



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

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—wear party/festive clothes
Tues 12 Dec	3.15pm FOSP Festive Cinema Night
Thurs 14 Dec	Mufti Day: Festive jumpers/home clothes for 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
- 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...

Jesse (age 5), Joseph and Esmé (age 6)



Dear Parents and Carers,

By the time you read this we will be running full steam ahead towards all things Christmassy. With only three weeks to go, the countdown is really on! The children have been thoroughly engaged in their learning as well as busily rehearsing for their plays at every available opportunity. The children are amazing. They have been learning all their songs and play lines. When you think about the amount of songs they will have learnt over a relatively short period of time for both their performances and the Christmas Church service, it is very impressive!

Next week they will be doing full dress rehearsals. Photos will be taken, and the plays recorded by Amy Kellaway (Theo's mummy) before the children take the stage for real! Thank you very much Amy for agreeing to do this for us. On a similar note, if your child has a speaking part in their Christmas play, please may we ask that you practise with them as much as possible. This really does make a difference to their confidence and volume when it comes to the actual performance; and I promise it won't spoil your enjoyment of the performance as you will only know your own child's lines!



This week the school has been filled with the most gorgeous smells of gingerbread as the Busy Bees have been making gingerbread people. It certainly gave you that warm and cosy feeling. They very kindly made me one too – and no prompting was given, I promise! Ladybirds have been writing all about the Polar Express—this is such a lovely story, and they were certainly engrossed. They were also super when telling some visitors to the school all about what they were doing. Well done Ladybirds—you were very polite and clear in your speaking. And, Dragonflies have been creative and industrious making decorations to sell at their Teatime event next Monday after school. We really hope you will be able to come and support them in their efforts. Details below.

FORWARD PLANNING TIME.....

LET'S GET THE PARTY STARTED! Monday 11 December

Party time! We would love the children to wear **party clothes/Christmas jumpers/home clothes** on Monday 11 December as they will be visiting the very special 'Elfridges' shop and later having a whole school Christmas teatime/party in the village hall. Please remember though that the children will still be going out to play as usual throughout the day so be sensible with your/their outfit choices and shoes.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Thursday 14 December

Claire and Nicole are very kindly preparing us a lovely festive feast which we enjoy together as a whole school. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have the special Christmas lunch on 14 December, please let us know so that we can make sure one is ordered for them (n.b. there will not be a roast dinner on Wednesday of that week).

As a special treat the children are also able to wear Christmas jumpers and home clothes on Thursday 14 December.



O' COME LET US ADORE HIM Friday 15 December

We still have a few more rehearsals to go as we will be having our very special Christmas Service at St Peter's Church on Friday 15 December at 9am. You are all very welcome to attend (and walk the children back to school with us afterwards if you are able to). Please remember to come straight to the church at 8.50am (not to school). We look forward to seeing you there. Book bags are not required in school on this day. There will be a collection plate at the door if you feel able to make a small donation to the church at this time. Thank you.



Dragonflies Christmas Teatime Monday 27 November 2023

3.15pm

After School in Tandridge Village Hall

Each term a class in the school has the opportunity to make their own items to sell at our Teatime Event in Tandridge Village Hall while the parents of that class kindly make cakes and sell refreshments. This is a lovely time for parents/carers in every class to get together over a cup of tea, have a chat and enjoy a slice (or two) of delicious homemade cake.

To start us off the Dragonflies Class will be selling their special fabric penguins and salt dough Christmas tree decorations alongside teas, coffees and cakes. We would absolutely love you to join us for this and to support the children in their enterprise. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see as many of you as possible.



The last day of term at Christmas is always special, as we have been to St Peter's church in the morning, and we are all obviously getting very excited that the holidays are coming, not to mention the end of term tiredness after all the exciting events during the last few weeks. We thought it would be a lovely idea for children to have a break from their usual learning to share games in the afternoon with their friends on the last day. If your child would like to bring in their own game from home, please could they bring it in on Thursday 14 December (so they don't have to bring it to church). It must be very clearly named but should not be something that is too precious to them, as we would not want them to be devastated if anything were to happen.



BLACK FRIDAY
weekend

BLACK FRIDAY EASYFUNDRAISING

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Black Friday and Christmas online shopping. Use easyfundraising when you're ordering and many companies will donate to St Peter's for FREE when you 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.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterstandridge

CLASS NEWS

BUSY BEES

This week Busy Bees have been very excited about the "Gingerbread Man" story. The children helped to create a lovely gingerbread house for the role play area and this is now 'Mrs Claus' Kitchen' role play area. We also had an exciting time baking Gingerbread biscuits by following a recipe and carefully adding the correct quantity of each ingredient. The biscuits smelled delicious and each child took home a recipe and their own gingerbread man biscuit. In Maths we have been creating 'one less' stories and practising how to count backwards from 5.



LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have had a brilliant week. We started to look at 'The Polar Express' to inspire our writing. We watched some clips from the film and used what we had seen to think of good adjectives we could use to describe the North Pole. In Geography, we looked at human and physical features in London. In Science, we investigated a mystery object. We used our knowledge of adjectives to describe how it felt trying to guess what it could be. We later discovered it was ice balloons. We used them to investigate melting, studying the effects of using heat, salt and water on them to affect the speed of the reaction. We predicted which one would melt the quickest and concluded that heat had the greatest effect as the one by the radiator won!



DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have had a very artistic week! We used our penguin design plans from last week to create felt penguin Christmas tree decorations. We cut, stitched, pinned, attached and have created some truly wonderful results. Very impressed! These will be on sale at the Dragonflies Christmas Teatime on Monday. We have also created Christmas decorations using painted salt dough. Again, will be on sale at our Teatime on Monday. Our Christmas play continues to go very well. The children have learnt their lines and cues to come on incredibly well. We now need to work on 'slower, louder, clearer'.

Do wrap up warm this weekend, it looks to be a chilly one, but have a fabulous weekend.

A little reminder too, Advent starts next Friday. So, you may (like me) have to dig deep into your loft this weekend to pull out your advent calendars. Where has the month of November gone?

God bless, *Lenia Greenaway*



ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS POSTAL SERVICE

One of our many traditions at St Peter's School is for the children to use our special Christmas post service to post their cards (full names and class on envelope please!) to each other or staff over this festive period. Our Christmas Postbox will be in the library from Monday 4 Dec so that the children can post their cards if they wish from this date. Children from Ladybirds and Dragonflies will be our 'Posties' and sort and deliver the cards around school. If your child[ren] would like to write some Christmas cards to others in the school the last posting date will be Wed 13 Dec.



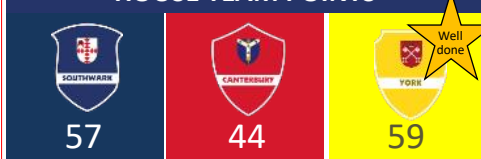
CHILD PROTECTION CONTACT CENTRE

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"

HOUSE TEAM POINTS



*"From the rising of the sun to its setting
we praise your name, O Lord;"*

HOMEWORK

Busy Bees: Handwriting practice and practice lines for the Nativity

Ladybirds: Positional language

Dragonflies: Money



ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE



SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

11am Family Communion
3pm Stir Up Sunday @ The_Space, OCH
4.30pm Café Service @ St Mary's, Oxted
6.30pm Evensong

Phone: 01883 714263
Email: stmaryoxted.stpeterstandrige@gmail.com
https://stpeterstandrige.uk/Groups/343723/St_Peters_Church.aspx

Dear Father,

Prepare our hearts and homes for the winter, Lord.

May it be a season of warmth, both physically and spiritually.

Amen.



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO OFFER SUPPORTED LODGINGS/FOSTER

Supported Lodgings, and Fostering are both incredibly rewarding experiences that can transform the lives of both the children/young people being supported and the carers' themselves. Children and young people who enter the care system have often experienced trauma and instability in their lives, and a stable and supportive carer family can make a significant difference in their wellbeing and development.

Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.

Supported Lodgings is targeted at young adults aged 16-21 to help them build their independence skills ready to live independently in the future, from the security of a caring, stable home environment.

Supported Lodgings Carers and Foster carers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to caring. Whether you are single or married, young or old, own your own home or rent, you can still become a carer. The most important thing is a willingness to provide a safe and loving home for a child in need.

This is the message that Surrey County Council is promoting in national recruitment film 'Any of Us'. The short film has been jointly funded by over 80 councils across England and aims to raise awareness about fostering, particularly among those people who may not have previously considered themselves suited to caring for vulnerable children and young people. The film looks at the potential of three people from different backgrounds to become carers, and the potential of children they care for to grow and thrive. 'Any of Us' is available to watch from the 26th September.

If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.

You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on **0300 123 1620** (this is the General Fostering Duty telephone, please ask for the Supported Lodgings worker, when connected), via email at: supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk or by visiting the website; www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering

You can watch 'Any of Us' via Any of Us - YouTube and connect with the Fostering Service on social media via @surreyfostering

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will be announced on HEART RADIO 102.7FM**

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Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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