



Dear Parents and Carers,

All the leaves have fallen, we're halfway to Christmas and the news today said COVID rates are slowly falling. I started the week at the NMPAT Young Musicians Concert where a number of ex-St P pupils were performing as part of the County U18 orchestras, choirs and bands. It was a brilliant evening of music and I look forward to seeing some of our current children in this concert in a few years.

PTA Family Quiz

I'm writing to you on a Saturday this week as last night I was quizzing at the second annual PTA Family Quiz night! Thank you to the teams who took part with over 50 people on screen and in the real world. A huge congratulations to *The Birch Bandits*, *Children in Need of Answers* and *Quizzpicable Me* for their excellent performances as our top three teams. It was brilliant to see so many families coming together at a PTA event and in a hybrid style, possibly a glimpse into the future of lots of events. We all learnt lots too. From shapes, to cartoons and TV themes both young and old brains were challenged. The PTA is a valuable part of any school and we're lucky to have such an active group of parents. Please feel free to join the PTA and get involved with future events. You can email them at STPSPTA@st-peters.org.uk if you want to get involved in future events. Coming up in our calendar are the Christmas Raffle and Hampers (tickets on sale and donations gratefully received), The Christmas Fayre and a visit from Santa on Christmas Jumper Day (tickets available through ParentMail). Exciting!

Nursery News

We've been busy with our hands this week, mastering fine and gross motor skills. We've used our imagination to create impressive builds while junk modelling, using glue spreaders, boxes, tubes, bottles, lollipop sticks, bottle tops, cotton wool and paint. The children independently created a variety of things from space rockets, dinosaurs and monsters to colourful rainbows and even a dance floor! We were carefully threading fruit on a stick to make our fruit rockets and have been using our hands to play instruments to space themed songs. We continue to practise our pencil control and used our cutting skills yesterday to make Pudsey Bear inspired headbands! Thank you for our generous donations to Nursery this year for Children in Need.

Children in Need

We all had a fantastic day. Our small community raised an amazing £325 for Children in Need. It was brilliant to see all of the children in their rainbow colours and Children in Need merchandise. At lunchtime the biscuit towers were built as part of the Children in Need national sweepstake. *Melvyn with the pink wafer* was the eventual winner and their owners received a lolly. Thank you for your support and thank you teachers for helping to organise a memorable day. Mrs Eyles also organised a carousel of Spanish activities for Reception to Year 4 which included Spanish Art, Music and Dancing. Olé!



Stay healthy

I want to remind everyone in this period of winter cold and flu that if your child is unwell at all, please don't send them into school or nursery. We're going to great lengths to keep everyone in our community healthy to help us identify any potential cases of COVID. If you have any concerns or questions or you're unsure what to do please contact the School Office. If you or anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19, please inform the School Office straight away and organise a test. If you develop any symptoms over a weekend, please email the School Office and don't send your child to school until you've heard from us.

I hope you all have an amazing weekend and make the most of the early Black Friday deals. I look forward to welcoming the Year 6 parents on Monday to the Year 6 Class Assembly.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher