



# 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 15 Jan	Deadline for Applications for Reception and Year 3 School Places for September 2024
Tues 6 Feb	Safer Internet Day with E-Safety Parent Information Session at 9am
Thurs 8 Feb	Ladybirds and Dragonflies Class Trip to Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking
w/c 12 Feb	Spring Half Term
w/c 19 Feb	Science Week
Fri 8 Mar	2.30pm Mothers Day Assembly
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
Mon 18 Mar	3.15pm Ladybirds Friendship Teatime in Tandridge Village Hall—All welcome



## THINGS TO CHECK THIS WEEK:

- ☐ Please check that all items of uniform, coats, etc are clearly named for January

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Rory (age 5), Callie (age 6) and Max (age 7)



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a smooth transition back into the daily routines of school and work, with the slightly shorter week last week. The children have come back totally refreshed and we have already marvelled at the way they are settling to their work and exciting new topics. It is fantastic to hear their comments and see how their enthusiasm for learning has grown, as indeed they all seem to have done over the holiday!

The Ladybirds have been writing their own Peter Rabbit stories (personally, one of my favourite childhood books) while the Dragonflies have been doing the most fantastic research into some of the passengers who were on the RMS Titanic that sank in 1912. The Busy Bees have also been having a wonderful time looking at a wealth of different transportation.

This term's Christian value is 'Awe and Wonder' - a wonderful value to have when we get the time to stop and marvel at the world around us. We certainly all had time to do this at the beginning of the week when the snow fell showing the beauty of the fields as the snowflakes fell on them. We also marvelled as to how quiet it all seems when snow falls. Do we stop and wonder why? Do we ask questions that we can leave for a while and come back to and answer?

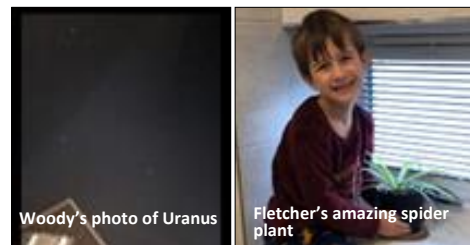
These are all things that we would like the children to think about and do. Pose and possibly answer questions about the things we may take for granted.

Joseph in Ladybirds did just this as he stepped out of Tennis club on Monday afternoon marvelling as the ice crystals fell onto the leaves in the playground. We have also had some great photos from Fletcher and Woody as well. Thank you for sharing these fabulous observations with us boys. Our own 'Awe and Wonder' Christian Value sheet can be found on the school website: <https://stpetersinfant.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/awe-and-wonder.pdf>

As part of our learning into this Christian value I will also be introducing a journal where the children will be able to enter their thoughts and pictures in. They will have time to take photos of things that they find 'awesome' and write a question next to it. So if you would like to do this with your child[ren] at home too to compliment this, that would be really lovely. We can add these to the journal (or to our hall display).



Joseph's snow covered leaves



Woody's photo of Uranus

Fletcher's amazing spider plant



"He is your praise and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome wonders that your eyes have seen"

-Deuteronomy 10:21



## CAN BEARS SKI?

The children were treated to a wonderful performance by the Pied Piper Theatre Company and Deafinitely Theatre Group on Wednesday. This was a 'one-off' performance part-funded by the Arts Council. It had a real impact upon the children as they were able to learn more about hearing impairment both with the inclusion of some very talented deaf actors and the storyline. The story allowed them to have an understanding of what it might be like to be hearing impaired and they were able to both see and do some sign language.





## BUSY BEES



This week Busy Bees have been learning all about Transport and finding out lots of facts about those amazing machines. We looked at information books about transport and wrote lists of our favourite ones. In Maths we learned how to use the ten frame to count to 10 and explored the composition of numbers 9 and 10. During our RE lesson we have started to explore some of Jesus stories. This week we thought about "How Jesus rescued people who needed food".

## LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have had a brilliant week. We have started our 'animals including humans' topic, by looking at and labelling the parts of the human body. We started learning all about Florence Nightingale in History. We have learned about what she did and how she made hospitals better. In Maths we have been learning that 2 digit numbers are made from tens and some ones. In English we have continued looking at Peter Rabbit and we have written our own versions of the story. We also designed and made Mr McGregor's vegetable garden out of junk modelling materials.



## DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have had a very historical week. We have started our new topic based around Titanic. The children have found out what the ship was, where it was going and discovered information about some of the people who were on board. The facts they have already retained is impressive! In English we have begun our work around the film "Up". We watched a small clip from the film and used this to create character descriptions. We introduced the concept of similes to this, which they picked up quickly. In Maths we have looked at finding fractions of amounts and shapes. In Science the children looked around the school to find examples of plastic—this is part of our materials topic.



Learning is really fun when you take it outside



## STAYING SAFE ONLINE

We would like to invite you all to our E-safety morning: 9–10.30am on Tues 6 Feb. Alex, Aurelia's dad, will again be leading an E-Safety presentation to parents. This promises to be a very informative session and well worth your while especially if you are a little unsure about safety in information technology in general. After the presentation you will have an opportunity to pop into the classrooms to see how the children use different technologies within school, from programming, using Bee-Bots to information searches using the chrome books.

## Traffic along Tandridge Lane into the village

The A22 is closed for the next 1 ½ weeks between the Mormon Temple and Blindley Heath, and Tandridge Lane will be closed at the bridge going towards the Red Barn from 8am-6pm next week (15-19 January). Please be mindful of the increased volume and possible speed of cars travelling along Tandridge Lane through the village as you pull out of the carpark. There will be road users who are not as familiar with this road as others, as they will be following diversion/sat nav directions.

I hope you all have a really fantastic weekend and have time to stop and simply enjoy the moment.  
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 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"



Hi, my name is Rachel and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England. I have launched this survey, The Big Ambition, to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged 0 to 18 years old. I will use this survey to take children and young people's views to the Government. Everything you tell me will be kept private, and you don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

## HOMEWORK

Busy Bees: Writing CVC words

Ladybirds: Florence Nightingale Research

Dragonflies: Fractions

O God of all that is and was and is to come, you have placed us in a Universe of Wonder,  
From wildly spinning galaxies in the night skies  
To 'oh-my-gosh' sunsets seen from the back porch  
From the intricate webs of spiders in the nearby forest  
To the busy order of ants going about their business in our front yards.  
We thank you. Amen.



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## SUNDAY 14 JANUARY

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

## PARENT VIEW ONLINE

If you have any views or comments about St Peter's School please speak to us or you can post them on [Ofsted's Parent View](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view) website.



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**Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.**

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