

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Chinese New Year! The weeks are passing by quickly and school is filled with excited hustle and bustle. I also understand that some of our youngest learners received a letter in the post this week from the Liverpool Museum; how exciting! Congratulations to our Netball team who had a fun, if chilly, competition at Bishop on Thursday, finishing 3rd, and a huge well done to our runner who did exceptionally well at the County finals last weekend.

### **Nursery News**

Learning about Chinese New Year has provided a range of opportunities to demonstrate the value we place on the four C's. Curiosity - the children have been discovering how Chinese New Year is celebrated through looking at information books and listening to stories. Creativity - using their fine motor skills, the children have been colouring, cutting, and sticking and assembling dragons, masks, rabbits, lucky envelopes and fans. Confidence - the children have been experimenting with speaking and writing in Mandarin. They have also tried new Chinese foods. Community - sharing resources, taking turns and encouraging each other to have a go at learning and performing new songs. It has been a wonderful week in the nursery!

### **Late Club Lego**

We are always conscious of our environment. Before Late Club adds to the plastic mountain by purchasing some more, we would ask if any parents have any Lego that they would like to pass on for the children to use. We would be grateful, thank you.

### **Smile! You're on Camera**

We're absolutely thrilled with our new Late Club entry system. For those who are yet to arrive at the Cedar Hub gate: smile! We can see you before we buzz you in. The children have loved watching the display as they wait for their parents. The gate now opens instantly on the way out, so no more waiting for the buzz!

### **We're Going on Stage!**

Breaking news! All Year 3 to Year 6 pupils will be performing, for two nights at the Toller Church stage, a Shakespearean extravaganza for your delight. More information will be coming out soon, including how to purchase tickets. Put the dates in your diary as it's sure to be a sellout: Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th March. The children will be getting their scripts to practise very soon. Please help them with this at home as we don't have long. This will be such a valuable experience for the children. Performing promotes literacy skills, teamwork, creativity and confidence. The first lessons will be in gratitude, if you get the part you want, and congratulating your friends when the parts are announced. We're all really excited to get started with auditions and rehearsals. Lower School and Nursery families are encouraged to get their tickets too as it will be a family friendly show. If anyone out there happens to be a seamstress, make-up artist or set painter, please get in touch!

### **St Peter's Online - PTA**

Don't forget that our website is an amazing place to find out information. We're always developing the site and we're working on updates and improvements. This week we launched the PTA pages which have information of forthcoming events, of which there are lots. [www.st-peters.org.uk/parent-information/pta](http://www.st-peters.org.uk/parent-information/pta)

### **Staff Spotlight**

This week, our Bursar is in the spotlight - Honor Pacey.

"I have worked in the UK higher education industry for many years with teaching experience in the UK, Hong Kong and Myanmar. I am a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and

have a first-class BA in International Accounting and a Masters in Accounting and Finance from the University of Northampton. I'm said to be an accomplished entrepreneur, owning a number of businesses including an accountancy practice for over 20 years. In addition, I am a member of the Chartered Institution of Management Accounting and a Fellow of the Association of Accounting Technicians. In the last few years I have worked as a Financial Controller for the NHS supporting charities and more recently was appointed Program Lead at RC (London), an international education provider, for the first ever internal program in Regents College history. A very privileged position. My current position at St Peters School is another career highpoint, stepping in to managing a learning establishment rather than teaching in one. The warmest of welcomes has been received from the St Peter's family: governors, staff, pupils and their families have made this a smooth transition and with the dedication from all we shall continue to propel St Peter's into the 21st Century and beyond. Outside of work, I am proud to have been re-elected as Chair of The Charity of Hervey and Elizabeth Ekins, more commonly known as The Ekins Trust, which was founded in 1704. The object of this charity is to promote the education (including social and physical training) in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England of young people residing in the area of benefit."

I think you'll agree with me that we're fortunate to have Mrs Pacey on board.

Today is the start of the Big Garden Bird Watch and we've shared resources in Google Classrooms if you want to take part. Don't forget, Share Your Work is on Monday 6th February, after school, for Reception to Year 6 and the first PTA Bake-off and Cake sale is happening on Friday 10th; get practising. Have a great weekend.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

Here is next week's menu: [www.st-peters.org.uk/menu](http://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu)