



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today marks a new day for the UK, the commonwealth and the world as we enter a period of mourning under a new King. Thank you to everyone who attended our assembly of reflection this morning. School will continue as normal and we will communicate if there will be any changes to this. We have quiet spaces in school and trained staff to support anyone who may be upset over the coming weeks.

Nursery News

We were pleased to welcome so many parents to the first Sunnylands Nursery parents evening last night. We were able to share lots of information and enjoyed having the chance to meet new and returning parents in the Cedar Hub and Nursery. The first week has flown by and the children have happily settled into the Nursery routine, we look forward to lots of fun and learning over the rest of this term. There are useful links on the school website including Hungry Little Minds found on the [Parent Portal](#). The PowerPoint from last night and Roadmap to School is also on the Nursery website page here: www.st-peters.org.uk/nursery

PTA Welcome, Coffee Morning and AGM

Thank you to everyone who came to the Welcome Coffee morning; it was lovely to see some new faces. Here's a message from your Chair for the year, Mrs Aldwinckle:

“Every family that joins St Peters automatically becomes a part of the PTA, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our community. The PTA helps bring together the school, parents, teachers and children as we work together raising money and supporting the school.

As a PTA we work hard throughout the academic year raising funds to enhance the children's education and school experiences. We buy the treats, the luxuries and lots of enrichment.

We rely on our parents to help us in any way they can. This can be paying for your child to attend an event, buying a raffle ticket, making a donation, helping at an event, attending a meeting or putting forward an idea. The support from our parents is invaluable and we appreciate it in any form. It's also an excuse to meet new people, develop friendships and socialise with people who you have something in common with. I hope you will get involved in some way throughout the year.”

There are PTA activities coming up soon, although the precise details are yet to be confirmed. The new PTA will meet for the second part of their AGM on Wednesday 21st September before school to present the Officers with accounts and annual documents. They will also discuss timings and any other events they may wish to plan. All are welcome. Provisionally for your diaries:



- Monday 10th October - PTA Lower School Harvest Supper
- Friday 21st October - PTA Halloween Disco
- Saturday 3rd December - PTA Christmas Fayre
- Friday 9th December - PTA Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Visit

School Uniform

It's lovely to see the children looking smart as they return to school. We'll all be in Winter uniform from Monday 19th September. All children should wear regulation sports kit, which includes the full tracksuit. Hoodies are available from Year 3 but these do not replace the tracksuit. The hoodies are ideal when the weather is cold but a tracksuit is preferred for playing sports in, like rugby and hockey. Gum shields and shin pads are required for Games from Year 3 upwards and hockey and rugby clubs. Children should also wear their coats. Here's the link to our school uniform page on the website: <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/uniform>

Parking Reminders

I must insist that you drive and park carefully around the school. There have been a number of complaints and issues this week and for the safety of our children you must follow the following guidelines:

- Drive down the Crescent, slowly
- Park considerately of neighbours and other road users
- Apply for a permit (forms available from the school Office) if you intend to leave your car
- Do not mount the curb or verge and do not attempt to turn in the road.

Any road users seen not following these instructions will be sent a reminder. Please help me keep our community safe and happy.

Music

- Children in Year 2 need an ocarina in school every Monday for their class music lessons with Mrs Palmer.
- Children in Year 3 need their ocarina in school on Wednesday.
- Year 4 need their recorders in school every Wednesday for their class music lesson with Mrs Palmer.
- Year 5 have their recorder sessions on Thursdays.
- Year 6 won't need their recorders in school until Lent Term as they will be learning the ukulele.

If your child does not have a recorder or ocarina, you can purchase these via ParentMail.

Individual peripatetic music lessons start next week. Please make sure your child has their instrument and music on the correct day:



- Monday 12th - Vocal and cello lessons
- Tuesday 13th September - Violin lessons
- Wednesday 14th September -Woodwind, ballet, LAMDA lessons
- Thursday 15th September - Piano lessons

There is a waiting list for instrumental lessons and LAMDA. If you're interested, please contact the School Office.

Ballet lessons also start next week; if you're interested please contact the School Office.

Clubs

We continue to work really hard to create an exciting and varied set of clubs for the Michaelmas term. If you've requested a space at a club the confirmation will be sent to you ASAP as clubs start on Monday 12th September. Some club numbers are capped but we've done our best to give you all the choices you asked for. Through necessity, three clubs have been split into 2 groups, so please check the dates carefully. If you have two children and they've been put in different groups and you would like them together, please inform the School Office with your preference. Apologies for any confusion with the first attempt! Please email the School Office with any errors/amendments.

School Council

As most of you know, I believe that School Councils are integral to a successful school. Children should have a voice. Therefore, next week, we will be launching this year's School Council campaign. Last year, our councillors were involved in many events and got their say, they even got to meet with the town mayor. Each class will elect a representative and all children will have a forum to put forward their ideas and opinions. Older children will need to prepare a manifesto; this can be a poster or a short presentation. Younger children will be guided through a series of questions and a class discussion. We will then have an election where everyone will get a vote. This process is always exciting for the children and it offers learning opportunities in supporting classmates, being humble in victory and gracious if not elected this year, the latter being a hard lesson to learn. Class teachers will support all of the children in the process and I look forward to sharing School Council news with you in the future.

Dates for your Diary

We've added key dates to our calendar which you can see here, <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/calendar>. You can also subscribe to this calendar on your phone or device to get the latest dates and details. The most up to date events can always be found on the front page of our website. Below are some of the key dates for parents for your diaries:



- Monday 12th September - Michaelmas After School Clubs Start
- Monday 29th September - Pupils to Wear Winter Uniform
- Thursday 29th September - School Council and Eco Committee Elections
- Monday 17th October - R-Y6 Share Your Work
- Friday 21st October - Last Day of Michaelmas Term 1
- Monday 14th November - Year 2 Class Assembly
- Monday 21st and Tuesday & 22nd November - R-Y6 Parent Teacher Consultations
- Monday 28th November - Year 6 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 30th November - Reception Nativity
- Thursday 1st December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production
- Wednesday 7th December - Y3-Y6 Michaelmas Games Afternoon
- Wednesday 7th December - Sunnylands Nursery Christmas Songs
- Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Carol Service
- Wednesday 14th December - Last Day of Michaelmas Term 2 (Half Day)

Timetables

Please use the link attached for a copy of your child's timetable: <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/timetables>. Upper School pupils have also received a copy today in their school diaries. Lower School pupils have been sent home with a copy of their timetables for your fridge door!

For many, this weekend may be different as the world adjusts to this period of mourning. I hope though it brings peace and relaxation.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

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