



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

Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief—Mufti Day: Wear RED 9am Friends Coffee Morning and Uniform Sale
Mon 18 Mar	3.15pm Ladybirds Friendship Teatime in Tandridge Village Hall—All welcome
Tues 19 Mar	Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment
Wed 20 Mar	Pause Day: Easter
Thurs 21 Mar	Odd Socks Day—wear odd socks in support of P.S.D.S. Parent Teacher Consultations by appointment
Tues 26 Mar	2.45pm Easter Bonnet Parade—All welcome
Wed 27 Mar	9am Easter Service @ St Peter's Church, Tandridge—All welcome
Thurs 28 Mar	Last day of spring term

THINGS TO CHECK THIS WEEK:

- ❑ Please check that all items of uniform, coats, etc are clearly named
- ❑ Book After School Clubs for summer term

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Flossy (age 5) and Ava (age 7)



Dear Parents and Carers,

The wheels of learning never stop spinning here at St Peter's. The children have been very busy this week doing lots of 'secret' things as well as the obvious learning projects. The Year 2's have been getting into the full swing of spring by planting lemon and tomato seeds. They even planted a lemon seed for me...I'll let you know how that goes!!



Today we pay tribute to all the wonderful mothers out there who have, for generations supported, nurtured and cared for their own or other's children. This may be birth mothers, stepmothers, mother-in-law's, grandmothers or spiritual mothers. It can also be fathers or other carers who take on this extremely important role too. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

We hope you thoroughly enjoy the Mother's Day assembly if you are able to attend, but remember you are always in the children's hearts, even if you can't make it. We have filmed the rehearsal so you can watch it again in the comfort of your own home – feet up with a lovely glass of something and chocolates, perhaps? May you all have a very special day on Sunday.

*"Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.'
And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home." John 19:27*



MOTHERS DAY

During the 16th century, people in the UK used to return on the 4th Sunday in Lent for a service to their 'mother church' - the main church or cathedral of the area. This was either the church where you were baptised, or the local parish church or more often the nearest cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering", although whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear.

In later times, 'Mothering Sunday' became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented by conflicting working hours, and servants were not given free days on other occasions. Children and young people who were given this day off so they could visit their families, would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers.

The date also became a celebration, as the fasting rules of Lent were relaxed, earning the day the name of 'Refreshment Sunday' or 'Simnel Sunday' - after the simnel cakes traditionally baked on the day - and 'Pudding Pie Sunday'.

In the UK and Ireland, Mothering Sunday is always celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, which is why the date changes every year. It is always therefore nine months before Christmas Day.

Mother's Day is the third most celebrated day in the world (after Christmas and Easter).



AWE & WONDER IN NATURE

This week we had the most amazing moment of Awe and Wonder when we saw a pheasant in the Peace Garden. She had burrowed herself a hole in the middle of the garden and it looked like she might lay her eggs there (we did some 'googling', and apparently this is something they do before laying their eggs). She later disappeared after having had a delightful dry mud bath. We will let you know if she is spotted again.

REMINDER: ATTENDANCE

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, states that Headteachers may **NOT** grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher may determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In addition with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in **exceptional** circumstances can they be approved. Parents who take their child out of school for 10 sessions (five days) or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, may each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority. The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority may prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that **each parent** is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for **each child** who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. **Leave of absence request forms** can be downloaded from the school website from the News/Letters and Forms section or are available from the school office. **A leave of absence request MUST be completed in advance for all planned absences including medical appointments.** Absence taken without prior authorisation may be recorded as unauthorised.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



FRIENDS COFFEE MORNING: 15 MARCH

Friends of St Peter's are hosting a coffee morning and uniform sale (new & 2nd hand) on Friday 15 March after drop-off. Please come and enjoy a cuppa and piece of cake with us. It's a great opportunity to meet some of the Friends committee and find out about all the fundraising events and activities and how the monies raised go to benefit the children at St Peter's.




Friends coffee morning & uniform sale

Join us after drop off for a tea/coffee and a chance to buy new and 2nd hand uniform for the summer term.

It is also an opportunity to catch up with each other and find out more about what is happening at school over the next few months.

Friday 15th March, school hall.
Drop off - 10.30am
Everyone welcome!





A Mother's love

Helen Steiner Rice

A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain.

It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away.

It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking .

It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems .

It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation .

A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

With lots of love to all of our wonderful St Peter's mums xxx

BUSY BEES

This week Busy Bees have been immersed in Rainforest learning. They have been exploring the different types of rainforests around the World and the different types of animals that live there. During our Music lesson we learned a Brazilian song all about Rainforest fruits and focused on beat. In Maths the focus this week was on exploring number bonds to 10 using a variety of representations. In RE we thought about "Why did Jesus go to a special garden to pray?" and we created a special garden 'Mount of Olives' for Jesus. We have also been very busy preparing for the lovely Mother's Day Assembly and all the thoughtful gifts to present to our mummies on Sunday....no peeking in bookbags before Sunday! Have a lovely weekend and a very special Mothering Sunday.



LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have been very creative this week making all sorts of lovely surprises for Mother's Day. In English, we have been researching Bodiam castle and creating a non-chronological report based on our research. We have learned the difference between fiction and non fiction books looking at the features of each. In Maths, we have been learning to half any number using part-part-whole models. We had a challenge during our outdoor learning this week to see if we could use natural materials found in Strawson's Field to make our own castles.



DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have had a very scientific week starting our investigation into plants and flowers. We planted lemon trees and tomato seeds and will track how these grow over time into plants. We linked this to our Maths learning by investigating the 'amazing plant'. The 'amazing plant' starts with one flower and it then doubles to two flowers after a week, these two flowers then double to four in week two... and so on. The children had to work out how many flowers it would have after 5 weeks and notice any mathematical patterns. In English we have started researching US cities, either Washington DC or San Francisco. We will be writing our own version of 'A Walk in New York' next week as a 'A Walk in Washington' or 'A walk in San Francisco'. In History we have continued to look at US history in chronological order. We learned about the original 13 colonies and then investigated the Atlantic Slave Trade.



Behaviour, Equality and Anti-Bullying questionnaire

Today we are sending out our Behaviour, Equality and Anti-Bullying questionnaire written with the Anti-bullying Team. We would be very grateful if you could fill this in as it will help inform future reviews and decisions. If you could return it as soon as possible, but **no later than 25 March 2024** we would be most really appreciative. Thank you.

Friday 15 March is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is nearly here. Next Friday will be a multi-day for the children. We would love the children to **dress in red** for the occasion. We will be asking for a suggested voluntary donation of £1 which will go to Comic Relief. I can't wait to see what you all wear!



Heavenly Father, I lift up to you today my mother and all mothers.
Bless them with strength to continue to care for their children,
with the same bold, selflessness Mary showed Jesus.
Help my mother and all mothers feel our gratitude and truly know their impact.

I hope you have a very peaceful and relaxing weekend. Mum's, I do hope you are totally spoiled!

God Bless, *Lenia Greenaway*



HOUSE TEAM POINTS

SOUTHWARK	CANTERBURY	YORK
59	78	36

HOMEWORK



Busy Bees: Read at least 5 minutes every day this week and record the reading in the Reading records.

Ladybirds: Halving

Dragonflies: Division

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

As a mother protects her children,
watching over them day by day,
so you Lord protect, your arms constantly encircling us,
your hands delivering us from harm.
For the intensity of your love, Lord Jesus we thank you.

Loving God, we thank you for mothers
– for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given.
We thank you for the qualities of mothers
– their patience, their kindness, concern & understanding.
We thank you for the part they play in our lives,
and we thank you for this day of saying 'thank you',
this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say
but so rarely do.

For mothers and motherhood, for children and families
we bring you this day our grateful praise



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

SUNDAY 10 MARCH

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

EASTER

Monday 25 March
7pm Holy Week Prayers at St Peter's
Tuesday 26 March
7pm Holy Week Prayers at St Peter's
Wednesday 27 March
7pm Holy Week Prayers at St Peter's
Mundy Thursday 28 March
7pm Christian Seder Meal in The Space with communion
8.30pm Stripping the altar in St Mary's with a time of silent prayer
Good Friday 29 March
10am - 11.30am Craft Morning for all in OCH
9.30am - 11.30am The Meeting Place in The Space
12noon Seven Words on the Cross at St Peter's
1pm Walk of Witness (Council offices to the war memorial)
2pm An Hour at the Cross at St Mary's
Easter Sunday 31 March
6am Sunrise Vigil at St Mary's
8am Communion at St Mary's
8am Communion at St Peter's
9.30am Family Communion at St Mary's
11am Family Communion at St Peter's
6.30pm Evensong at St Peter's



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 Vaquinhass. 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

>> [Crowdfunding to help fund St Peter's C of E Infant School on JustGiving](#)

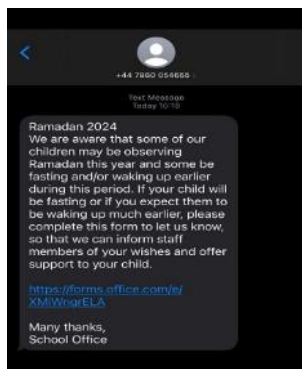
On Thursday 28 March 2024, the children of St Peter's will be taking on the Bunny Hop, an 'eggstraordinary' Easter challenge of hopping their way round the school field to help raise money for their lovely school!

Each child will pop on a pair of bunny ears and bounce to the finish line in order to support this year's fundraising goal to purchase new IT equipment for the classrooms. Every penny raised will go towards an interactive whiteboard, tablets and chargers which will help enhance the children's learning experience. Once completed, all our little hoppers will receive a medal and a visit from a very special guest - The Easter Bunny!



SCAM ALERT

There's a scam message going around similar to the one shown here which, if it's clicked on, asks for children's names/class/age etc. It looks genuine with the form but is a scam. If you are ever in doubt about the content of messages from school please do not hesitate to contact the school office for verification.



WHAT'S ON...



EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

Join in the fun this Easter - book a place in our three session camp where your child will experience high energy coaching, matchplay and team competitions, all guided by our enthusiastic and highly qualified team of professional coaches

TUE 2ND APRIL - THU 4TH APRIL
AND
MON 8TH APRIL - WED 10TH APRIL

9:00AM - 12:00PM UNDER 11'S
1:30PM - 4:30PM OVER 11'S

3 sessions for £70

[Click here to book](#)

matchpoint TENNIS

MATCHPOINT LIFELINE, HOLLAND ROAD, HURST GREEN RH8 9BQ



Easter Club KIDS FUN FEST

2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 9TH, 10TH, 11TH APRIL 2024

OUTINGS, ARTS AND CRAFTS, GAMES, BAKING, COMPETITIONS

8AM UNTIL 6PM ALL SNACKS, DRINKS AND FOOD INCLUDED
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US ON 07932 486643
FULL TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE RELEASED SOON

OFSTED REGISTERED, DBS, PFA, SAFEGUARDING
WE ACCEPT VOUCHERS!



EASTER FUN

COME AND CREATE WITH CHARACTER PARTIES WITH BEE

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 2024
2PM - 3.30PM

Love Oxted

Join us outside tents on Station Rd east Oxted. Make beautiful bunny ears, tails and decorate some Easter eggs for FREE, thank you to all the support from Love Oxted. Come & create from 2pm - 3pm. Stick around at 3pm to learn the Bunny Dance with Kerry Payne from KPA. The Bunny Dance will be performed at 3.30pm to the Oxted Public outside boots.

KPA Kerry Payne's Parties of Oxted

WWW.CHARACTERPARTIESWITHBEE.CO.UK



GIRLS ATTACK!

CAMPS 2024 - 8TH, 9TH, 10TH APRIL

£28.00 - £84.00

Calling all players 5-16! Come and have fun on court over the Easter holidays. Based on the netball courts at Hazelwood School, Oxted, you can book one day or all three, 10am-3pm. **Early bird discount available until mid-March!**



Hop into the spotlight this spring with

Showtime Performing Arts School's EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB!

We're calling all enthusiastic performers aged 4 to 14 for a fun-filled Easter break of singing, dancing. It's the perfect place for your child to embrace the joy of the season and express themselves through the magic of performing arts.



Sing Your Heart Out - Discover the joy of melody & song!



Dance to the Rhythm - Move, groove, & shake to the beat!

No previous experience? No problem! Our Holiday Club is designed for bunnies of all stages - from first-time hoppers to seasoned performers. This is their chance to make new friends, learn new skills, and have a hopping good time.



Date: April 5, 11, 12



Time: 9am-4pm or 10am-1pm



Location: Churchill School, Westerham TN16 1EZ

Spaces are as coveted as the Easter eggs themselves, so book your spot before they're all found! Book and pay for an individual day or all three, via our store www.showtime.london

