



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 25 Nov 3.15pm Dragonflies Friendship Teatime in Village Hall —All welcome
- Tues 26 Nov Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations with parental consent
- Thurs 28 Nov PAUSE Day: Advent
- Fri 29 Nov 7.30pm FOSP Christmas Wreath Making workshops—Tandridge Village Hall
- Tues 3 Dec 9.15am Open Morning for Prospective Parents September 2025 Admissions
- Tues 10 Dec 9.30am & 2.20pm Busy Bees Christmas Nativity
- Wed 11 Dec 2pm Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
- Thurs 12 Dec 2pm Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

Dear Parents and Carers,

It might be chilly outside, but it has been very beautiful. If you had the opportunity to see the sky first thing in the morning from Wednesday onwards it was a real example of 'Awe and Wonder'. It certainly allows you to appreciate the beauty around us. It was also great to see some gorgeous sunshine this week!

The children have been busily working away this week on lots of exciting projects as well as their Nativity plays.

Dragonflies have been practising their sewing skills and have created delightful penguins as part of their work around the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. They are hoping to sell these and their salt dough decorations (back to their own parents) at their Dragonflies Teatime on Monday after school – more details below. Busy Bees, having recovered from Goldilocks disrupting their classroom last week, are now exploring the story of the 'Three Little Pigs'. They have been looking at how the different houses were built, which one was most stable as well as designing their own stories and facemasks. Ladybirds have been continuing their topic work on the Gunpowder Plot and have blown me away (no pun intended) with their knowledge and understanding of this event.

With so much going on for the children at this time of year, we know they will be getting tired. They may also be a little out of routine, so at school when we have a 'different' day to the norm, we call it an 'Oops day'. This might be helpful for some parents to explain to their child[ren] over the next couple of weeks. We will be having visitors into the school, as well as rehearsals, the filming of the dress rehearsals as well as the actual plays to parents; so it might get a little over whelming for some. We will make sure that the children have plenty of opportunities for quiet times and calm to support them with this. Please also try to keep weekends as calm and restful as possible which will help the children recover and cope better with the busy run up to the Christmas break.

Next week the Dragonflies will be holding their annual Friendship Teatime in the Village Hall on Monday from 3.15pm. This is a lovely time for parents and children to get together over tea and cakes. The Dragonflies would love everyone to come and support them if they can. All the proceeds from this event will go directly to their class to purchase any additional exciting resources that they may need. Ladybirds and Busy Bees will each hold a teatime later in the year so it is lovely if you are all able to support each event.

Next week we also have Limpsfield Arts Society coming in to work with both Ladybirds and Dragonflies on Wednesday (Busy Bees you will get your chance to work with them on Friday). We will have our Advent Pause Day on Thursday. Reverend Ashton will lead Collective Worship for the school before the children participate in all things Advent related. On this day we will also be visited by an advisor from Southwark Diocese. This will be a perfect opportunity for them to see all the fantastic things that the children do on these special days. Lastly, but by no means least, our Faith Group will be leading a whole school Collective Worship around the concept of Spirituality.



Dragonflies Christmas Teatime
Monday 25 November 2024
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.

Love Dragonflies



MULTISKILLS TOURNAMENT

A team of our Dragonflies children attended the first Multi-Skills Tournament of the year at St Mary's Primary School on Monday. It was lovely to see them interacting with their peers from other schools to compete (on a very friendly level) in lots of different sporting challenges. Limpsfield, Hurst Green and St Mary's schools all joined in the fun too. Well done to all the children who participated in this.



CLASS NEWS

BUSY BEES

This week the Busy Bees have been continuing to work on their 'Traditional Tales' topic. We shared the story of The Three Little Pigs and completed some excellent written work focussing on speech bubbles to express what the characters from the story might say. We also had another brilliant week of Drawing Club, all about The Three Little Pigs story. In Maths we worked with numbers to 10 and focused on careful counting, ordering and writing the numbers correctly. In RE we explored "What is the special story that is celebrated at Christmas by Christians?", the concept of the Nativity story and the children created their own Nativity scenes.

Homework: Practice lines for the play and read a little everyday



LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds have been fantastic this week. It has been very busy with lots of rehearsals for both our Christmas play and for our class Collective Worship. We have worked really hard on all of this. In Maths we have been looking at numbers to 50: writing them correctly and understanding that they are made up of tens and ones. In English, we started our poetry unit, based on Micheal Rosen's 'Chocolate Cake'. We looked at words that rhyme and will start to write our own poetry next week.

Homework: Numbers to 50

DRAGONFLIES

Dragonflies have had a very busy week! We loved having parents in on Thursday to show off all our work this term. In English and DT this week we have been looking at 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have designed a version of one of the characters which they have then created using felt and sewing skills. These will be for sale at our Teatime on Monday and are intended to hang on a Christmas tree. The children's determination has been impressive with a really challenging task. We continued this theme with more DT, designing and creating salt dough decorations, painted and made to hang. They will also be on sale on Monday. Our Christmas play rehearsals continue to go well—much louder and clearer! The next step, for next week, is no scripts on stage! And a special mention to our 'Tour Guides' for both open evening and morning events this week who were amazing!

Homework: Continue learning lines, with the aim of 'no scripts on stage' by Tuesday.

CHURCH NEWS



Our services this Sunday:

11am All Age Worship
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Dear Lord,
We cannot see you, but we trust that you are there.
We trust that you hold the world in the palm of your hand.
Help us to live every day with this perspective.
Help us to understand that faith is found in the small actions of kindness we make.
When we comfort the grieving, when give help to the homeless, we are declaring your victory.
Amen.



BLACK FRIDAY EASYFUNDRAISING

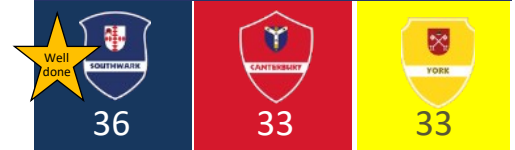
Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Black Friday and Christmas online shopping. Use easyfundraising when you're ordering and many companies will donate to St Peter's for FREE when you shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more! These donations really help us.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterstandridge

Enjoy a relaxing and fun weekend.

God Bless, Lenia Greenaway

HOUSE TEAM POINTS



KINDNESS AWARDS

This week Kindness Awards have been presented to:

Theo K. — for being very helpful without being asked
Valentina — for lovely manners



BOOK FAIR

Your generous support of our Book Fair last week has raised

£189.70

in commission for us to spend on some fabulous new books for the classrooms and library. Thank you so much.



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

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

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer; it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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