



Dear Parents and Carers,

The news from around the world this week has been quite bleak so I'll try to keep this update both informative and uplifting.

### **Living with COVID**

You'll have seen the latest changes to COVID-19 guidance from the government this week. Our principles of returning to normality and providing an inspiring, warm environment run alongside keeping the children, staff and school community as safe as possible. We'll be following the government and DfE guidance which means that children should be in school unless they have signs or symptoms of COVID or have tested positive. If this is the case, we advise you to be cautious. Although there are no legal requirements to self-isolate, we don't want poorly or potentially infectious children in school. If you're in any doubt, keep your child at home and ask the School Office for advice. We'll still be cautious and continue to send children home who show signs of illness. As ever, this guidance is dynamic and in anticipation of this, we have provision to relax and step-up measures if required. I know you'll support us in working together to provide the best and safest experience for the children whilst minimising risks proportionately. Google Classrooms will remain open but will now be used exclusively for teachers as a teaching tool rather than a Home Learning platform. If your child is ill at home, they should be resting and recovering.

### **Nursery News**

It was lovely to welcome the children back after the blustery half-term. We also welcomed parents to the postponed Sunnylands Parents Meeting on Tuesday evening. The opportunity to socialise with the staff and other parents in a relaxed and child-free way was a taste of the new normal. Next term there'll be the final Parents Meeting of this academic year on Thursday April 21st at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you then. World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March next week. If you wish, please send your child to their session dressed as a favourite storybook character, with the book for us to share

### **PTA Bingo**

Tonight is the second annual PTA Bingo and we have around 30 people joining us either in Sunnylands Hall or online. If you have chosen to play along at home, your child will bring their purchased bingo cards home with them at the end of today (please check their bag!) and the link to join us virtually in the hall is <https://meet.google.com/orc-fxqt-wsw>. The first game will start promptly at 7pm. Have your dabbers ready! If you're joining us in the hall, feel free to bring drinks and snacks.

The PTA is looking for volunteers at future events. Get in touch with them at [STPSPTA@st-peters.org.uk](mailto:STPSPTA@st-peters.org.uk) if you'd like to contribute.



## HONK! Tickets on sale

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Upper School production of Honk! at the Masque Theatre. It's a family friendly show and the Lower School and Nursery children will love it. It starts at 6.15pm so will be finished by bedtime. Anyone can purchase tickets for the show online.

*Thursday 24th March -*

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*Friday 25th March -*

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## Daily Mile Restarts Next Week

It's back! Mr Holmes and Mrs McCahill will be restarting the Daily Mile next week, on **Monday** and **Wednesday** mornings. This is 7.5 laps of our school starting at 8.20am from the school gate, finishing on the school playground. Parents are welcome to join their children walking the daily mile. This is a walking activity and the only rule is you can't overtake the teacher at the front! Early Club operates as normal and it's not compulsory.

## Scholastic Book Fair

We're fortunate that we've managed to organise the Scholastic Book Fair next week, in time for World Book Day. We have hundreds of books for sale in the Cedar Hub for you to purchase. The book fair will be open Tuesday to Friday, 3.15pm to 5pm. A percentage of every book sold will be donated back to school for new library books, so please come and support the book fair. Last year, the support was amazing, and we raised nearly £300 for new library books. The children also love browsing the collection; they'll come up in classes during the week to look at the collection.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is this Thursday 3rd March. We'll be doing WBD activities across Nursery and School. Your child, if you wish, may dress up for the day. You can dress up as your favourite book, author or character. This is completely optional and free of charge, just for fun!

It's the week before Lent and I'm looking forward to what's now become a tradition on Shrove Tuesday of the House Captain Pancake Tossing Competition; this is one of my favourite days of the year, and it will be exactly one week after 22022022. Can you even imagine my happiness on this palindromic date?! Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,



**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

Here is next week's menu: [www.st-peters.org.uk/menu](http://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu)