire safety - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#).



CLASS NEWS

BUSY BEES

This week Busy Bees have been working really hard on their reading and writing skills. They have tried to read and write c-v-c words independently. In Maths we have been exploring 3D shapes and understanding they are called 3D because they have volume. The Busy Bees built towers and explored that some shapes can roll and others can't due to their shape and surface characteristics. We have also introduced our new topic 'Celebrations and Stories' and the children have been enjoying playing in the '3 Bears Cottage' role play area, being Goldilocks or one of the 3 bears. In our Understanding of the World sessions we have learnt the story of Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire night. The children then created their own interpretation of a Bonfire night celebration using pastels and ripped paper. During our RE lesson we talked about a very special baby—Baby Jesus—and how people prepare for the arrival of a new baby. The Busy Bees designed a baby shower party for Baby Jesus in their RE books.



LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have had a lovely first week back. We have been learning all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot in history. We placed the events in chronological order to understand how the plot unfolded. In English we have been looking at 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson and we wrote our own chapter of the story. We had to describe another character that Plop might meet and say why Plop shouldn't be afraid of the dark. In Maths we have been looking closely at teen numbers and partitioning them into tens and ones.



DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have had a great first week back. They have settled again very quickly and have been keen to get started. In Science we have started our new topic 'Animals Including Humans'. We started by investigating the human body and labelling 27 different parts. We then looked at the skeleton by wearing bin bags and using masking tape to label the bones on our partners. In English we have started our new book 'Dirty Bertie' by Alan MacDonald. The children have described the main character, ordered the story using chronological time starters and started planning their own version of the story. In Maths we have looked at ordinal numbers and become code breakers! We have also looked at adding/taking away ten.



I hope you all have a very calm and relaxing weekend; although I am not sure it is going to be much drier. If you are going to a fireworks display this weekend, have an amazing time, but remember - stay safe.

Best wishes and 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 Leads, Mr Atterton and Mrs Vaquinhos.

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

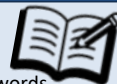
"Safeguarding is Everyone's Business"

HOMEWORK

Busy Bees: Letter formation and c-v-c words

Ladybirds: Teen numbers

Dragonflies: Ordinal numbers



ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE



SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

11am "All Saints" All-Age Worship

2.30pm Memorial Service for recently departed
@ St Mary's Church, Oxted

4.30pm Café Service @ St Mary's Church, Oxted

6.30pm "All Souls" Evensong

Phone: 01883 714263

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https://stpeterandridge.uk/Groups/343723/St_Peters_Church.aspx

Dear Father God,

We thank thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light;
For rest and food and loving care,
And all that makes the day so fair.

Help us to do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good;
In all we do, in work or play,
To grow more loving every day.
Amen.



When there's
darkness around
you, shine your
light even
brighter.



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

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St. Peter's C of E Infant School, Tandridge
is seeking candidates for the following position.

Midday Assistant

This is a permanent part-time position to start as soon as possible. The role will include assisting in the supervision of children both in the dining area and in play areas to ensure the orderly conduct, welfare and safety of pupils during school lunch breaks.

Monday - Friday 11.45am – 1.15pm
Surrey Pay SP2 £20,733 p.a. FTE (£3,536 p.a. Pro-Rata)
Term-Time Only (38 weeks per annum)

For further details, an application pack or a visit to the school
please telephone 01883 712439 or email:
finance@stpetersinfant.org

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to undertake a Enhanced Disclosure check by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

BLUE TICK SALE

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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#WakeUpWednesday

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