

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas feels like moments ago and we're already planning Easter. The Lent term always flies by. It has been a terrible week in the news with the spotlight on the earthquake in Turkey and Syria and the tragedy at Epsom College. Our thoughts and prayers go to all of the children and families impacted by these terrible events.

### **Nursery News**

This week, the children have been focusing on the phonic sound 'h'. They have been printing hearts on their Valentine's cards and learning a new song about love hearts which they have been singing in English and French! They have decorated pictures of hammers and hard hats using coloured rice, and wonderful hairstyles have been created at Sunnylands hair salon. Having recognised the phonic sound 'h' during their play the children then practised writing 'h' using various mediums; chalk, paint, crayons and the interactive smart board. It has been another very 'happy' week in the nursery!

### **PTA Cake Sale**

Over 40 delicious cakes and bakes were donated by you and were sold after school. They looked and tasted amazing; I ate too many! Thank you to everyone who took part. The children enjoyed judging the cakes throughout the day. The Master Baker wooden spoon went to INSERT and the PTA raised INSERT.

### **Other PTA News**

- Friday 22nd February @ 8.30am - PTA Meeting
- Friday 24th February @ 6pm - ULTIMATE BINGO!
- Thursday 2nd March - 2nd Hand Book Sale
- Friday 17th March - Mother's Day Family Scavenger Hunt after school
- Friday 21st April - Children's Easter Bunny Drive after school
- Tuesday 26th April - Coffee Morning and Catch Up (followed by a PTA meeting)

The PTA will be looking for volunteers at events. Get in touch with them at [STPSPTA@st-peters.org.uk](mailto:STPSPTA@st-peters.org.uk) if you'd like to contribute.

### **Other Upcoming Events for your Diary**

We've got a busy term ahead. Do keep an eye on the school calendar which you can subscribe to ([www.st-peters.org.uk/upcomingevents](http://www.st-peters.org.uk/upcomingevents)) and add the following dates to your diaries:

- Govilon Information Meeting (Year 5 & 6) - Monday 20th February, 6pm
- Year 3 & 4 Class Assembly - Monday 27th February, 10.30am
- World Book Day (dress up!) - Thursday 2nd March
- Red Nose Day (dress down!) - Friday 17th March
- Upper School Production - Thursday and Friday, 23rd and 24th March, 6.15pm
- Upper School Lent House Matches - Wednesday 22nd March, 1.15pm

### **House Points**

The Conway Cup has red ribbons to end this half term as the House Points standings are (very close):

1. Stanwick (44.81/pupil)
2. Sywell (42.38/pupil)
3. Brigstock (42.27/pupil)
4. Barnwell (42.26/pupil)

### **This Term in Photos**

<https://www.st-peters.org.uk/lent12023>

### **Staff News**

Today we said our goodbyes to Mrs Fray, a long-serving member of staff who has had many roles over the years, as she takes on new challenges. We wish her the very best in her next exciting chapter. We welcome Mr Damian Cox to the team who will be joining us after half term as our Site Assistant. Interestingly, Mr Cox's parents were the last people to live in the Sunnylands building as his father was the live-in caretaker in the 80s and 90s! Keep an eye out for him in the gardens.

### **Lights To Remember Total**

For those who remember the Lights to Remember service before Christmas, I'm pleased to inform you that the service raised £378.39 which pays for 18 hours of specialist nursing care for those who need it. Well done.

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week in the UK. I spent Tuesday at a conference with headteachers from across the country and it's clear that this is a national priority. We make children's mental health a priority all year round at St P's. This week, children have enjoyed wellbeing activities, made Guatemalan worry dolls and learnt relaxation techniques. The half term break comes at a good time as we're all getting tired. I hope you all have a restful break and have an opportunity to prioritise your time together and family wellbeing. Fingers crossed for a better England performance tomorrow and don't forget it's Valentine's Day on Tuesday.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

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

### **Addendum**

Apologies to Quincey in Year 3 who also scored full marks on the House Times Table competition last week. Well done Quincey!