

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been particularly mild considering one year ago today was the Winter Olympics and two years ago today we were warning parents of school snow closures. It has been great to have the children outside enjoying their learning. This week has been a particularly special week, as we've been joined by three school inspectors who have shared in all of our learning experiences.

Nursery News

This week the nursery has been filled with 'People Who Help Us': from plumbers, construction workers and builders to shop assistants and police officers. The children have been talking about what they might like to do when they grow up and have painted some amazing self-portraits. Sunnylands shoe shop has been very busy. The children have been measuring each other's feet, comparing sizes and finding different ways to pay for their new shoes, cash, card or mobile app! On Friday we had a visit from one of our parents who is a police officer. The children loved hearing about his work, looking at his vehicle and asking questions. It has been a fantastic week for developing communication and language skills through listening to others, taking part in conversations and role play.

IMPORTANT - Get Baking!

Next Friday, 10th February, is the PTA Bake off and cake stall. It's simple and completely free to enter. Simply bake a cake! Bring that cake into school on Friday morning and the PTA will be in the Hub ready to receive. After school, all of the cakes will be available to buy at the school gate. During the day, children will get to come and judge the cakes. No previous baking experience required. There is a star bake spoon up for grabs. We will assume that all cakes ARE NOT ALLERGEN FREE unless they are labelled otherwise. Please do not use nuts! Please clearly label your cake tins.

Number Day!

Most of you know that I'm a huge maths fan and a former maths specialist teacher so I have LOVED Number Day today. We've had Maths dancing, singing, games and the first annual whole school Times Table Challenge (staff included!) Over 2000 questions ranging from 2x2 to 13x25 kept everyone on their toes. The results are:

Reception - Stanwick

Year 1 - Barnwell

Year 2 - Sywell and Barnwell tied

Year 3 - Sywell

Year 4 - Barnwell

Year 5 - Sywell

Year 6 - Sywell

Lower School - Barnwell

Upper School - Sywell

Whole School - Barnwell

Staff vs Pupils - Staff (just!)

Top Scorers - Shiv, Em'moie, Sophie W, Mrs Butler

If you'd like to have a go yourself, the Year 6 questions are at the bottom of this update and you only have 2 minutes!

Number Day is organised by the NSPCC and I'd encourage you to read about their good work: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

KS2 Invasion Games

A variety of pupils in Upper School attended the KSSP Invasion Games competition at Tresham College on Monday. It was lots of fun and the organisers commented on our pupils' sportsmanship and behaviour.

Chorister Day

The church of St Peter & St Paul, Market Place, Kettering is holding a "Be a Chorister for a Day" event next Saturday, 11th February from 10.30am until 3.00pm. The day will include singing, activities and games, and will afford opportunities to talk with existing members of our Young Voices choir and to make new friends. Food and drink will be available, and all participants will receive a certificate at the end of the afternoon. It would be lovely to see some St Peter's pupils there.

Inspection Update

I would like to personally thank every single member of our community. Your support this week has been incredible. Teachers - phenomenal; Support Staff - magnificent; Parents - wonderful (and thank you for your many kind comments in the parental questionnaire). But most importantly, the children. Just - wow! They were the best ambassadors for our school. The inspectors spent the week with us and visited every corner, looked in every book, spoke to (nearly) every child and they commented on the warm "family feel" of the school and asked me to pass on their thanks for such a special St P's welcome. I'm unable to give you more details until the official report comes out but we are really pleased that we got to show the very best of St Peter's School.

Share Your Work on Monday

I look forward to welcoming Reception to Year 6 parents onsite on Monday after school for *Share Your Work*. You are welcome from the end of the school day until 5pm. Teachers will be in their classrooms and you're welcome to find a quiet space to look through your child's work. Please don't overcrowd the classrooms. Share Your Work is completely optional with no booking required. Please visit with your child when they finish school or clubs.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week in the UK; at St Peter's we prioritise this all year and next week is no exception as the children are becoming more tired towards the end of term. We have activities planned to promote mental wellbeing for all year groups.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

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

$3 \times 9 =$
$3 \times 6 =$
$4 \times 7 =$
$4 \times 12 =$
$6 \times 8 =$

$7 \times 8 =$

$7 \times 3 =$

$8 \times 9 =$

$11 \times 12 =$

$9 \times 4 =$

$56 \div 7 =$

$36 \div 4 =$

$121 \div 11 =$

$5^2 =$

$3^3 =$

$0.3 \times 80 =$

$600 \times 50 =$

$0.4 \times 0.3 =$

$4 \times 5 \times 6 =$

$13 \times 25 =$