



Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun is shining but there is still a cool breeze. A metaphor for the nation at the moment. It has been lovely to see the children in Summer uniform and I hope the weather will be just as bright and cheery as the term continues.

Nursery News

What a mermazing week we've enjoyed in Nursery! The children have loved exploring the story and characters of The Little Mermaid and enjoyed watching some of the film as a treat. Flounder the fish visited us and enjoyed hearing about what the children had been doing over the bank holiday as well as teaching the children things like positional language and French! We're thrilled to do more food related activities and the children have been very creative making tasty boats and trying new things they've never tasted before! We're working towards our 'Pirates and Mermaids' Party day for all children that attend on a Friday, at the end of the half term.

Reception Class Assembly

We were thrilled to welcome Reception parents into school on Wednesday for the Reception Class assembly. It was a little cold and breezy outside but the South Lawn was the perfect backdrop for the minibeast occasion. It felt strange having a 'real life' event, hopefully the first of many to come. Year 1 have their class assembly on May 17th and we look forward to welcoming their parents into school next.

ParentMail App

You'll have noticed that ParentMail have updated their App to IRIS ParentMail, if you'd like to receive an email to your inbox as well as the notifications via the App, you need to change the email preferences within the App, the top email setting. This will ensure you always receive an email when the School sends a communication as well as a notification via the App. Whilst in the settings, you can also request form reminders.

Parent Teacher Consultations - 10th & 11th May

This is a gentle reminder for Reception to Year 6 parents that parent teacher consultations are on Monday and Tuesday next week. These will take place online or over the phone. There is an invite in your child's Gmail and Google Calendar or you can access it directly in Google Meets. If you have any questions please contact the School Office. Please try and be on time and allow the teachers to remain punctual for their next appointment.

Staff Spotlight

This week we shine the spotlight on our longest serving member of staff, our amazing Teaching Assistant **Miss Perkins**. Miss Perkins' history with the school is so vast we could have written a book. She joined St Peter's as a 7 year old pupil and attended the school until 16, when the secondary department was still open. During this time, she was an active



member of the school and fell in love with everything at St Ps. She was a member of the school choir and even toured America with the 'Cavendish Singers', performing at baseball stadiums in Carolina. It wasn't long before Miss Perkins returned as a grown up; first time round as a student teacher. She was studying her NNEB Diploma, learnt sign language and could write shorthand. For a time she set up a Day Nursery in Northampton but it wasn't long before she was back again! She then ran the School Nursery for 14 years, located in the current School Office building. She loves the uniqueness and family atmosphere of St Ps. It has been a massive part of her life, as she has been a part of ours. Miss Perkins' fondest memories include school shows, performances and nativities; her artistic flair put to use with the make-up and backdrops. Her creative talents don't stop there. She can play the guitar, loves music and has even taught Speech and Drama and Maypole. She loves reading and loves to inspire young children to read and is currently taking our Keen Readers club and reading Sir Captain Tom's biography. Three things you may not know about Miss Perkins: she's been around the Isle of Mann on the back of a motorbike; she's climbed Snowdon 3 times; and she is proud to recall her nomination as 'Teacher of the Year' in the Evening Telegraph 25 years ago. We're so proud of Miss Perkins, of everything she does and has done for our school. Most children will know her motto, "Never say that'll do, always try your best." Outside of school she runs holiday clubs and youth clubs for local children. What a star!

This has been a really positive week for children in school. Seeing actual parents in an audience, learning about the upcoming residential, 10 days until the hatching of the Year 1 eggs (fingers crossed) and the Year 4s painting faces for their Aztec topic. But, we must remember those who aren't in such a good place right now. It was brought to my attention that the Kettering Food Bank is currently running low on food supplies, please support them if you can. There is also a family in our community who are going through a very difficult week and we send them all of our hopes and prayers. I extend those wishes to anyone in our community who needs them right now. Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

This week's menu can be found here:

<https://www.st-peters.org.uk/page/?title=Weekly+Menus&pid=112>