



Dear Parents and Carers,

A lot can change in a week and it's lovely having most of the children back in school. The laughing, singing and playing filling the classrooms and corridors is a real blessing. Even more can change in a year! I was reminded that it's been a year since I first had to email you about the government closure of schools and, the year before that, I was packing my bags ready to trek in the Himalayas from Kathmandu to rebuild a school that had been destroyed in an earthquake. The everyday routine of gate duty, teaching, meetings and Mr Fountain's chicken pie feels like heaven right now. I've certainly learnt through lockdown to be thankful for the simple things.

Nursery News

It's always a busy week in Sunnylands Nursery! The children have been making creative cards and artwork for their awesome mummies. We've used the weather to learn about the wind. We can feel, smell and taste the wind but we can't see it. Lots of 'Spring cleaning' has taken place in the role play area, with sweeping, mopping and hanging out the laundry. Well done everyone. Maybe the children can use these skills to help at home over the weekend?

Collection on the Crescent & Roadworks - PLEASE READ THIS!

There are due to be roadworks on the corner of Headlands and Queensbury Road with a local diversion down the Crescent on 16th-18th March. This road is already incredibly busy during school drop-off and pick up times so please allow extra time and be patient. I would also like to take this opportunity to run through some polite reminders:

- please drive **DOWN** the Crescent from Headlands to Queensbury, **NOT** up the Crescent;
- please park considerately for our neighbours, the public and other parents;
- drive slowly and carefully, allowing lots of space around the school gate;
- don't do u-turns on the Crescent.

When waiting outside school please:

- socially distance (the wall piers are approximately 2 metres apart);
- wear a face covering;
- don't block the gate, move away from the entrance when you have collected your child;
- allow room for our Nursery parents to pass by as they collect and leave with their children.

Thank you for your support in keeping our whole community safe.

PTA Mother's Day Gift

We hope that those of you who have purchased a Mother's Day gift enjoy receiving them on Sunday. I know that the children really enjoyed creating their masterpieces. A huge thanks to



the PTA once again for organising this fantastic activity and of course to the teachers who facilitated and supported the artwork.

Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March

Next Friday is Red Nose Day and children are welcome to come to school and nursery wearing something red or in Red Nose Day merchandise. This is completely optional. We'll have a bucket on the gate for donations and Class Teachers will also be collecting donations during registration for the charity. We'll be organising COVID-safe Red Nose Day activities in classes throughout the day.

Shout about us!

We're a very small school and we would love you to tell all of your friends, neighbours and colleagues about us. The best form of advertising is word of mouth and I have had lots of positive feedback this week of things we do well. I would love to talk to any potential new parents, for Nursery or School, and tell them about our magical place. Please share our social media posts, direct people towards our website and encourage them to give me a call. We may be small, but we're mighty and we have school spaces available.

Thank you for reading my weekly updates, or at least scan-reading the parts you feel are relevant to you! My ambition for this weekly update was to give everyone in the community a summary of what's happening and what's coming up without sending lots of long ParentMails throughout the week. Do check our website for updates - all copies of my Head's Updates can be found under the letters section if you ever miss one.

Finally, I'd like to wish one of our parents best of luck as they try and complete a 300km cycle challenge in aid of Cancer Research this weekend. I love to hear about the amazing things that are happening in our close community. More information about this cycle challenge can be found on their fundraising page. <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/maryannes-cycle-300-fundraising-page>

My exercise this weekend involves two long dog walks and watching the England game on TV! 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>