



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've made it to half term! This has been a half term like none before and despite the challenges, we've not only survived but excelled as a community. We've learnt, played, laughed, danced and sung together; especially important while we're apart. I logged in today to watch a teacher baking with children who were at home. I saw another teacher dressed as Wolverine and we've all discovered another of Mr Cox's hidden talents! So much to be thankful for. I'm aware that life isn't easy for many of you and balancing work, life and Home Learning can be impossible. You're all doing an amazing job. I genuinely mean that.

### **Half Term Highlights**

This has been an exceptionally busy term, packed with learning, music, art, sport and more recently, Snow Days! Please find attached to this Head's Update the 'Half Term Highlights' which gives you an insight into what all of the different year groups have been up to. We do try to share lots in the Google Classrooms and update the News section of our website, Facebook and Instagram daily if you want to see what we're doing.

### **Screen Free Day**

This Wednesday was Wellbeing Wednesday and we challenged the children and teachers to have one day away from all screens. This was a challenge for some but most people managed to make the most of the day and we have seen so many wonderful, creative things that the children created.

### **PTA Virtual Gathering & Bingo**

This week saw the first ever online meeting of the PTA, which was really well attended. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to share ideas and suggestions. The PTA also sent a care pack to every child at school as a half term treat. This pack included a St Peter's bear so that everyone has a small part of the school at home. It's the closest we could get to sending a hug! Following the huge success of the Virtual Family Quiz, the PTA are organising a Virtual Family Bingo on Friday 26th February at 6.30pm. Tickets are £5 per family available through ParentMail and the event will be hosted in Google Classroom. We hope lots of you will be able to join us. If you'd like to get in touch with the PTA their email address is STPSPTA@st-peters.org.uk

### **Safe Remote Education Accreditation**

We're thrilled to be one of the first schools in the UK to receive the National Online Safety Remote Education Accreditation. We've been working really hard to ensure that our Home Learning isn't just educational, but it's a safe and happy place, just like being physically in St Peter's School. We continue to make improvements so that our provision is the best it can be and this award is only possible due to our forward thinking but sensible approach and dedicated staff.



## House Point Totals

The children have certainly been working hard and whether they're at home or in school they've been earning lots of House Points. Not much separated 3rd and 4th place but this term's winning house is Stanwick. The children need to keep working hard as it's the end of year total which counts towards lifting the trophy on Founders Day. Well done everyone.

1st Stanwick (202)

2nd Sywell (182)

3rd Brigstock (175)

4th Barnwell (170)

## Friday Night is Music Night

The School Council requested an informal music concert and we're proud to present in the Google Classroom Hall of Fame all of your musical contributions from this week. It's fantastic to see all of your talents and we hope that you enjoy watching the whole concert with your family. The School Council also suggested an art competition and the artwork is also on display in the Hall of Fame.

Many of you are now ready for half term. I know the teachers are, and it's a well deserved break. I want to wish you all a fantastic half term and I want to send my heartfelt thanks to everyone for being part of this positive community. I know we can't go anywhere but I hope you find some adventures at home with your families and we all get an opportunity to relax. No logging on, spellings, maths activities, science experiments, Google Meets, or recordings for a whole week! The Google Classrooms will remain 'open' but your Class Teachers won't be responding to anything. They're under strict instructions to log off. If you have any urgent questions or concerns please email the School Office which is monitored regularly. Keep safe, keep healthy and keep your fingers crossed for good news for the new term.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher