



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an eventful week; lots to write about and still lots to look forward to next week! The chicks have hatched in the Nursery and our little ducklings have performed on stage. Spring is definitely in the air.

Honk!

Last night, all of Year 3 to Year 6 performed at the Masque Theatre the heartwarming story of Honk! The tale of the ugly duckling. We transported all of the children, the set, the props and make-up, and with the amazing support of staff and parents, we put on a musical extravaganza. Every child experienced the warm glow of the spotlights and the sense of community that performing brings. There was a real buzz backstage. We've received some amazing reviews - "fantastic joyous memories made", "absolutely fantastic show", "every child shone", "great underlying message whilst being hilariously funny at the same time", "a colourful performance evoking admiration in a powerfully irresistible way". Five stars all round! We enjoyed it so much, we're going to do it again tonight. As I press send on this update the tour van is being packed and we're ready to go back to the theatre. Hopefully we'll see you there.

Nursery News

It's been a different and difficult week in Nursery. We've been short-staffed due to COVID self-isolation so we've been running at slightly reduced numbers. Thank you to all of our parents who have been incredibly understanding, kind and patient and thank you to all the extra staff who have worked with the children this week. We hope to be back at full capacity next week and open as normal. After the Easter break we move to providing all snacks and drinks for the children, please don't send in any food or drink bottles, the children won't need them. If the weather forecast is for sun please apply a long lasting high factor sunscreen to your child before their session. Full-time children need to provide a named bottle of sunscreen, for staff to reapply at lunchtime. Four lovely chicks have hatched this week, much to the delight of the children. Please look at our Facebook page for some pictures. They've been named by the children Chicky Chick, Cupcake, Cutie Pie and Casper. Enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to a busy, fun packed Trinity term.

House Matches - Monday

On Monday the Upper School Houses will face each other on the field and on the courts in an afternoon of Games. Parents are invited to spectate the Football and Netball matches which will



be starting at 1.30pm. They'll finish at the end of the normal day. All Upper School children should come into school in their sports kit and must remember their house t-shirts and football boots. Who will win the Conway Cup this term?

PTA Easter Egg Hunt - Monday

Straight after the House matches but available to all of our families is the PTA Mother's Day Easter Egg Hunt. Tickets must have been purchased already. Please come to the Headlands gate when you're ready to start the hunt. All children should be supervised, this is a team event. It will be a wonderful opportunity for families to explore the school. Rules and instructions will be given to you at the start.

Lower School Easter Concert - Tuesday

Lower School should come into school in full uniform on the last day of term and won't need their sports kit. Parents are invited from 2.30pm to the grounds (or hall if it's raining) to hear the sounds of Spring and Easter. You'll be able to take your child home at the end of the concert.

Staff News

We have some new faces in school from Easter and September. Firstly, I'd like to tell you about Chef Chris, our new Catering Manager. Chef Chris has been working in kitchens for over 30 years. He is joining us from a commercial kitchen where he is Head Chef. He's also been a chef in an education setting, cooked at hotels, a la carte restaurants and as a contract chef for weddings and events. He brings a wealth of experience. He's qualified in food, nutrition and food hygiene. The Cookery Club will continue in the Trinity Term with group 3 and I know we'll all give Chef Chris a warm welcome to the St P's family. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Elaine, Amanda, Lucy, Liz and Jo who are our amazing kitchen and dining room staff. The transition this week has been seamless and I know Chef Chris is relying on their experience and knowledge to make sure the famous St P's lunches will be just as impressive as they always have been.

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Cook this week, who is sadly leaving us for a new career path. We wish her luck. We do have amazing new faces joining us in Nursery who I'll introduce after Easter. We also say goodbye to Miss Butcher and Miss Kavanagh, who are student teachers from the University of Northampton. We have loved every second of having them here. They have thrown themselves into everything St P's and we hope this helps them as they take on their last placement and eventually their own classes. Who knows, maybe one day they'll be back at St P's with a class of their own, or we'll see them at fixtures. I'm really proud that we're



able to support young professionals at the start of their careers and I know the children will miss them.

Earth Hour

The Eco Committee has asked me to share with you www.wwf.org.uk who are organising Earth Hour tomorrow. There are lots of resources on the website and a poster competition for children to enter. Our Eco team are busy planning 'Bee Day' in the Trinity term and I'm regularly accosted around school and asked about recycling, composting and energy savings! Well done Eco Team - you have a meeting on Monday break time with Mrs Morris.

Kettering Food and Drink Festival - Saturday 9th April

If you're looking for something to do over Easter, Kettering Town Council is organising an amazing Festival on Saturday 9th April, 10am to 8pm. This includes music, activities for children, street food and traders. This event is being organised by a former St P's pupil.

Water Bottles and Gum Shields

We now stock St Peter's School water bottles for £5 on ParentMail. These are optional for the Trinity Term. From September, these will be compulsory for all children. We currently have water bottles of all shapes and sizes coming into school, many that leak. Please ensure you label yours before sending it to school! Water is always available in school, and milk for those that choose it; your child doesn't need to bring in large amounts of water, hence we have decided to transition to manageable and matching water bottles. We hope this will also make your life easier at home. Moldable gum shields are also available to purchase for £4 which must be worn for all hockey and rugby activities. This will be compulsory in the Michaelmas term for Upper School. If a child doesn't have a gum shield or they leave it at home on a fixture day, they will be issued with a new one and you will be charged. This is for your child's safety.

Finally, we have a growing pile of support packages accumulating for Ukrainian refugees. Thanks to all who have donated. If you'd still like to donate, you have until Tuesday morning as we will be delivering the boxes on the last day of term. As always, if you have any questions about anything in this update, please contact the School Office. Have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine as we prepare for a short final week of term. Don't forget, it's Mother's Day on Sunday and there are no after school clubs next week.

Regards,



Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Here is next week's menu: www.st-peters.org.uk/menu