



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach one week since the end of term, I wanted to write to thank you all for your incredible support during another challenging year. We made it! Not only did we survive, we thrived. The teachers and Nursery staff have been busy preparing for September. Classrooms have been tidied, Google Classrooms have been archived, displays are refreshed and names are on books in readiness for excited pupils in new classes. It's now time for these staff to spend quality time with their families, switch off and recharge ready to go again.

Our wonderful support staff have also been busy completing end of term arrangements and preparing everything for September. The school and grounds are looking amazing as always. The School Office is now working reduced hours but emails and voicemails are being checked regularly. If you need to make contact with the school over the Summer holidays, please leave a message with the School Office, don't contact teachers directly. Thank you.

We hope school will return completely to 'normal' in September, it will be ridiculous if we can't after seeing the crowds at Wimbledon and Wembley over the weekend! However, we'll update you towards the end of the Summer when more guidance has been produced regarding COVID control measures in schools. The fading coloured tape by the gate will hopefully be just a distant memory, rather than a daily reminder!

On the last day of term I shared the school's attendance figures with the children and told them how proud I was of them all. For those at Founders Day, you'll have noticed how many children have 100% attendance. This tells me that our children want to be in school and you want that too. Thank you for keeping your children in school and thank you to your children for their love of learning. I'm happy to share the figures with you as I'm so thrilled. The national average in UK primary schools last academic year was 94.6%, this year it is much lower.

- Reception - 97.9%
- Year 1 - 98.4%
- Year 2- 98.7%
- Year 3 - 97.9%
- Year 4 - 98.8%
- Year 5 - 97.6%
- Year 6 - 99%
- Total - 98.3%

The children have also performed exceptionally well in their end of term assessments. All year groups have outperformed the national average, pre-COVID, and as a school we continue to work approximately 10 standardised score points above national average. For the



mathematicians amongst you, you'll be interested to know that our assessment provider is re-standardising the end of term tests this Summer which will make this difference even greater. Your children won't become more intelligent over the break but the national average has dropped over this academic year extending the gap! We'll communicate these scores when the re-standardisation is complete. I'm pleased to share the current performance of our whole school with you. These are mean average scores of every child in school:

- Maths - 108.9
- Reading - 112.5
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar - 111
- Science - 114

I'm incredibly proud of the children and their teachers. I hope you're too. For those who are interested, boys have closed the gap on girls in reading and girls have closed the gap on boys in Science. I'm always happy to talk to parents about assessments and data, so do ask if you have any questions. But remember that what we do really well, is find the talents, skills and interests of your child beyond a test. I made this video last year which helps explain standardised scores <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBeVh7X0HiE&t=2s>

We have added key dates to our calendar which you can see here, <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>. You can also subscribe to this calendar on your phone or device to get the latest dates and details. The most up to date events can always be found on the front page of our website. Much is still to be confirmed and we'll give more information when we know the COVID landscape for the new academic year. Below are some of the key dates for your diaries:

- Monday 6th September - First Day of Michaelmas Term
- Thursday 9th September - Nursery Parents Event
- Monday 20th September - Michaelmas Clubs Start
- Monday 20th September - Pupils to wear Winter uniform
- Thursday 30th September - School Council and Eco Committee Elections
- Monday 18th October - R to Y6 Share Your Work
- Friday 22nd October - Last Day of Michaelmas Term 1
- Monday 8th November - Year 2 Class Assembly
- Monday 15th and Tuesday & 16th November - R-Y6 Parent Teacher Consultations
- Monday 22nd November - Year 6 Class Assembly
- Monday 29th November - Year 5 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 1st December - Reception Nativity TBC
- Thursday 2nd December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production TBC
- Wednesday 8th December - Y3-Y6 Michaelmas Games Afternoon
- Wednesday 8th December - Sunnylands Nursery Christmas Songs
- Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Carol Service TBC
- Wednesday 15th December - Last Day of Michaelmas Term 2 (half day)



There are other events, such as PTA activities, but I'll share these when they're confirmed. I also really love Christmas and I genuinely hope that we'll get to share in the magic of Christmas this year, in the real world.

It really has been an extraordinary year and I think we all need a few weeks to unwind. I hope you and your family get this opportunity. For the families joining us this year, of which there are several, welcome to our small but incredibly kind and supportive community. I know you'll be made to feel very welcome and I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the 6th September.

Like a well turned book, it's time to close this chapter as we await our Summer Amazon order filled with new stories ready for the new school year. Have a safe and happy summer, everyone.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher