

Dear Parents and Carers,

We made it to the end of a 7 week term and we're all going to enjoy the two weeks to recharge. It's my favourite time of the year: Strictly, Dr Who, Children in Need, Bonfire Night and soon it will be Chr... not yet! Apologies for the late update, I was busy partying at the PTA Halloween disco on Friday night and wanted to process the term's photos over the weekend to share with you today.

Nursery News

This week has heralded the full onset of seasonal weather and festivals. Nursery children have embraced them both with gusto! From hunts around our extensive grounds to find hidden 'monsters' and create 'story sticks', to jumping in the puddles left by the thunderous downpour on the way to lunch, we've been busy. Diwali sweets have been made and the story shared. Lots of Halloween creative work, mostly themed around spiders and pumpkins, has been made. This afternoon saw an 'end of half-term disco' with the children and staff dancing around to tunes that included Ghostbusters and Thriller. Enjoy, and have a restful, half term holiday, ready for the busy and exciting second half of the Michaelmas term. Details of the Nursery 'Christmas Sing-a-long' and end of term festivities will follow the break.

PTA Halloween Disco

On Friday evening, over 70 children enjoyed the PTA Halloween Disco in Sunnylands Hall. What a fun way to finish the term. Thank you to all the teachers and volunteers who also boogied to the Macarena. [Here's](#) a link to the photo album.

PTA - Quiz Night

Remember to sign up for the family PTA quiz night which will be on Friday 18th November. You can pay for your team to enter via ParentMail. It's sure to be an evening of family fun. It's £5 per family team and will be hosted in the real world! BYO drinks and snacks. There will also be a hamper wrapping and pizza night later this term to wrap all of the Christmas raffle prizes! More details to follow. Also, please don't forget to order your PTA Christmas cards this week so they'll arrive in time.

Conker Championship 2022

Friday afternoon was the eagerly anticipated 2022 Conker Championships for children from Reception to Year 6. The final winners were Josh from Barnwell in Upper School and Sienna from Sywell in Lower School. It was a fantastic opportunity for all the children to learn a traditional game and support each other.

This Term in Photos

I had several thousand photos to go through from this term so it's clearly been a busy one! I hope you enjoy looking through them.

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Have a restful two weeks. This is also a special time for those celebrating the Festival of Light - wishing you a Diwali that brings happiness, prosperity and joy to you and all your family. Don't forget the community choir starts on the 11th November at 8.10am.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher