



Head's Update Michaelmas 2, Week 4, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are plenty of headlines to read this week in the 'real' world, from Kettering being in tier 2 to Peter winning GBBO, so I'll keep this update brief.

Nursery

The children are enjoying their outdoor mud kitchen tremendously; digging up our vegetable patch, planting flowers and making muddy messes! The children are so enthusiastic to explore nature as well as creating their own role play ideas with great imagination using sticks, tyres, pallets and leaves. We've found worms and are enjoying the company of a very friendly Robin who comes to visit us whenever we go down there, coming up very close to say hello. We've also started exploring our Winter topic, using paint to create snowmen, penguins and polar bears as well as enjoying playing musical instruments and dancing to action songs and nursery rhymes.

Kettering Virtual Light Switch On

Our Year One class made an appearance on the Kettering Virtual Light Switch On yesterday. You can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7B7XVALG8v4>. It was definitely different to normal and if you're not a fan of comedian Hugh Dennis, I'd skip to 23 minutes!

PTA - Christmas

There's lots planned for this Christmas even though we're following strict COVID guidelines; we want school to be as normal as possible. The Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 11th December - £1 donation on the day to class teachers. Father Christmas will also be in school to read a story, give a present and draw the winning Christmas hamper tickets. This will be socially-distanced and supervised. Our class teachers are looking forward to becoming elves to help Father Christmas with the gift giving. Presents from Father Christmas are £5 and raffle tickets for the hampers are £1; both are available to purchase via your ParentMail account. All hamper donations are gratefully received, please bring them into school by Friday 4th December.

Christmas Post

The postboxes have gone up in school ready for the children to post their Christmas cards. All post will be quarantined for 72 hours before being distributed to go home. The post boxes will close on 8th December.



Staff news

Very soon we'll be saying goodbye to the Burrows family and although this will be very sad for our community it also gives us the opportunity to welcome new people into our St Peter's family. We are delighted that Mrs Glaves will take over as Year 2 Class Teacher from January 2021. Mrs Glaves is a nurturing and passionate teacher who's looking forward to joining our small and vibrant school. She's currently Head of PE and Art at an Outstanding school in London and is relocating with her young family to the East Midlands. I'm sure we'll all give Mrs Glaves a warm welcome when she arrives and we wish her and the Burrows a successful move at Christmas. Maybe they'll meet on the M1!

We've been decorating the tree in school this week and learning carols so there's definitely a more festive feel in the air. Although we won't be able to come together in the usual way this end of term, we still have much to be thankful for and we're planning a few surprises. Have a brilliant Black Friday, a great Advent weekend and remember to wrap up warm next week with hats, gloves and scarves as the weather turns equally festive.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher