



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 10 Jun	St Peter's Health & Wellbeing Week
Mon 10 Jun	First Aid Workshops— please bring your teddy to school
Fri 14 Jun	Bring Your Dad to School morning—details to follow
	1.30pm Sports Day—All welcome
Fri 21 Jun	Mufti Day: Bring a cake for the STEAM Day
Sat 22 Jun	1.30—4pm St Peter's Family STEAM Sunday
Wed 26 Jun	Pause Day: St Peter
Fri 28 Jun	Reserve Sports Day in case of poor weather 14/6
Mon 1 Jul	3.15pm Busy Bees Friendship teatime in Tandridge Village Hall—all welcome



THINGS TO CHECK THIS WEEK:

- Please **NAME** everything brought into school including **ALL** items of clothing and **WATER BOTTLES**.
- Named sunhat** in school
- Suncream** applied before school

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Lucy (age 7)



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday and half term – if you managed to get a break. We have come back raring to go with lots of activities and events for this (dare I say) last half term.

Due to the many events happening over the next few weeks please do remember to keep checking the website and newsletters for key diary dates as we really don't want anyone missing out on anything.

Topic webs for this half term will be emailed to each class this week (and will then be put on the website) and we hope you will take the time to read all about the exciting learning opportunities planned for your children. If you have any additional home learning materials to enhance these topics, they are always very welcome, and we would love you to share them with us. As a taster, the Busy Bees will be expert palaeontologists after they have studied dinosaurs in their new summer topic. They have already bowled me over with their in-depth knowledge of dinosaurs. I don't think I ever stop learning something new every day! Gosh some of the dinosaur names are real tongue twisters to say the least!

The Ladybirds will be antiquarians, studying antique toys in their history focused topic while the Dragonflies will be avid anthropologists studying the Maasai people. It is certainly all very exciting.



LADYBIRDS VISIT PENSURST PLACE

Already this week the Ladybird Class visited Penshurst Place as part of their learning about Toys. They had the most fantastic time exploring the different toys through the ages in the Toy Museum as well as taking in the wonderful sights of Penshurst Place and gardens. We are so proud of how they behaved on the trip with staff at Penshurst Place commenting on their wonderful manners and behaviour. Excellent!

ST PETER'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING WEEK

Next week is our special 'Health and Well-being Week', with lots of activities and workshops planned for the children, concluding with Sports Day.

Please don't forget that we would like the children to **bring a teddy** into school on Monday as they will be participating in age appropriate first aid training on the Monday morning and will be using their teddies to help them with this.

PE kit – Please also make sure that **all PE kits are in school next week** as the children will be using them throughout the week for the different workshops they are doing. We will send them home on Thursday, so they can wear their clean PE Kits into school on Friday.



BRING YOUR DAD TO SCHOOL 9.30AM—12 NOON

We would like Dads to join us for activities on Friday morning as a lovely treat for your child[ren] and hopefully for you too! Weather dependant, we will be having our own mini-Paris Olympics with different activities going on around the school. If the weather is not favourable, we will ask that you bring in books and games* to play with your children, as well as there being activities set up in the hall and classroom areas. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for sporting activities.

Please gather at the playground side gate after drop off in time for a 9.30am prompt start (please do try to be on time as it can be disruptive for the children if you arrive late and/or after this time). Staff will give access for you to make your way to the hall at 9.30am for a short 'Great Learning Assembly' to celebrate the children's successes from the week, then proceed to a carousel of activities which we will explain on the day.

If you wish to stay in school for lunch please bring a packed lunch for yourself which you can eat on the field with your child[ren].

As this is a Father's Day event, mums and grandparents will NOT be able to attend in the place of fathers who are unable to make it. Children will be grouped in their houses for the morning, with special consideration given to any children who do not have a family member with them on this occasion so please do not feel bad if you are unable to attend. They will all have lots of fun!

Places are limited so to book please sign up here [>> https://forms.office.com/e/BZHgQKZR8M](https://forms.office.com/e/BZHgQKZR8M)

SPORTS DAY—FRIDAY 14 JUNE

Parents/Grandparents/Siblings are very welcome to join us from 1.15pm on the field for our Sports Day activities next Friday. Please ensure your child has long lasting suncream applied before school, has a sunhat and has a drink of water in a named plastic bottle in school. If they are prone to hayfever it may also be advisable to make sure they have taken a suitable anti-histamine (you are welcome to bring extra if you are planning to attend – just in case). For parents watching, please note there is very little shade alongside the marked track so you may wish to consider a sun hat, parasol/umbrella for yourself and, of course, plenty of water and suncream.

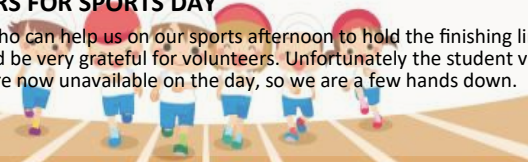
If you bring younger siblings, please ensure they are closely supervised at all times and do not interfere with the planned events.

As always, if you decide to take photographs of your child please do not publish them outside of the school community, particularly if they also contain images of other children. Thank you for your understanding.



CALLING VOLUNTEERS FOR SPORTS DAY

If there are any parents who can help us on our sports afternoon to hold the finishing line and collect up equipment we'd be very grateful for volunteers. Unfortunately the student volunteers who were going to help are now unavailable on the day, so we are a few hands down.



CLASS NEWS



BUSY BEES

On this first week back after half term break the Busy Bees have become palaeontologists and started their learning journey to discover the amazing world of Dinosaurs. They investigated fossils and bones in the science area and recorded their findings. They played in the Dino Dig role play area using their imagination and applying their learning during imaginative play. They wrote about what a Tyrannosaurus might have said to them if they could speak. Maths this week has been all about 'doubling'. The children explored what is meant by doubling and they learned how to recognise and represent doubles to double 10 in a range of contexts. In Art they created a Dinosaur silhouette picture and in RE they started to think about who is particularly special to Christians.

LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have had a brilliant week. On Wednesday, we went on our school trip to Penshurst Place. We learned so much and thoroughly enjoyed walking around the house, toy museum and gardens. Miss Saines is very proud of us as we were extremely well behaved!



We also completed our 'Egg drop' experiment based on the book "Egg Drop" by Mini Grey. We designed and made egg drop contraptions to see if we could stop our egg from cracking when dropped from height and this week was test week. We thoroughly enjoyed this experience and seeing if our egg cracked!

In Maths we have been focusing on placing two digit numbers in the right order and then moving on to adding two digit numbers. We have worked very hard on this and have made great progress.

DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have had a very active week! We have continued our Maypole dance practice, remembering everything even after the half term break!. We have been able to add extra parts and really begin to polish the dances now.

In English we have been looking at the life of a girl who lives in Kenya. The children have been comparing her life to theirs – seeing any similarities and differences. We have created a design for an African mask and are now bringing our designs to life out of clay. We will be painting them next week.

In Maths we have looked at measure, with a focus on length. We looked at converting cm into mm, and then investigated equivalents. Yesterday we looked at D-Day and the historical impact of this 80 years on.

Scripts, song words and parts have come out for our Leavers Assembly. Could they all start to look at these over the weekend ... there is a lot to learn.



HOMWORK



Busy Bees: Read 5 times—record in the Reading records

Ladybirds: Addition

Dragonflies: Practise lines for our play

Hold my hand, Lord, show me the way
 Help me be grateful for every day
 Show me the difference between right and wrong
 Keep me safe, Lord, all night long
 Give me direction on what to do,
 lead the way, Lord, I trust in you
 Amen



ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE



SUNDAY 9 JUNE

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

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



MUFTI DAY

FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2024

in exchange for a cake for the STEAM Funday



Friday 21 June—we will be having a mufti-day (non-uniform day) at school. In return we ask that you donate cakes for the family STEAM Day and Maypole performance taking place here at school on the following day, Saturday 22 June.

ST PETER'S CHURCH OPEN DAY – Make a day of it.

St Peter's Church are also having an open day on Saturday 22 June from 10am-4pm. Why not go along to the church in the morning to do lots of exciting activities including sunflower planting and trying out beekeeping, before hot footing it down to us for the start of our Funday Day with the Dragonflies Maypole dancing performances?

I hope you have a really lovely weekend and enjoy the brighter evenings.

God Bless, *Lenia Greenaway*

HOUSE TEAM POINTS

 SOUTHWARK 60 Well done	 LANTONSBURG 42	 YORK 39
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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"

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.



MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING

Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

ONLINE PLAY

Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY

Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND

By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS

As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values 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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