



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the start of the Winter Olympics and there was certainly a chill on the playground this morning. It's been a busy week and national events seem to be restarting which is exciting. Especially as we've now been able to confirm our Year 5 and 6 residential to Wales for later in the year.

Nursery News

We've enjoyed discovering all about another country this week by celebrating Chinese New Year! We've made Chinese dragons, money wallets, with our own painted gold coins, and tried a variety of Chinese food. We created stencil patterns of Chinese letters, lanterns and dragons and talked about tigers, as it is the year of the tiger! We've enjoyed the warmer days and embraced all things outside in our mud kitchen area. The children enjoyed digging the mud, rolling down the hill, building a den, stick games and making interesting looking food in the mud kitchen. A reminder that we have our parent meeting at 7pm on the 22nd February, we hope to see you all then.

ISA Competitions

The Independent Schools Association runs events and competitions throughout the year. They currently have a variety of creative challenges which would be ideal time-fillers for half term if you're looking for things to do. Entries can be sent to your Class Teacher, the School Office or uploaded to Google Classroom. I have put the details of these competitions in Google Classroom and I hope we'll get lots of entries. These are national competitions and we'd love to submit the children's entries for judging and recognition:

- Essay Writing - Year 5 and 6
- Easter Egg Design - Reception to Year 6
- Jubilee Artwork - Reception to Year 6
- Shakespeare Monologue - Year 3 to Year 6

University Partner School

We are thrilled to announce that St Peter's School has formally been acknowledged as a partner school for the University of Northampton's Education Department. Only the very best schools and teachers in the county are chosen to work alongside the education research team. I have personally been involved with the university initial teacher training programme in the past year and Mrs Butler and Mrs Glaves are now accredited mentors. This may mean that we have



visiting teachers looking at what we do at St Peter's and learning from us. Two teachers will be in school next week shadowing Mrs Butler and Mrs Graves and I know they'll want to be involved around school. I wanted to tell you so that you know, when the children come home and tell you we've got new teachers, sadly we don't get to keep them! We're really excited to be part of this partnership where we'll also gain valuable training and updates in this time of rapid educational change.

PTA Meeting - 9th February

We have a real life PTA meeting on Wednesday night. This will be in the Cedar Hub open from 5.45pm. The meeting will be from 6pm to 7pm. We're trialling different times for meetings as the last one was during the school day. We understand that you all have very different commitments and work schedules. If you can't make this time you can join us online via Google Meet. The link to the PTA meeting is: <https://meet.google.com/bcv-odyp-nns> . I hope you will be able to join us in the real world or online. If you have suggestions for the PTA or would like to contribute please contact STPSPTA@st-peters.org.uk .

Share Your Work

I look forward to welcoming Reception to Year 6 parents onsite on Monday after school for Share Your Work. You are welcome from the end of the school day until 5pm. The teachers will be in the classrooms and you're welcome to find a quiet space to look through your child's work. Please don't overcrowd in classrooms.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week in the UK; at St Peter's we prioritise this all year and next week is no exception as the children are becoming more tired towards the end of term. We have activities planned to promote mental wellbeing for all year groups. Have a great weekend; I'm sending break a leg wishes to our children, and alumni, who are performing at the Lighthouse Theatre on Saturday night.

I'm already glued to the Winter Olympics - Great Britain have taken their first win in the Curling this morning against Australia and we have a competitor in the Luge tomorrow. Maybe we should try and include some of these sports in our PE curriculum!

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher