



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in our vibrant school with much to look forward to. This week we celebrated International Nurses Day on Florence Nightingale's birthday. Lots of our parents and friends are nurses so we share our love and thanks with them all, particularly important this year. Some children have been celebrating Eid and all the children have been learning what this means. One of the amazing things about our school is its diversity. Eid Mubarak from us all.

### **Nursery News**

We've enjoyed hunting for treasure this week, using different materials and various tools! We're working on our fine motor skills; with threading activities, using tweezers, scrunching up tissue paper, using cotton buds to mark make on letter shapes and practising using scissor skills. We've also been creating maps and compasses to aid our continuing role playing opportunities as pirates and mermaids. We've explored colours this week with lots of colour sorting activities. We dug for coloured treasures and had to match them to the correct treasure chest, we sorted coloured balls into hoops outside and used a variety of colours to create stunning bubble print starfish!

### **Mental Health Awareness Week**

This week is mental health week and this is so important. Many of us have experienced mental ill health in our lives, and the last year will have caused anxiety to many more. Please know that you're not alone. We're all doing our best to make sure that our children are happy and the normality of school routine helps everyone. The prospect of exciting events also gives us something to look forward to. I'll continue sharing mental health resources via Google Classroom and if anyone ever needs support, please reach out.

### **Upcoming Events**

Some of those exciting events are hopefully happening this term! The Swimming Gala is on the 21st May and we'll upload pictures and videos to the Google Classroom. Years 4 to 6 are going on a Bushcraft Adventure, camping from the 26th to the 28th May. We can't wait! After half term we have Sports Days, Summer Games, Founders Day and the much anticipated Music for a Summers Evening. If you have peripatetic music lessons please remember to fill in the ParentMail form if you'd like your child to perform. New to the calendar this year is also a talent competition. More information to follow!

### **Music Lessons**

Has your child considered learning an instrument? We have spaces for the following instruments in September 2021:

- **Violin** - Year 1 to 6
- **Cello** - Year 2 to 6
- **Flute, Clarinet** - Year 4 to Year 6 (*you must have both adult front teeth*)
- **Saxophone** - Year 6 (*you must have both adult front teeth*)



- **Singing** - Year 3 to 6
- **Piano** - Year 1 to 6

Strings, Woodwind and Vocal lessons are provided by NMPAT. Our Vocal teacher is Mr Taylor, Ms Carter is our Woodwind teacher, and Mrs Palmer teaches Strings. Mrs Walters is our independent Piano teacher. NMPAT provides instruments for our children which is a great bonus! If you'd like any further information about lessons or payment etc, please contact the School Office.

### **Website Gallery**

Don't forget that as well as regular Facebook and Instagram posts, we also publish pictures on our website gallery. We'll update this again at the end of term and add pictures of all the events which will be happening. <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/gallery/?pid=3&gcatid=1>

Finally, as the world opens, we'd like to welcome new parents into school. Currently tours are happening after school and are socially-distanced. If you know a family, friend or colleague who'd like to come and see what St Peter's is all about please invite them to contact the School Office and arrange a tour. We have spaces for 2021 and we're excited to show the world our amazing school. We'll continue to follow national advice and as events take place we'll advise you of current restrictions and measures in place. Although you may be allowed in school for events, we'll still be following strict guidelines. Have a lovely weekend, let's keep our fingers crossed for a dry Monday for the Year 1 class assembly - bring a coat and umbrella just in case!

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

This week's menu can be found here:

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