



Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing this whilst drying off and warming up after an entire day in the rain at St George's Park. What an atmosphere and what a great experience for our small but mighty football team who competed against the very best independent schools from across the country. The team next to us was from Launceton in Cornwall! Playing next door were the England U20s against the USA and the facilities were incredible. We even saw the Red Roses doing a strength and conditioning session. Whilst we may not have walked away with any silverware, the team did us all proud. It was cold and wet and tough going. This made a complete change for the Year 6s involved who spent yesterday wrapping each other up warm like mummies as part of their Egyptian day. This is the excitement of St P's school days.

### **Nursery News**

Nursery children have been taking advantage of the early Spring sunshine with increased outside time and activities. We've been digging in the mud in the Mud Kitchen area and have found lots of worms and ladybirds! Our creative work has also reflected the changing seasons and we now have a lovely spring display. We're turning our attention to new life, both animals (4 of our 6 eggs in the incubator appear to be developing) and vegetables. Our lovely grounds are full of interesting emerging flowers and plants which have inspired our budding artists to draw and paint blossom and daffodils. Friday next week is Red Nose Day, and we're asking the children to wear something red to their session if you would like to join in.

### **Honk!**

Tickets are selling fast. Make sure you get yours! This is a family-friendly show on Thursday 24th March and Friday 25th March at the Masque Theatre. Bring your friends. The Upper School children will stay after school both nights and we'll transport them to the theatre and give them a picnic tea before entering costume and make-up. The show will finish between 7.15pm and 7.30pm and all children need to be collected from the theatre if you're not in the audience. We won't be bringing them back to school. We're still on the lookout for a fishing net big enough to catch a child if anyone has one!

### **Staff News**

We're really busy at the moment growing our team of amazing teachers and fantastic support staff. The children may have told you that we've had 'new' teachers in classes this week. All of our visitors said how wonderful and welcoming the children were. The School Council even got to grill some of the applicants; I'm informed they were pretty tough. Watch out Lord Sugar! We'll update you with more information on some of these appointments throughout the term. The lifecycle of a school is constantly moving, people come and go, and we'll sadly be saying goodbye to Mr Fountain after nearly 20 years of cooking at St Peter's. Mr Fountain will be leaving us this term and he'll be sorely missed. He's moving on to a new school for children who have specific needs, closer to home. We wish him the very best in his next challenge and we know he'll keep in touch. The amazing team in the kitchen will make sure that the children still get their delicious lunches and, under the guidance of our new Catering Manager, will continue to provide a fantastic lunch service. Don't worry, the chicken pie recipe has already



been saved! Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you to our awesome Nursery team who have all stepped up this term while we look to grow our nursery team.

### **COVID Jabs**

Please see the following information from the DfE:

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#). Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions. Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

### **Red Nose Day Reminder**

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. All children are invited to wear red or Red Nose Day (RND) merchandise for a small donation. The School Council will be on the gate in the morning with buckets to collect any change. Please don't panic if your child doesn't have specific red clothing, they can just wear their normal clothes. School uniforms are fine too! The children will be doing RND activities in classes during the day. We won't be selling any RND products in school.

I hope this update is a short distraction from the news which grows more concerning by the day. If you or your child is struggling with any of the coverage from Ukraine, we've been sent advice and guidance on how to talk to children about it. If you'd like this information please contact the School Office. Have a lovely weekend everyone. I'll be watching the rugby tomorrow afternoon to distract me for at least another 80 minutes and I hope some of you can use our Northampton Saints offer we sent via ParentMail.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

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