

News Bulletin 25.09.20

A message from the Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governor's I just wanted to reiterate Mrs Cole's previous comments and extend a big 'welcome back' to all of our staff, parents, careers and children. It's been lovely to see the school buzzing with activity again after such a long period.

I'd also like to say a huge 'welcome' to our new staff members, parents, careers and children - starting a new school or nursery for the first time can be disconcerting at the best of times and we very much hope you are getting settled in.

We are very lucky to have an active governing board who work with Mrs Cole to ensure that we are delivering on our goals and objectives. If you are interested in learning more about us the school website contains details on our governors and the types of things we are responsible for - the blog is a good place to see what we have been up to. The website also has details on how to contact us should you need to.

Wishing you all the best for the school year ahead

Linda Weston
Chair and Co-opted Governor

Curriculum plans

Our term has got off to a great start with our whole school topic called 'Discovery', For details of our curriculum plans for the term please go to:

<https://www.stpeterscofeprimaryschoolcoggeshall.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-plans>

Please scroll down on the page for the different year groups.

We are proud of our learning in school this week

This week in Acorn Class (Pre-school) we have enjoyed sharing 'We are going on a leaf hunt'. We went on our own leaf hunt and collected lots of different leaves, conkers and other natural objects that we then took back to class to explore.

Fantastic character descriptions in Silver Birch this week, here is an example:

'Cam has a long, attractive staff with a magnificent cloud design. On top of the staff, is a magical dream catcher'.

Maple Class

This week we learnt about the historical expeditions to the Antarctic continent and how these contributed to the race to the South Pole by looking at secondary sources. We then plotted each expedition on a map using longitude and latitude coordinates. We made a



chronological timeline to show the events and then discussed how each one was important historically. We then chose our own top 5 and presented our reasons for those choices to the class.

One member of the class said it was a perfect lesson because they love maps, longitude and latitude and love history. We all agreed that all these explorers must have been very courageous to go to places that nobody else knew about.

Mulberry Class -Super maths and the children have been asking really good questions

Holly class had great fun investigating whether a small metal bar magnet or a slightly bigger plastic-covered bar magnet held more paper clips.

In Pine Class we have been learning all about the adventures of the Naughty Bus, who has fun driving through people's food and sometimes gets himself in a bit of a scrape.

Cherry Class have found ways to free the toys that the Naughty Bus had frozen in ice. After we had completed our experiments to free the toys, we made comic strips to help us with our writing.

Harvest celebration

Thank you to the donations that you have already sent in for the Food Bank. Our Assemblies this term are very different, as we cannot gather together in the hall. For Harvest we are planning a virtual celebration. We have already had some assemblies this way with all of the classes joining on Microsoft Teams.

The food bank donations will be collected on Monday 5th October.

Online school dinner ordering

We are planning to move to an online system soon. We are testing the system with some volunteers at the moment.

Mobile App

Please download the App for our school website to help you to keep in touch with news updates. The School Jotter App is available for I phones and Android.

Parents' Evenings

With the current restrictions set to continue this term we are planning phone call Parents' Evenings during the week beginning 16th November. We will book a 10 minute slot with you to discuss your child's progress. A letter with more details will be sent later this term.

Open Morning

Our Open Morning for new entrants in September 2021 will be a virtual presentation this year.

FOSP news

We hope the Pre-School & Reception parents have settled in to their new routines, and that you enjoyed your welcome biscuits! Now you have joined St Peter's School, you are a member of our PTA – FOSP (this stands for Friends of St Peter's) and are part of the school community!

FOSP October drinks – via Zoom – Wednesday 21st October at 8pm. We would like to invite you to meet up online, to say hello to other parents and let you know what FOSP do. Watch out for the details on the FOSP Facebook page Friends of St Peter's Primary School, Coggeshall and WhatsApp group chat (message Alex on 07967 581599 to be added to the group!)

For those that won't be able to make this, here's a bit about FOSP: and how YOU CAN raise the school some money in these strange times:

- Go online shopping! Simply register with Easyfundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fospcoggeshall) and choose Friends of St Peter's PTA Coggeshall as your beneficiary. Then shop till you drop for whatever you fancy, via the Easyfundraising website. A percentage of your purchase price goes to the school. So far we have raised over £1,600 via Easyfundraising.
- Add something to your Amazon Shopping basket! The School has an Amazon Wishlist of books and other items, which you can purchase. The link is pinned to the top of the FOSP Facebook page.
- Join the 100 Club! Members pay £2 per month for a number. Every month two numbers are drawn at random, the first number wins £50 and the second wins £25, with a bonus prize at Christmas of £300. To find out which numbers are still available, email donna.breese@sky.com.
- Get sponsored! Whether you're joining a race, climbing a mountain, growing a beard or sitting in a bath of beans... Why not do it for St Peter's? We have a Virgin Money Giving account (uk.virginmoneygiving.com, search for FOSP), so you can collect sponsors online – and all the gift aid is automatically returned to FOSP too!
- Sign up to pta-events.co.uk/fospcoggeshall. This is a one-stop-shop where you can buy tickets, access a live calendar and news, volunteer for bite-size tasks and more. Go to pta-events.co.uk/fospcoggeshall and complete the form with your details. If you have multiple children at St Peter's you only need enter the name and class of one of them. Check the boxes to receive all emails so you'll be alerted to upcoming events and be kept up to date about fundraising efforts.

Last year FOSP raised over £15,000 for the school, funding play equipment, library books, sports equipment, a pantomime visit, classroom supplies and equipment, picnic tables, table tennis tables and much more! Have fun, meet new people and get involved. More importantly, play your part in raising vital funds to help your children enjoy their education.

Year 6 transition

The application period for admissions to Year 7 in secondary school for September 2021 opened on Friday 11 September 2020. Parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using the website <https://www.essex.gov.uk/topic/admissions>

Last year, 98% of Essex parents applied online. All of the application information, including the admissions booklets and policies are published on the website above.

Year 6 parents/carers need to apply for a secondary school place by the **statutory national closing date of Saturday 31 October 2020.**