



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 27 Nov	3.15pm Dragonflies Friendship Teatime in Tandridge Village Hall—All welcome
Fri 1 Dec	7.30pm FOSP Wreath Making Workshop—Tandridge Village Hall
Wed 6 Dec	9.30am and 2pm Busy Bees Christmas Nativity Performances
Thurs 7 Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance: The Landlord's Cat
Fri 8 Dec	2pm KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance: The Landlord's Cat
Mon 11 Dec	Elfridges Christmas Shop & Class Parties
Tues 12 Dec	3.15pm FOSP Festive Cinema Night
Thurs 14 Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Fri 15 Dec	9am St Peter's Christmas Service @ St Peter's Church, Tandridge—All welcome

THINGS TO CHECK THIS WEEK:

- 1 small keyring on book bag only
- Book After School Clubs for Spring Term
- Full PE Kit in school at all times
- Named wellies in school
- All items of uniform, coats, etc clearly named

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Lila (age 7)



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

The children looked fabulous in all their spots and outfits for Children in Need today—thank you all so much for your support. Your donations will be sent directly to the charity to support Children in Need projects. We know your generosity will be greatly appreciated by all those that benefit from their fantastic work.



Supporting Children in Need.

MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

This Anti-Bullying Week, let's make a noise about bullying.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023
from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November

ODD SOCKS DAY 2023
Monday 13th November

#OddSocksDay #MakeANoise

Dear Parents and Carers,

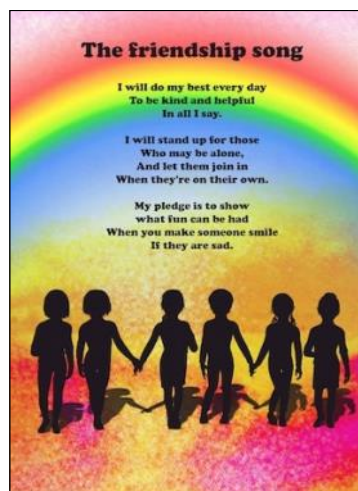
This week has been Anti-Bullying Week. 'Make a noise about bullying'. It started with a great Collective Worship led by the School's Anti-Bullying Team, who showed a power point and reminded the children of what bullying is:

BULLYING IS WHEN SOMEONE HURTS YOU...



SEVERAL TIMES ON PURPOSE

(i.e. repeated behaviours that are intentional).



As it was also National Kindness Day, the team challenged the school to complete a 'Kindness Bingo' during the week. In fairness, the majority of the children would have won this by the end of the first day! The classes made 'Bantometers' to show how bullying is unacceptable, including a giant one by the Busy Bees Class. These are displayed around school. The Anti-Bullying Team have also been thinking about an Anti-Bullying policy designed by pupils for pupils and are busy working towards creating one for the school; which will also be included in evidence for the Alliance Anti-Bullying award we are working towards.

The children have been looking at lots of things associated with anti-bullying such as our core values of **respect-resolve-aspirations** and **well-being**. They have thought about how we respect each other as well as ourselves. We have looked at how we can resolve issues such as friendship fallouts. What can we do to aspire to things? We can all aspire to be better people in many different ways, from how we say things to what we do. We have then looked at our well-being and that of others. Being kind and caring, feeling safe and nurtured, to what we can eat to keep us healthy.

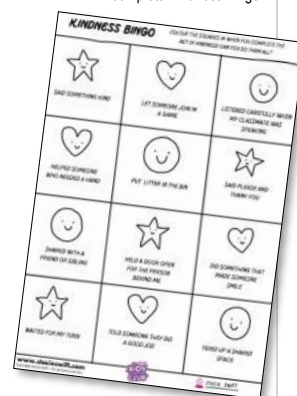
We **RESPECT** one another.

We work together to **RESOLVE** any falling out.

We have great **ASPIRATION** to be the kindest we can be.

We take care of one another; our **WELL-BEING** is so important.

How quickly can you complete Kindness Bingo?



It is important to remember the difference between friendship fallouts and bullying

Bullying is behaviour that is **repetitive**, so it happens over and over again.

Friendship fall outs are **different**; they are when you may have a fall out with a friend, maybe over a game in the playground but then you make up and are friends again soon after.



CLASS NEWS

BUSY BEES

This week Busy Bees have been very busy starting their Phase 3 phonics lessons and have been really excited about learning new sounds. They have been using the new sounds to label their pictures during the continuous provision time. In Maths they learned how to find one more than a number within 5 in the context of a 'first, then and now' story. Busy Bees explored the "Three Billy Goats Gruff" story, built a bridge for the Billy goats and created their individual interactive story maps.



LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have had a great week. We led our first Class Collective Worship all about Diwali. We made lanterns to show the rest of the school. We have started to look at Micheal Rosen's poem 'Chocolate Cake' and have written our own poems about our favourite foods. In Maths we have been looking at positional language and we enjoyed putting this into practice outside. We have been rehearsing lots for our nativity, which is going really well.

DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have had a very busy week! It has been our Anti-Bullying week and the children have been involved in lots of kindness related activities. They started the week by creating charts to decide when jokes and fun could turn into something unkind. In English we have continued to write our own versions of Dirty Bertie, in which the children changed the characters and horrible things they did. In Maths we have looked at money—identifying coins and then adding these to make a total amount. In Science we have continued our 'Animals including Humans' topic. The children looked at birds and reptiles, comparing these to each other and to humans. In DT we have started designing felt penguins for the Christmas tree – look out for them at the Dragonflies Tea time! The Christmas play continues to go well, the children have learned their lines and stage directions really well.



LADYBIRDS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP: FESTIVAL OF DIWALI

As many of you will know the Festival of Diwali was celebrated last Sunday 12 November. As part of this wonderful Hindu Festival of Light, the Ladybird Class have been exploring Diwali and led a Collective Worship about it on Thursday. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". The children showed us a video explaining the festival, read a delightful story and created wonderful lanterns to hold lights. Thank you very much Ladybirds Class for sharing all your knowledge with us in a super way.



Are you having an autumn clear out and find that you have 10 boxes of tissues when you only need 1? Do you have a room full of pencils but actually only need a couple?

As you will no doubt be aware school budgets are extremely stretched and any help schools can get towards the essentials is ALWAYS most greatly received. To this end we are asking that you bear us in mind for any items/surpluses that you (your friends or family members) may come across that may be of use to us.

If you have any unwanted new essential items such as tissues, rubbers, pencils, scrap paper, craft materials, sellotape, masking tape, batteries etc. St Peter's School would love to have them. Alternatively if you are able to make a small donation to the school fund to go towards the costs of exercise books and other classroom essentials so that we can continue to provide the best learning resources possible for your children the school account details are: LLOYDS BANK Sort: 30-91-72 A/c: 29971960 A/c name: St Peter's CofE Infant School Thank you very, VERY much in advance.

And last but not least and on a similar note, an enormous thank you to George's daddy for volunteering time today to help with a number of caretaking jobs around school. We are so grateful Mr Palmer. Thank you.

We hope you have an absolutely brilliant weekend, whatever you are up to. 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: Handwriting practice and please practice the Christmas Nativity lines at home.

Ladybirds: Punctuation

Dragonflies: practise lines & when to come on etc.



ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE



SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

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

Sat 25 Nov 7pm Quiz Evening—Oxted Community Hall
Sun 26 Nov Stir Up Sunday Christmas Pudding Making - Oxted Community Hall

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

PRAYER FROM THE ANTI-BULLYING TEAM

Dear Father God,
Help us find the courage to tell others when we need support.
Thank you for friends that help us when we are hurt.
Please help us to stay strong if we are faced with bullying
and help us to spread the values of friendship and respect.
Trust us not to judge others and show us how to treat people in the way that we want to be treated.
We promise to respect everyone's differences and beliefs and not hold them against them.
Forgive those who have bullied and show them the right way to treat others.
Please help us to hold the lessons we learn in anti-bullying week across the year.
Amen.



HOUSE TEAM POINTS



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

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