



Dear Parents and Carers,

Snow fell this week so it definitely feels like winter has arrived. Please remain safe, not just from COVID, but from the elements and icy footpaths. We have a busy week ahead of us and this time of year is always exciting, for the children and the adults. The news has been filled with COVID once again and the Prime Minister's announcement last weekend has reminded us all to stay extra safe if we want a normal Christmas. I'm determined that the children should experience as many normal activities as possible and this week we all got to enjoy Reception's Nativity and the Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production. Thank you for brightening our week Lower School.

Nursery News

We've welcomed Winter and the Festive Season into Sunnylands Nursery this week. The early sprinkling of snow enabled us to enjoy some frosty outside play. Please could we remind parents to provide coats, suitable footwear, hats, scarves and gloves for our daily outside play sessions. Enjoying our environment and the seasons gives the children an opportunity to build immunity and resilience for the future, and teaches them that illnesses are caught from germs not from being cold. If you feel your child is not well enough to take part in all our activities please keep them at home until they are recovered enough to join in and experience all we have to offer. Preparations for the Nursery Christmas Singalong are in full swing and we're looking forward to welcoming parents on Wednesday afternoon to join in with Christmas songs on the school field. Christmas crafting in the classroom is producing colourful, glittery creations. Please send in a NAMED bag next week ready for them to come home to you!

Year 5 Assembly - Groovy Greeks

On Monday, we welcomed Year 5 parents to the hall and they were transported through time to Ancient Greece and a strangely familiar format of "Greek Gods Got Talent"! They danced, they sang and we all learnt lots about the Ancient Greek Gods. They also did the Macarena! Thank you Year 5 for an informative and fun morning.

Year 3 & 4 Girls Hockey

Our Lower Key Stage 2 girls got an opportunity to train with the Brooke Priory girls on the Oakham School astroturf on Monday. It was a cold afternoon but the girls listened well to the coaches and played well on their gigantic pitches!



End of term arrangements

Everyone will finish on Wednesday 15th December at midday. All children from Reception to Year 6 will be in Church and should be collected from there. Nursery children have their very own party and everyone is invited. There will be no afternoon session on this day.

Clubs

This term's clubs are now finished (except choir and orchestra) but we're already preparing for 2022. I hope you agree that we offer a wide and exciting variety of clubs to give all children an opportunity to try something new. Extra-curricular life is an important part of St Peter's. Please complete the ParentMail form by Monday 6th December if you'd like your child to be signed up for a club in January. Some clubs are capped on numbers and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Christmas Hampers

The Christmas hampers look amazing and each one is filled with Christmas goodies kindly donated by you. Raffle tickets are available for £1 via your ParentMail account if you'd like to support the PTA and be in with a chance of winning. Simply click on payments on the left and go to 'shop' at the bottom after logging in. Father Christmas will hopefully draw the raffle live on Google Classroom next Friday, on Christmas Jumper Day. The PTA Christmas wrapping and pizza night was a new addition to the calendar and it was a busy and productive night. Thanks to those who came.

Base layers now available for Upper School

We now stock in our online shop school base layers for those children who feel the cold. These are available for Upper School pupils only for £21.75 and can be worn under school sports kit. We ask that children only wear school issue base layers.

Michaelmas Games Afternoon

Wednesday is Michaelmas Games afternoon for Year 3 to Year 6 and you're welcome to spectate. The children will all be playing Tag Rugby and Hockey so they'll need their full games kit. They will be playing in Houses all afternoon from 1.30pm. Please keep your distance around the pitches and courts.



I hope to see lots of you at the PTA Christmas Fayre tomorrow morning. Please remember to bring all your loose change for the games and cash for the stalls and refreshments. Please also remember the government advice to wear face coverings if you can when at public events. I will also see some of you on Sunday at the Toller Church at the Lights to Remember service where our School Choir will be performing. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Here is next week's menu: <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/page/?title=Weekly+Menus&pid=112>