



Head's Update Michaelmas 2, Week 3, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

All the leaves have fallen, we're halfway through Lockdown 2.0 and the world seems to be getting stranger and stranger. From squabbling presidents, celebrities in Welsh castles, to potential vaccines, our news channels are saturated and it's hard to know what to believe. I hope my weekly *Head's Update* is a reliable source of information and a regular reminder of the normality in school.

PTA Family Quiz

I'm writing to you on a Saturday this week as last night I was otherwise detained at the first annual PTA online Family Quiz night! Thank you to the 17 teams who took part with over 50 people on screen. We had Baby Jones and Mini Matilda as our youngest quizzers and one parent was playing from Saudi, that's how fiercely competitive it was. A huge congratulations to Professor Quiz Witty, The Vaccinators and Nerd Immunity for their stellar performances (there was definitely a theme with the team names!) who were our top three. It was brilliant to see so many families coming together at a PTA event in a time where we can't be together in person. We all learnt lots too. From Ninja Turtles, to Dinosaurs and Nursery Rhymes both young and old brains were challenged. The PTA is a valuable part of any school and we're lucky to have such an active group of parents. Please feel free to join the PTA committee and get involved with future events. You can email our PTA at STPSPTA@st-peters.org.uk if you want to get involved in future events. Coming up in our calendar are the Christmas Raffle and Hampers (tickets on sale and donations gratefully received) and a visit from Santa on Christmas Jumper Day (tickets available through ParentMail). Exciting!

Nursery

It has been wonderful to have the children and staff back in Nursery this week. The children have enjoyed interacting with their friends and exploring a variety of activities. They have explored Diwali and made beautifully detailed and decorative hands as well as bright Rangoli patterns. Everyone has been enjoying exploring our new outdoor Forest School area and have made yummy and maybe muddy creations in the mud kitchen. The rustle of tinsel and the faint bells of carols could also be heard on Friday.

Parent Teacher Consultations

On Monday and Tuesday, Reception to Year 6 parents met online with our class teachers. Like every other event, we couldn't meet in person so we were forced to meet in our Google universe. Although there were odd technical issues, the majority of you managed to see, hear and speak with the teachers. A huge thank you to our wonderful teachers who have adapted to working in such a different way. I can categorically tell you, teacher training is tough, and they definitely don't cover what to do during a global pandemic. Thank you to all parents for your patience and understanding when we do these things for the first time. I'm fortunate to have such a supportive team and community who will work together to keep our children safe and happy.



Stay healthy

I just wanted to remind everyone in this period of winter cold and flu, if your child is unwell at all, please don't send them into school. You aren't likely to hear that from a Headteacher in 'normal' times but we're going to great lengths to keep everyone in our community healthy to help us identify any potential cases of COVID. If you have any concerns or questions or you're unsure what to do please contact the School Office. If you or anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19, please inform the School Office straight away and organise a test. If you develop any symptoms over a weekend, please email the School Office and don't send your child to school until you've heard from us.

In other news, Brigstock have just taken the House Points lead from Sywell this week with just three points between them, I can't believe how close the race is! Have a great weekend everyone, stay safe.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher