



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an eventful and positive week. From the uplifting news on Monday about schools 'reopening', to Friday night bingo and now the sun is shining and the rugby is still on. Spring has definitely sprung, as Reception Class will tell you; they're carefully monitoring eggs in the brand new incubator kindly purchased by the PTA. We're all very excited as they should hatch when all the children are back in school. New beginnings all round.

Nursery News

How wonderful it's been to reopen the Nursery doors this week; the children have loved seeing their friends, interacting with new learning and spending lots of time in the glorious sunshine! The children have been enjoying pretend cooking and setting up tea parties for their toy babies. The bikes and cars have been whizzing around the playground and we've been looking for signs of Spring as flowers begin to open in our flower beds. We've had a go at drawing colourful yellow daffodils too! Our stories this week have been about pancakes and the children had a chance to make some, cheering Mrs Constable as she flipped them before we ate them all up!

Return to School - 8th March

On Monday 8th March, all children will return to school. School attendance will be mandatory for all children unless they have a shielding letter. If you have any concerns about your child returning to school, please contact the School Office during the week beginning 1st March. We'll be happy to discuss this with you and put in any support we can to ensure that your child has a smooth transition back into school. We're ready! We'll continue to follow all national guidance and make school as safe as we can. Early and Late Club will be available from 8th March. Full winter uniform should be worn, and sports kit on PE and Games days.

PTA Bingo

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Bingo last night. The event was really well attended and the competition was fierce. I'd personally like to thank the PTA committee members who do lots behind the scenes and offer so much enrichment to our children's school experience. There are plans for a COVID-friendly Mothers Day activity before 14th March, which I hope is a useful reminder for all of us with a mother in our lives to spoil!



World Book Day

World Book Day is this Thursday 4th March. We'll be doing WBD activities across Nursery and School. Your child, if you wish, may dress up for the day. Whether you're at home or in school you can dress up as your favourite book, author or character. This is completely optional and free of charge, just for fun! I've attached to this update a virtual book token which can be spent in many book retailers. There's a selection of £1 and £2.99 books available throughout March. Instructions are on the token.

Supporting Local Groups

As a former Sixer and Patrol Leader I know the importance of children having social experiences outside of school. Our local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts group have been in touch and asked me to pass on their details for anybody who's interested in taking part. Cubs and Beavers meet on a Tuesday evening from 6.30-7.30pm for ages 6-10 years old. For children who are between the ages of 10 and 14, Scouts meet on a Friday evening from 7.30-8.30pm. Normally, Beavers and Cubs meet at The Central Methodist church on School Lane in Kettering and the Scouts meet at Toller Meeting Rooms, Gold Street, Kettering. Anyone who wants to join or wants more information can contact Group Scout Leader Wendy at GSL@20thkettering.co.uk

Staff Spotlight

This week, the spotlight is on our Music and Year 2 Teacher, Mrs Palmer.

"Ever since a young age, music has played a huge part in my life. My mother took me to music classes when I was a tot and I'd relish in banging the drum along to Postman Pat. My primary school definitely encouraged my love of music and I was quickly asked to join the recorder club and to audition to play the violin. This is where my passion for music really began. I quickly progressed through grades and joined the county orchestras. It was amazing! I've been lucky to have toured around the world, playing in many amazing concert halls like the Albert Hall and even played live on stage with Kanye West in front of thousands of people! After leaving Birmingham Conservatoire, I began teaching and that's where I had my first experience of the magical place that's St P's. I taught violin here for a few years, but then moved to another patch in Northamptonshire. When I heard that they were interviewing for the music teacher post at St P's, I couldn't write my application fast enough! Moving to this wonderful school has totally changed my life. I've found an amazing community who've totally embraced my family and me. I couldn't be more proud of the students who inspire me to be the best teacher I can possibly be."



Finally, thank you to the parents who nominated us to be a Lockdown Hero at the National Teaching Awards. We're really thankful and immensely proud. Congratulations to Stanwick who won the 2nd Annual Pancake Flipping Competition! Have a great weekend and stay safe everyone.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

This week's menu can be found here <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/page/?title=Weekly+Menus&pid=112>