

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's great to have completed a full week in school and so far my New Year's resolutions are intact. I shouldn't get too excited though, it's only week 2!

Nursery News

It was lovely to see so many Sunnylands parents at our termly meeting last night. We were able to share lots of information and tips with them. The Powerpoint and accompanying short video, featuring pictures of the children undertaking activities, will be shared with nursery parents and posted on the school website and social media. This week's theme 'Winter Wonderland' is providing lots of opportunities for the children to develop their understanding of the world. From finding out about animals that live in cold climates to investigating ice. Penguins and polar bears have been liberated from frozen blocks! The children have also chosen their own materials to create bear pictures and practised their fine motor skills cutting out and making penguins. Painting igloos and mark making in shaving foam 'snow' led to exploring shapes and learning about the phonic sound 'w'.

Secondary School Options

If your child is in Year 5 or 6, please keep talking to us about your secondary school options. If your child has interviews, taster days or entrance exams please let us know ASAP. All absences for secondary schools are authorised and we want to support your child as much as possible. We have practice papers and can do mock interviews in school for those who need them. You can change your mind at any time about your choices.

Sporty St P's

Fixtures have restarted and this term it's mostly Football and Netball, but our Year 3 and 4 boys triumphed at the Stamford School pitch up and play festival in Hockey this week. They played Stoneygate, Stamford and Bedford and showed real skill against big oppositions. Next week we have netballers and archers out too! Sport offers our pupils much more than physical exercise; it helps them develop teamwork, communication skills and sometimes the ability to lose. Thanks to any parent that comes to support us at fixtures, your support is appreciated. Don't forget that your child needs the right kit in school for PE, Games and Clubs days; muddy conditions means they may need boots or trainers.

PTA Dates

Thanks to those who attended the PTA meeting this week. Lots was discussed and it looks like an exciting term ahead. Please see additional dates for your diaries which I hope you will all support:

- Friday 10th Feb, 15.30-16.30 - PTA Cake Stall
- Wednesday 22nd Feb, 08.30-09.30 - PTA Meeting
- Fri 24th Feb, 18.00-20.00 - PTA Ultimate Family Bingo
- Thurs 2nd March, 15:30-16:30 - PTA Pre-loved Book Sale
- Friday 17th March, 15.30-17.30 - PTA Mother's Day Family Scavenger Hunt
- Friday 21st April, 15.30-16.30 - PTA Easter Bunny Drive (children only)
- Friday 5th May, 13.00-16.00 - King Charles III Coronation Celebration.

Tickets for the Bingo, Scavenger Hunt and Bunny Drive are on sale now via ParentMail.

Finally, tell your friends about us! I want everyone in Kettering and the surrounding area to know who we are and what we do. I'm proud of St Peter's, the education we offer and care we give our children. I hope you are too. Like, share and comment on our social media and check out our website for useful information and the stunning picture galleries. We were fortunate to be visited this week by the Executive Principal of Bosworth Independent College

(soon to be Independent School), a fellow ISA member, and he was wowed by our children's work and commented on the "fantastic family feel" of our school. Have a wonderful weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

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