

Dear Parents and Carers,

The cold weather has definitely set in as temperatures this week have dropped below zero. School hats, gloves and scarves are all available to purchase directly from the School Office as well as through ParentMail. We encourage you to make sure children are wrapped up warm as we still go outside every day.

Nursery News

It has been a very mathematical week in Sunnylands Nursery this week. The children have been developing their knowledge of flat and solid shapes whilst drawing and colouring pictures of houses and creating models. Rectangular shaped walls and doors, square windows and triangular roofs have been cut, painted and assembled. 'Sunnylands Street' looks spectacular! The children have been working hard to master counting to ten and beyond through singing number rhymes, playing hopscotch in the playground, comparing quantities and learning to recognise and write different numerals. We do go outside everyday so wrap up warm.

Year 5 Assembly

On Monday, Year 5 transported us to Ancient Greece with their amazing assembly. It was educational and entertaining. I'm always impressed by how much the children learn about their topics and our carefully planned curriculum means children are learning a wide range of history and geography topics. All of our topics can be found in our curriculum maps <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/curriculum>. There is a pdf at the bottom of the page where you can print your child's learning for the year on a single A4 page, which is a useful resource.

Upper School Hoodies

We've had lots of questions about hoodies, which are an optional clothing item for our Upper School pupils. I don't mind children wearing their hoodie, especially when it's cold, but the hoodie is not appropriate to wear to play sports or to wear on trips and fixtures. Many of the sports governing bodies don't allow hoodies due to the risk of the hood or cords getting pulled or caught. The full tracksuit is the compulsory sportswear, which can be worn for all sports. We now have in stock a beautiful jumper (without hood), just like the Lower School sweatshirts, which is really good quality and it washes well; it's made of a warm material and is permitted in sports so can be worn to play when it's cold. These are available through ParentMail and are cheaper than the hoodies. The hoodies are perfect for wearing on a swimming day, and for general wear, they can't be worn to play rugby, netball, football or hockey so children will need to bring their tracksuit or sweatshirt to change into. I hope this clarifies the hoodie situation.

Staffing News

We're all really excited for the arrivals of Baby Glaves and Baby Ray, in March and April respectively, and we're also really excited to welcome their maternity cover replacements. Mrs Hannah will be joining us as Year 3 Class Teacher. She has a huge amount of experience, is a former School Leader, SENDCo and has worked at some excellent independent schools, including Kimbolton. She will be working with Mrs Glaves over the coming weeks to prepare for a smooth transition. Mrs Palmer and Mrs Ward will continue to work with the Year 3s in order to provide continuity for the class. Mrs Hannah starts the full first week in March and we hope Mrs Glaves can stay with us until near the end of February! Mrs Dickinson will be taking over our LAMDA Teaching. She joins us from Grantham International Prep School where she was the Year 5 Class Teacher and Drama Lead. She

has been a secondary English and Drama teacher and she's really excited to be joining our team one day a week.

Finally, a huge congratulations to our U11 boys hockey and girls netball teams who performed exceptionally well at the tournament this week and also to our archery team who triumphed at the Kettering Leisure Village event. Good luck to our Year 5 runner, representing the school and district at the county cross-country event tomorrow.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

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