



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're definitely back in full swing and even though the sun isn't always shining we're still getting the children outside as much as possible. Please remember to send children into school with layers and jackets now the weather is less predictable. It was lovely to see so many of you at the informal coffee morning in the Hub today. "This feels strange", "It feels a bit naughty!", could be heard as people arrived but very quickly everyone was chatting, drinking tea and enjoying Mr Fountain's delicious blueberry flapjack. Come and join us next time!

Nursery News

We've had another fun-filled week in Nursery! We've been exploring shapes with dinosaur puzzles and challenges, ballet started again and we've started looking at where we live in relation to the whole wide world. As part of exploring where we live, we made traditional scones today. We are sending the recipe home so would love you to share this experience with your child too. The children are forming friendships and it's lovely to watch as their personalities develop, now we've settled into the new term.

Individual and Class Photos - TUESDAY 28th September

Photographs are on Tuesday next week. Please make sure your child comes into school in full winter uniform. Everyone will also need their full PE and Sports kits to get changed into, including short white socks and long blue socks if they wear them. We'll be getting the children changed for PE, Games and team photos throughout the day. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch with the School Office on Monday.

Clubs

This week saw the introduction of lots of new clubs. From Sewing to Hockey, there's something for everyone. Reception will get to join in from Christmas. I'd personally like to thank all of the teachers for running these clubs and making them such a fun and educational experience for the children. There are still some places left at Dance Club so let the office know if your child would enjoy joining our dance crew. This is a paid club. Miss Chatwin also has spaces in her ballet class which is during the school day on a Wednesday. If you're interested in ballet, beginner or experienced, please get in touch with the School Office for more information.



School Council

School Council elections are on Thursday next week. The children have prepared manifestos, run impressive campaigns and now they will learn about democracy and the importance of voting in a fair election. House coloured food at lunch times was an interesting manifesto promise. The School Hall will be turned into a polling station where children will put an 'X' in a box.

Experiences like this help children understand the world around them and empower them to have ownership over decisions like this. Although some children will be disappointed not to be elected, we'll reassure them that there's always an opportunity next year and help manage their feelings.

Morrisons Gardening Vouchers

It's Good to Grow is a token collection scheme that allows schools to collect free gardening equipment to get children outdoors and growing. Between the 6th September and 24th October 2021 for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons, customers will automatically receive one *Grow Token* to donate to your chosen school. You will need to be a MyMorrisons customer to take part so make sure you download the app and select our school to donate your Grow Tokens. From 24th October, we'll be able to redeem the Grow Tokens you've collected against a range of growing and gardening equipment for school. <https://my.morrisons.com/blog/community/good-to-grow/>

PTA Lower School Harvest Supper

There are just 10 tickets left for the Lower School Harvest supper. If your child is in Reception to Year 2 and you haven't got your ticket yet please purchase over the weekend so we can offer any spare tickets to other parents. This will be a lovely event for the children and also an opportunity for lots of new parents to meet.

PTA Halloween Disco - Friday 22nd October

Tickets go on sale soon. This event is for Reception to Year 6.

Useful Links

Below are some useful links for you:

- Weekly Menus - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/page/?title=Weekly+Menus&pid=112>
- Class Timetables - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/page/?title=Timetables&pid=85>
- Term Dates - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=82>
- Useful websites - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/page/?title=Parent+Portal&pid=11>



- School calendar - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>
- Curriculum Information - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=118>

We've almost reached the halfway point of this busy half term with lots of activities planned for the coming weeks. I'm looking forward to our first ever rugby competition on Wednesday and I know Mr Holmes is excited for the inter-school football next week. We're also taking a minibus full of children to run a cross country at Rutland Water on Friday. Fingers crossed for a dry week!

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas