



Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather has been less kind to us this week but it's been lovely watching the children playing in the falling leaves and splashing in puddles, especially the Year 6s on Bikeability! Fingers crossed the sun returns as we start clubs next week with lots of sports and outdoor learning planned.

Nursery News

The children have been working really hard using their pincer grip and showing dexterity in a variety of activities; to peg clothes onto a washing line, pick up and place buttons on a dinosaur, rolling and manipulating Playdoh, and practising our scissor skills. Maybe you could use your fingers to make something out of paper this weekend? It has been lovely to see photos of children exploring all things Dinosaurs and we enjoyed sharing dinosaur stories and songs with the children. We look forward to continuing our dinosaur theme this term. This week we were also fortunate to meet some members of the Police force. We loved seeing their flashing lights and the noise of the sirens, even though it was very loud! We've moved the Nursery notice board to outside the Admin building (on the outside wall of my office) so that you can all see the latest Nursery news as you walk round to Nursery for drop-off. Take a look!

Clubs Start Next Week

Clubs start on Monday with the introduction of some new and exciting adventures with a few winter favourites. The majority of children have their first choice clubs however, some were in high demand. We've had to allocate places on a first come first served basis and Lower School Art and Craft Club has been split into 2 groups due to popularity. You should've received a confirmation of the clubs your child can attend. Children should wear appropriate clothing to clubs (i.e. bring in Sports kit if it's a sports club).

Flu Jabs

Following the announcement this week regarding COVID vaccinations the national flu vaccination program for children in Northamptonshire has been paused. The new date is due to be published shortly and we will share this information with you when we have it. The vaccination program is organised, administered and delivered by the county's immunisation team which is separate from the school.

Coffee Morning



I know some of you have missed the opportunity to meet in school so parents are invited into the Cedar Hub for tea and coffee after drop off on Friday 24th September 8:30-9:30am. The coffee morning will be hosted in and around the Cedar Hub building with doors and windows open; please respect each other's wishes to socially-distance or wear a face covering. We hope that some of you can join us. This is an informal event and hopefully the start of more in person activities.

PTA - NEEDS YOU!

St Peter's has an active PTA and they NEED YOU! If you're new to the school and keen to be involved with the PTA please get in touch with them on STPSPTA@st-peters.org.uk

You don't have to join the committee but they're always looking for volunteers. They hope to arrange a number of events this term and we hope you will support them.

Dates For Your Diary

Our School Calendar is available on the School website and is downloadable to your own mobile devices but I know some of you prefer a print out of events. I've therefore downloaded this academic year's calendar and attached it to this ParentMail. Please remember that events may change or be added through the year and some timings will be confirmed but I hope this is a useful document to stick to your fridge or glue into your paper planners! Class Assemblies, Parent-Teacher Consultations and Sports Days etc. are unlikely to change.

Sporting Fixtures

I'm really excited to announce that we've organised a series of sporting fixtures for the children this term. These are predominantly aimed at Upper School children. We're taking part in all of the Kettering Schools Sports Partnership events, in some of the Independent Schools Association Junior events, and we have individual fixtures against other Prep Schools. I'm also looking forward to entering the Stamford Sports Festival at Stamford School. If your child is interested in taking part in a fixture and is selected, you'll receive a ParentMail asking for permission for your child to take part. Please complete these forms as soon as you can. As a small school, we're fortunate that most of our children will get to take part in these fixtures as they go up through the school but some events have capped numbers so it's impossible to take all of the children every time, e.g. 5-a-side football. We will do our best to let as many children experience competitive sporting events as possible throughout the year. Can I please remind all Year 3 to Year 6 parents that your child must have a gum shield and shin pads in school as the Michaelmas sports and fixtures are Rugby and Hockey. These will also be our House Sports on Winter Games Day.



Finally, please can I ask you to return your Data Check sheets as quickly as possible to make sure we have all the correct details on our system. Please also complete the annual permissions form if you've received one.

Don't forget that children should be in Winter uniform from Monday. Have a fantastic weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher