



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a good week and are looking forward to a restful weekend. Some important Covid announcements as well as some fun this week!

Nursery

The Autumn leaves are falling all around our Nursery and School and we are loving the seasonal change. We've been enjoying welly walks through the leaves around the School grounds. We listened to them crunch under our feet and collected different shapes, sizes and colours to look at. We've done some leaf rubbings, stained glass window leaves, painted with leaves and vegetables, and used our hands to create leaves and pumpkins for our Autumn and Harvest display. We've been practising our pencil control by tracing around hedgehogs and our pincer grip adding the correct number of pegs onto numbered hedgehogs!

PTA - Pumpkin Designs

Don't forget to remind the children to complete their Halloween Pumpkin designs for the last day of the half term. They'll be on display in the School Hall for the disco and there are prizes for the best designs. It's completely free!

PTA - Halloween Disco

Don't forget to buy your child's Halloween disco ticket via ParentMail. It'll be a fantastic way to end the half term with singing, dancing and games. Fancy dress is OPTIONAL.

Poppy Appeal

After half term, our Year 6s will be selling poppies at the school gate. Children can purchase a poppy, reflector, wristband, snap band or zip pull from the Year 6s who'll be collecting for the Royal British Legion appeal. Items will need to be paid for with exact money as no change will be available. All donations go to charity. We're happy for children to wear a poppy on their school blazer for the month of November, and all other merchandise must be taken home.

School Skipathon - 20th October

This term, children have been learning to skip in PE. On Wednesday next week, we're going to attempt to get all of the Reception to Year 6 pupils skipping at the same time. This is part of a national fundraising campaign for the British Heart Foundation. We'll be attempting the twister,



slalom, scissor, jumping jax, double unders, fours and double dutch! If you'd like to donate to the British Heart Foundation you can do so via this link <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate/your-donation/get-started>

Wet Weather Clubs

Due to the unpredictable Winter weather, not all clubs can always run as advertised. Our sports staff will endeavour to get children outside playing sports, but in heavy rain this may not be possible. There'll always be an alternative sport or indoor activity session offered in its place. If it's torrential rain and you would like to collect your child from their sports club at the normal end of school time, please inform the School Office in advance.

Kettering Rugby Event

We had a brilliant day on Tuesday at Kettering Rugby Club. Our U9s enjoyed a rugby festival and the U11s came second in the afternoon local league. Well done.

Winter Uniform

Winter is coming! So please make sure that children have school hats, gloves and scarves. These should be the St Peter's stock, available from the school shop. Also, please remember your football boots and shin pads for every Games session.

Share Your Work - Monday 18th November

Share Your Work is on Monday after school for Reception to Year 6. For those who have never experienced this, school will be open to parents and you're welcome to go to your child's classroom, with them, to see where they sit, look through their books and learn what they've been learning. The teachers will also be in the classrooms to talk to. This is not a formal parents evening and you should only be in your own child's class. Please try and socially-distance yourself from other parents and spread out. Hand sanitiser will be available throughout school. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to see the school through your child.

Open Morning

We had a lovely Open Morning on Wednesday. The school looked magnificent and the children enjoyed a carousel of exciting activities. "You should be proud of your pupils", and "the children were a delight" was just some of the feedback.



Absence and Illness and Home Learning

There is a lot of illness around at the moment and Kettering is a national hotspot for COVID. Please remain vigilant. If your child is off with general illness they will not be given Home Learning, however, if your child is off school for COVID reasons, e.g. self-isolating or waiting for results, we will initiate Home Learning via Google Classroom. If your child is off school with COVID, please speak to the Class Teacher if and when your child is well enough to start Home Learning once they've recovered but still have to self-isolate. Please don't send your child into school if they're ill. As always, please report all illnesses, test results and absences to the School Office.

We're all looking forward to one week's half term soon. This will help children and staff recharge and be prepared for the dark nights and cold days of Michaelmas 2. I have spoken to lots of other schools this week who've had positive cases of COVID in their schools. Thank you, everyone, for working together to keep our children safe and in school. Unfortunately, some events this week were cancelled due to localised outbreaks; this seems like it may be more common this Winter. Thank you for your patience; we'll do our best to reschedule everything we can.

Finally, next week is the finals of the St Peter's Conker Championships. Make sure your child has their best six-er, ten-er or even twelver-er freshly strung and ready to go. It may even upset the current House Point totals as pupils are competing for their houses:

- Barnwell - 186
- Brigstock - 173
- Stanwick 196
- Sywell - 172

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher