



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're halfway through the half term and that feels like something to celebrate. It was lovely to have all the children in school dancing at the end of today and I hope you joined in if you were tuned into our Home Learning online. It's been a busy week and not only did we experience the 21st day of the 21st year of the 21st century but we've produced over 100 hours of online lessons submitted over 200 maths activities, learnt 680 spellings and completed uncountable music and sports challenges. It's also been adventurous readers week and I've been blown away by your children's enthusiasm for books. Keep the photo entries coming in.

Nursery News

The children have been exploring different shapes this week; designing their own colourful castles using different shapes, especially the tricky circle! Some of them even explored 3D shapes and shapes with lots of sides. They drew giant shapes in our outdoor area and enjoyed jumping, hopping, skipping and standing on their tip toes in the different shapes. We've all had lots of healthy eating in Nursery this week too, with children trying new foods and talking about how we stay fit, healthy and the importance of washing our hands. This has been a difficult year for our little ones and I'm pleased that our special nursery can be a safe and happy place for them to grow and learn.

Lent term fee extras

I would like to reassure parents that any fee extras included on the Lent term invoices which we can't provide, like lunches, clubs and music lessons, will be refunded or adjusted on the Trinity term invoices. The length of this lockdown period remains unknown and so it's impossible to calculate these until it's over. Thank you for your patience.

Do what you can!

We know you all have completely different home and working arrangements and we want to support you. Talk to your Class Teacher if we're setting too much and arranging too many meets. Equally, if you need more support or suggestions of activities, let us know. I'll continue adding ideas and useful links to the Google Classroom feed from coding and languages to museums and worksheets. Feel free to use them; I'd love to see and hear what you've done, but only do what you can manage.

Staff Spotlight

For the next few weeks I thought it'd be fun to learn a bit more about some of our wonderful staff members. This week it's **Mrs Butler**

Who is Mrs Butler? Unfortunately, I'm not the Mrs. Butler of 'Please, Mrs Butler' fame - but I have had my share of moments in my twenty-three year teaching career, starting with my teacher training days at Homerton College, Cambridge. It was in those early days that I finally learnt that there is 'a rat' in 'separate' and that Gryffindor will always be my first



House. I remember teaching my first batik lesson based upon the Pitons of St. Lucia, not knowing that ten years later I would be seeing them first hand on my honeymoon. I started my career in boarding schools where I was also Housemistress and often in the role of big sister (lovely, as I'm the youngest of three girls). I went on to become a Head of Drama hence my dramatic flare! St Peter's has been my home for almost six years now and I can honestly say that I enjoy coming to work. St P's has re-ignited my passion for learning and I have never sung so much, or laughed so hard. St P's truly is a special place - all the pupils and staff are magical. I love delving into books, Nicholas Sparks being my guilty treat. And Disney - my husband, three children and I are big fans, especially of the classics. My favourite teacher as a child was a lady named Miss Atwell; she introduced me to my married namesake by reading to us... 'Please, Mrs. Butler'!

Finally, if we're expecting your child to be in school and they aren't in attendance, please tell the School Office. Normal absence reporting procedures apply and you can report this using your ParentMail account.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone; I hope you all get the opportunity to switch off and recharge.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

This week's menu can be found here
<https://www.stpeters.org.uk/page/?title=Weekly+Menus&pid=11>