



Dear Parents and Carers,

We made it! This Lent term will be remembered for a long time and I hope Trinity term will feel much more normal. It's been a year since the COVID outbreak and school closures. We've adapted, overcome and conquered obstacles which we never thought we'd face. I was asked by one of you when I started, "what changes will you make?". I believe I said something about not changing what St Peter's stands for, not altering the traditions, but I wanted to bring new ideas and innovations. I had big plans for the curriculum, assessment and modern teaching techniques. I also said there was no rush! One thing I've learnt this year is that being able to change quickly has been a massive part of our success story. We've found new ways to work; teachers are online, QR codes are on displays, children are able to email, share work and be collaborative even when they're not physically together. Our speed of reaction and our rate of change to make sure our children receive the very best, and safest, education is one of the reasons we've this week received the Rose of Northamptonshire Award. We were nominated and chosen for this prestigious award, presented by the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, for our passion for education and our ability to overcome the most difficult year since the school opened in 1946. This award is for the whole community. Well done.

Nursery News

What an amazing half term we've had! It's been fantastic to all play, share and learn together in our wonderful setting; we're very blessed. This week, we've been thinking about Easter and Easter celebrations; enjoying making Easter chocolate nests, an Easter hunt and enjoying Easter songs! We've also been practising lots of mark making and writing our names in our Easter cards! The beans we planted at the start of term have been sent home this week, we hope you can take photos and share with us as they grow; I wonder if there'll be a giant in a castle at the top, just like the story we shared? Have a wonderful Easter from all of the staff in Nursery.

Communication over Easter

You should all remain vigilant to the symptoms of COVID-19 during the Easter holidays and if your child tests positive following symptoms which start between Friday 26th March and Monday 29th March you should email the result to the School Office so that we can complete contact tracing. If you develop symptoms before 14th April you must also inform the School Office and not come into school or nursery. The Google Classrooms will remain open but the teachers won't be setting and marking work or responding. I need them to be refreshed for the Trinity term so they've been told to log off. The School Office will be closed but the school email will be monitored regularly.

House Matches

The sun shone on Wednesday afternoon for the Year 3 to Year 6 Lent House Matches. Everyone played their very best in a round robin of 6 matches of Netball and Rugby. There was certainly a great team spirit as everyone represented their houses. We hope that parents enjoyed our match updates, pictures and pitch side interviews throughout the afternoon. The Cooper Cup was awarded to Stanwick who earned the most points through the afternoon.



Congratulations! The Year 6 House Captains and Sports Captains have decided who their players of the tournament were:

- Barnwell - Liam, Toby and Geraldine
- Brigstock - Kabeer, Rupert and Eliana
- Stanwick - Ana, Jacob and Sophie
- Sywell - Henry, Samora and Jude

Well done everyone for excellent sportsmanship and brilliant behaviour. Fingers crossed parents will be allowed to watch the Trinity House Matches.

Attendance & House Points

I'm always thrilled with our school's attendance; it shows me that our children want to be here. St Peter's is a safe and happy place where children want to be and our attendance figures show that. Year 2 and Year 6 received praise today for 100% attendance this term. **COVID absence figures aren't included within school attendance figures.*

At lunchtime today I also announced the house point totals for the whole term. The children were very excited to hear how their hard work had affected their house standings:

- 1st - Sywell (326)
- 2nd - Stanwick (315)
- 3rd - Barnwell (306)
- 4th - Brigstock (288)

The girls were even more pleased to hear that they had smashed the boys total with over 100 more house points! Well done everyone. House points are awarded for effort, behaviour and achievement and all of the houses are still in the running for receiving the trophy on Founders Day.

Reports

Reception to Year 6 will receive their end of term interim reports today. I hope you enjoy reading them and I hope they're useful. Year 1 reports are in the post! These reports are a snapshot of your child's progress this term. They include a standardised score for Maths, Reading and Science ([here's a video which explains standardised scores](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBeVh7X0HiE&t=1s)), a class teacher comment, attendance, number of house points and effort/attainment grades for all subjects. They also include a behaviour report and something for your mantlepiece.

Please remember to place your orders for Summer uniform if you haven't already. The children will be in Summer uniform from **TUESDAY 4TH MAY**. Sadly, we weren't able to host the singing on the field this afternoon as planned but we hope you enjoy the recorded version of 'I Like Books' performed by the whole school, recorded individually in Music lessons this week. We've shared a copy in all of the Google Classrooms today. Finally, I want to wish all of you



a very happy Easter. Everyone has earned some time away from screens. Thank you for your ongoing support this term.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

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

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