



Head's Update Michaelmas 2, Week 2, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has always been my favourite week in the school calendar. There are so many opportunities for learning around school, specifically through community and charity projects. Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Children in Need and Diwali all engage our pupils and give teachers the chance to create learning moments with meaning for young minds. It has been difficult to plan some events due to COVID, but St Peter's will not stop or shy away from making these learning opportunities, even if we have to think a little laterally! Never before have I organised 7 children's parties in one day with socially-distanced games and activities. Musical statues was a definite winner!

Nursery

Sadly, our Nursery children haven't been with us this week and like many schools and nurseries across the country, their bubble has been self-isolating to keep them and you safe. We know this is difficult and not what we would want. News of a vaccine and a reducing "r" number in our region gives me hope that this won't last forever.

Remembrance

Remembrance assembly is the single most important assembly of the year. I delivered a whole school assembly on Monday, International Day of Freedom. and read poems from the Great War and we prayed for peace. I also had the privilege of accompanying Mrs Butler and Year 6 pupils to the Kettering War Memorial on Armistice Day. This was incredibly poignant as we discussed with the children the importance of remembering. I hope that next year parents will be able to join us for this. At 11 o'clock on the 11th the whole school fell silent as we paid tribute to those who have lost their lives for our freedom. Your children have made me proud this week through their interest and respect.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Reception to Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations are on Monday and Tuesday next week. The School Office has messaged you with your day and time. You'll also have an email notification in your child's Gmail account and the meeting scheduled in their Google Calendar. Slots are 15-20 minutes and I'd kindly request that you're available online just before your appointment and allow the teacher to finish promptly so they can meet with their next parent. A final reminder that Rounders, String Ensemble and Tennis will continue on those evenings as normal but Nature & Wildlife Club unfortunately won't be able to happen on Tuesday to allow the teacher to meet with parents. Thank you.

Children in Need

We've all had a fantastic day today. Our small school community raised an amazing £350 for Children in Need. It was brilliant to see all of the children in their stripes, spots and bright colours. Every class had a 30 minute birthday party to make up for all those events lost through lockdown. They got to wear party hats, sing happy birthday, dance and sing and generally enjoy a few minutes of silliness. One teacher, who'll remain nameless, even took part in a



boys vs girls dance off! And lost. At lunchtime today the ducks were off down the rapids as part of the Children in Need Duck Race. Over 240 ducks were purchased and we cheered them on their way. 'Quackman & Bobbin' were the eventual winners and their owners received a lolly, a bubble blower and a rubber duck as a prize. Thank you for your support and thank you teachers for helping to organise a memorable day. It was worth it to see the smiles on the children's faces.

Attendance

Despite COVID and the usual wintery colds, attendance at the moment is excellent. I presented a Halloween treat to all of Year 3 last week for their brilliant attendance last half term of 99.8%! Well done everyone for staying in school, especially in the current climate.

- Year 1 - 99.4%
- Year 2 - 99.1%
- Year 3 - 99.8%
- Year 4 - 99.2%
- Year 5 - 97.5%
- Year 6 - 98.1%

Have a great weekend everyone, especially if you're celebrating Diwali. This time next week will be the PTA Quiz - I hope you and your family will join us.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher