



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy and varied week in school and there's lots of events coming up; this update will make sure you're fully informed. The Spring equinox was this week so the days are now officially longer than the nights and the Summer, with restrictions hopefully lifted, is feeling much closer. 94 days until June 21st; let's continue working together to make sure that it happens.

### **Nursery News**

Spring is well and truly here! The children have been enchanted by the new chicks. Touching, observing and using lots of adjectives to describe them. Soft, fluffy, cute and small are some of the children's favourites. The drawings the children have produced are lovely; we shared some of them on our Sunnylands Nursery Facebook page for you to see. Today there is a sea of red in the Nursery as we've all dressed up for Comic Relief as well as making yummy red nose biscuits for our afternoon snack.

### **Out of Hours Contact**

If you need to contact the school out of normal working hours please email the School Office directly. The email is monitored regularly and this means we'll get the message as soon as possible. Please don't leave voicemails, contact teachers or use Google Classroom if you need to report an absence or leave a COVID related message. If you or someone in your household develops symptoms of COVID please email the School Office straight away and don't come into school until we've contacted you. Thank you.

### **Message from NCC - Children First**

As a result of the launch of the government scheme to test households and support bubbles of those who attend education, we're aware that there's been some confusion amongst parents regarding the testing of primary aged children. Primary school age children shouldn't be tested as part of the household. This extended testing is for adults only. We appreciate your support in this matter.

### **End of Term Concert**

Reception to Year 6 children have been busy learning songs to finish the term. We hope that next Friday we'll be able to invite you onto the field, just before pick-up, to listen to the singing outdoors in a mini-Easter concert. We'll confirm this next week, along with COVID guidelines, when we have a better idea of the weather conditions as it'll definitely be outside. If the weather is due to be wet or cold we'll record the children singing and post it in Google Classroom at the end of the day. The event will be socially-distanced and on the school field at 3pm if it goes ahead, similar to 'Carols on the Field'.



## House Matches and Sports Kit

Year 3 to Year 6 will be taking part in House matches next Wednesday afternoon. Unfortunately, you won't be able to come into school to spectate but I hope we can post photos, videos and score updates in Google Classroom throughout the afternoon so you can follow along at home if you wish. Children will need to be in full sports kit. This includes boots and trainers as the children will be playing Tag Rugby and Netball. They'll also need their House t-shirts. I believe some children don't yet have a House t-shirt, which are available through ParentMail to buy. They'll be needed at various events through the Trinity Term so please purchase them if you don't have one. It's vital that children have the correct sports clothing and always have it with them. Gum shields aren't compulsory for Tag Rugby but are encouraged. Children should wear their long blue socks, shorts or skorts, with tracksuits on top.

A number of uniform items have gone missing recently, please can you check that your child hasn't taken someone else's uniform home with them. Also, please remember to clearly label all items of clothing.

## Omegle and E-safety

There are so many strange things on the internet and the latest craze is called Omegle which is a chat platform with very few restrictions and no age limits. It isn't safe for children to use. I've attached the NOS poster to give you more information. Please remain vigilant when your children are online as this new platform seems to bypass most filters.

## Summer Uniform - 4th May

School pupils will return to summer uniform on 4th May. All children will need to be in full summer uniform which is available through ParentMail. We recommend you order any new items before April 16th and try on old summer uniform, which hasn't been worn since 2019, to ensure that it still fits.

Summer uniform consists of the blazer, cardigan for girls, jumper, tie and cap for boys, plus the following items:

### Girls

- Summer dress - sizes are the same as the blouses.
- Boater - available in small, medium and large, this should sit on top of the head. The bow on the hatband is to be worn on the left hand side, please sew or stick to the hat.
- Long white plain socks\*

### Boys

- Grey shorts - sizes are the same as the trousers.
- Short sleeved white shirt\*
- Long grey socks\*



\*Not available via ParentMail, please purchase from a clothes outlet or supermarket. All other uniform items should be purchased from the School.

### **Red Nose Day**

We've had a great day in school and nursery dressed in red and telling jokes. Thank you for your donations. We've raised a fantastic £180 for Red Nose Day and Comic Relief. The most popular joke of the day, "Why did the dog lie next to the fire?... Because it wanted to be a hot dog!"

The life cycle of a school never stands still. We've enjoyed Shakespeare week, the hatching of chicks, red noses and we're all looking forward to the Easter holiday just around the corner. Thank you to everyone for supporting our small but busy school community.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

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