

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has flown by and what a way to finish! This afternoon I went to the Reception Class Ugly Bug Ball; what a blast! I'd never played Musical Stick Insects before.

### **Nursery News**

This week the nursery has been invaded by swashbuckling pirates! The children have constructed pirate hats and swords, drawn treasure maps and acted out their own stories. They have counted shells and compared their size and texture, and Pierre our French Bear has taught lots of pirate themed new words in French. It has been wonderful to observe the children developing their literacy and numeracy skills whilst following their own interests. We love 'in the moment planning'!

### **County Basketball Finals & Girls Football**

This week, we had a girls football team competing at Brooke Priory and our Year 5 and 6 County Basketballers at the County final. Well done to all who took part. We have LOTS of sport coming up next term; I know Mr Cox is looking forward to the cricket. It's great to get as many children representing the school as possible and we try to enter a variety of participation and performance fixtures. The children always do well, regardless of the size of opposition, and the experience teaches them many things they can't learn inside the classroom.

### **Swimming Gala**

This morning, all of Year 2 to Year 6 were at the pool taking part in a fun swimming gala. Competitions included float races ('Speedboats' is now a favourite) for our younger swimmers and a traditional gala with each stroke for the older swimmers. It was amazing to see how much progress all of our swimmers have made this year. A huge thank you to Mr Ray for organising and starting the races and all of the staff for timekeeping and cheering loudly. The focus of the gala was on teamwork and every race earned points for your child's house, regardless of how long it took them to get to the end. Barnwell were the ultimate winners but fantastic team spirit and close competition from the other houses.

### **Whole School Photograph**

This is an advanced warning that the whole school photograph is on Thursday 8th June. All children must wear their full summer uniform to school on that day.

### **Eurokey Recycling Competition and Ambassador**

We are pleased to link with the local company Eurokey. One of their team came in to talk to the children yesterday and explained the importance of recycling and showed us pictures from one of the largest recycling plants in the UK, here in Kettering. They have launched a competition exclusively for St Peter's pupils and I hope all of the children will take part over half term. Their factory has no artwork so they have asked our pupils to create posters or pictures encouraging recycling. These can be any size and in any medium, by hand or digital. The children need to submit their poster designs after half term and they're in for a real treat. All of the posters will be put on display at Eurokey. The winning design will be enlarged to fill one of the walls. The winner will also get to visit the factory, sit in the control room, become a Recycling Ambassador and even get to star in a promotional recycling video campaign online. I hope this is something lots of our pupils will engage with over half term.

### **Piano Recital at St P&P Church**

I've been asked to share with you all the details of a piano recital at the local church: Saturday, 3 June 2023 at 1.00pm in the church of St Peter & St Paul, Market Place, Kettering. To include works by: Grieg, Debussy, Liszt, Schumann, Mendelssohn and Chopin. I hope you got some sweets from the PTA Sweet Shop and you've signed up already for the family rounders and Curry Night next term. There's a PTA meeting on the first Wednesday morning of next term.

Have a wonderful half term everyone.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

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