



Weekly Parent Update - Spring Week 3

Dear Parents,



In Celebration of the Word this week, we looked ahead to the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, where we heard about Jesus beginning his ministry by revealing the truth and calling upon ordinary people - fishermen like Peter and Andrew - to follow him, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Linked to the Gospel value of 'truth', we recognised that all have our own light, given to us by God, that we are asked to shine and share with the world: our kindness, our honesty, our forgiveness. When we share this light, we are revealing God's truth and following in Jesus' mission. Throughout the school this week, we have been celebrating the lights of the children and asked them to think about how their light could be demonstrated through their child-led Celebration of the Word, RE work and prayer.

2N gave us the most inspiring example of how to share the light and truth of Christ's Good News in their beautiful class assembly this morning. You can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#).

God bless,
Mr Collins

Punctuality is Important



Please make every effort to be on time for school every single day. The children begin their day with essential retrieval and practice activities that make a significant difference to their overall attainment. Missing just a few minutes each day adds up to hours of lost learning and practice time over the course of the year.

Infant day begins at 08:35

Junior day begins at 08:45

If your family finds it difficult to be punctual, please aim for an 08:30 arrival for Infant and 08:40 for Juniors.

Silver Stories



Year 5 and 6 have successfully been supporting the Silver Stories charity for a number of years. The idea behind the charity is wonderfully simple yet has the most incredibly positive impact for both Silver Listeners and Silver Readers. Children (known as Silver Readers) telephone a Silver Listener every week and then read a short story or chapter from a book to them. This not only helps the children to become more confident in their reading skills but also links our children to the older members of our communities and helps diminish their chances of feeling isolated.

We currently have capacity for another Silver Listener. If you know an elderly member of our wider community who would be happy to receive a call once a week on a Thursday morning, to listen to a child read, please get in touch and let me know. We would love to expand this amazing activity. Please email kjopson@stjosephsguildford.com with details of the Silver Listener.

With thanks,

Katie Jopson

Silver Stories Project Coordinator

St Mary's Baby and Toddler Group - Tuesdays during term-time 9:00 - 10:30am



Do come along and join us at our Baby and Toddler group in St Mary's church hall (next to the school). A fun space for young children to play together and parents and carers to socialise with each other.

Online Safety - From St Peter's School



As part of our ongoing partnership with our feeder schools, we are pleased to offer three Online Safety sessions this year. Online safety is an increasingly important issue in today's digital world. Schools and parents must work together to ensure that our young people are protected. The online environment is fast-paced and constantly evolving, so it is vital that we keep our knowledge and understanding up to date. Please see the poster with full details attached.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Monday 26th January

Year 5 Parents RSE Meeting - 3:20pm

Thursday 29th January

Pied Piper Theatre - Infants

Friday 30th January

Parent Prayer Group - 9:00am - All are welcome!

1T's Class Assembly - 10:10am

5G Swimming

Thursday 5th February

Reception Post Box Walk

Parents Evening - 5:00 - 8:00pm

Friday 6th February

5P's Class Assembly - 10:10am

5G Swimming