

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has been one of those classic school days which everyone remembers fondly. The school went 'mufti' for Red Nose Day; even the cupcakes at lunch time had bright pink icing. The sun started to shine (briefly) and the spring flowers started to appear. Despite the snow and rain at the start of the week, the summer, and brighter days, are ahead.

### **Nursery News**

After the surprising second winter last week, the nursery children have been finding out about Spring. The children have brought seeds from home and are starting to plant them in pots. A vase of vibrant yellow daffodils inspired lots of discussion about different parts of flowers and some lovely observational painting. They have also been finding out about baby animals, creating colourful pictures using a silhouette technique. The recycling activities have continued, reusing old sheets and flowers with rolling pins to squeeze out the colours. We have also learnt new songs about growing flowers, how to sing a rainbow in both French and English, and a special song for mummies! Today has been a red and green day, everyone has worn colourful clothing and decorated biscuits with lots of icing!

### **Red Nose Day (RND)**

A sea of colours washed the school today and we raised a fantastic £140 for charity. The children in school and Nursery all did RND activities and music at lunch time could be heard in all corners of the school.

### **Lower School Easter Concert**

On the last day of term, Wednesday 29th March, the Lower School would love to share with their parents a selection of Easter songs they've been learning this term. You're invited to attend from 2.40pm and if the weather is kind we'll perform outdoors, otherwise we'll be in the Sunnylands Hall. It'll be finished by the end of the normal day in time for normal collection. What a lovely way to finish the term.

### **PTA Scavenger Hunt and Trunk Theatre**

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA Scavenger Hunt after school today. It was great to see lots of you exploring the grounds and the school on the hunt for giant Easter eggs. Another brilliant event organised by the PTA. It's through fundraising at these social events that our wonderful PTA gets to fund opportunities and luxuries for the children. This week, the PTA organised a visit from Trunk Theatre for Reception to Year 4 pupils as they took us back to 1666 and the great fire of London. It is your PTA, so please get involved. They have a fabulous section on the website with information about events, what they're spending money on and the minutes of the PTA meetings if you can't attend. Thank you PTA. <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/parent-information/pta>

### **Battle of the Bard**

Only 6 days to go until Upper School pupils perform an evening of Shakespeare at the Toller church in town. We'll feed the Upper School pupils after school, and look after them if they're not in clubs, and we'll go directly to the church. All children should be collected from the church at 7.30pm. Tickets are still on sale through ParentMail, anyone can come!

### **Governance Update**

All schools are constantly evolving and here at St Peter's we have gone through lots of change in the past few years. At the top level, we have said goodbye to longstanding members of the board and welcomed new governors. From Monday, we welcomed a new interim Chair of Governors, Mr Symon Dawson, who's taking over the Chair role from Tom Fray until the AGM. Tom remains a governor at the school and will continue to play an

integral role in the school's development. I'd like to thank Tom for his years of service as Chair of the board as he has steered us through some challenging years, not least the COVID pandemic. Mr Phil Drage, Chair of Finance, will assume responsibilities of Vice-Chair. Tom has said, "The time is right for a fresh outlook and new injection of time and energy into the strategic development of St Peter's, which Mr Dawson is able to give. I wish him well in the next phase of governance at St Peter's, his experience and drive leaves me excited for the future."

It's exactly three years ago that I was writing to parents to tell you that the government had instructed me to close the school as we headed into Easter 2020 and Lockdown 1.0. We've come a long way in this time and I'm proud of our small community. We're bigger, better and busier than ever before. Have a lovely weekend; although it's St Patrick's Day today I'm hoping that England don't face the luck of the Irish tomorrow. Our Upper School Lent Games afternoon is on Wednesday next week, parents are welcome to spectate.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

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

P.S. Don't forget it's Mother's Day on Sunday!