



Dear Parents and Carers,

“School bells are ringing loud and clear; vacation’s over, school is here.”

We’ve now completed one whole week of *cautious* normal and things seem to be going well. Children have quickly become used to routines, and school feels much better now that it has the sounds of happy children in it. I enjoy watching the children from my office window as they explore, play and learn together.

## Music

Children in Year 2 need an Ocarina in school every Monday for their Class music lesson with Mrs Palmer. If your child does not have an Ocarina, you can purchase this via ParentMail.

Children in Year 3, 4, and 5 need a Recorder in school every Wednesday for their Class music lesson with Mrs Palmer. If your child does not have a Recorder, you can purchase this via Parentmail. Year 6 won’t need their recorder in school until Lent Term as they will be learning the Ukulele.

Individual peripatetic music lessons start next week. Please make sure your child has their instrument and music on the correct day:

- Tuesday 14th September - Violin and Cello lessons, Piano lessons (Year 1 and 2)
- Wednesday 15th September - Vocal lessons and Piano lessons (Year 5 and 6)
- Thursday 16th September - Piano lessons (Year 3, 4, and 5)
- Friday 17th September - Woodwind lessons

We may have space if your child is interested in joining our peripatetic voice and instrumental lessons provided by Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT). If you are interested please email the School Office for further details.

LAMDA lessons also start next week and there are spaces available if your child wishes to start Speech and Drama lessons. Ballet lessons will start in school time from Wednesday 22nd September. Again, if you’re interested in LAMDA or Ballet please contact the School Office.

## Nursery

It was lovely to meet so many Nursery parents last night at the Nursery Parents Evening; this was hopefully the start of more normal events happening in school. It has been wonderful to see the Nursery bustling with noise and activity; welcoming old faces and new! Everyone has settled in really well and the children are quickly adapting to routines and making friends. We have enjoyed sharing the story, 'Harry & his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs' as well as exploring dinosaur activities. The children have created dinosaur artwork for our display, counted dinosaurs into a bucket, and managed to find dinosaur bones frozen in ice. The children enjoyed exploring how to excavate the bones!



## **Clubs**

We continue to work really hard to create an exciting and varied set of clubs for the Michaelmas term. If you've requested a space at a Club the confirmation will be sent to you next week and clubs will start on Monday 20th September. Some club numbers are capped but we've done our best to give you all the choices you asked for.

## **School Council**

I believe that School Councils are integral to a successful school. Children should have a voice. Therefore, on Monday, I will be launching this year's School Council campaign. Last year, our councillors requested the online art gallery, Friday Night is Music Night, met with governors and also named the chicks, to name just a few accomplishments. Each Year will elect a representative and all children will have a forum to put forward their ideas and opinions. Older children will need to prepare a manifesto; this can be a poster or a short presentation. Younger children will be guided through a series of questions and a class discussion. We will then have an election where everyone will get a vote. This process is always exciting for the children and it offers learning opportunities in supporting classmates, being humble in victory and gracious if not elected this year, the latter being a hard lesson to learn. Class teachers will support all of the children in the process and I look forward to sharing School Council news with you in the future.

## **Church Choir**

Our local church, St Peter and St Paul, are looking for choristers. I've attached information regarding their Chorister Day and young people joining the Youth Choir. We have lots of fantastic singers in school and I hope some of them will be interested in joining this local choir.

## **Remain Vigilant**

Please remain vigilant to COVID symptoms and always follow national advice. We need to keep our children safe and school open. We encourage you to be sensible and help reduce the risk of spreading COVID in our community wherever possible. Please make sure that you read the guidance sent before the start of term and don't send your child into school if they, or someone in your household, are unwell.

## **School Uniform**

It's lovely to see the children looking smart as they return to school. We'll all be in Winter uniform from Monday 20th September. All children should wear regulation sports kit, which includes the full tracksuit. Hoodies are available from Year 3 but these do not replace the tracksuit. The hoodies are ideal when the weather is cold but a tracksuit is preferred for playing sports in, like rugby and hockey. Gum shields and shin pads are required for Games from Year 3 upwards. Children should also wear their coats; many children got wet today when it rained! Here's the link to our school uniform page on the website: <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=87>



## Class Assemblies 2021-2022

Parents are invited to attend their child's class assembly (subject to COVID restrictions). Please see the provisional dates below:

- Reception - *Monday 9th May 2022*
- Year 1 - *Monday 23rd May 2022*
- Year 2 - *Monday 8th November 2021*
- Year 3 & Year 4 - *Monday 28th February 2022*
- Year 5 - *Monday 29th November 2021*
- Year 6 - *Monday 22nd November 2021*

All dates can be found in our online calendar which can be synced to your digital devices. <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Year 6 have their Bikeability training on Monday, so keep your fingers crossed for good weather... don't forget your bikes and helmets Year 6!

Although the weather has turned, I hope you all have a lovely weekend as it begins to feel a lot more Autumn and a lot less Summer! I was told that at least one family has missed my weekly update and ramblings so I hope they're a welcome return.

Regards,

Mr Thomas