



Dear Parents and Carers

Week one of the holidays has already gone in a flash and I wanted to share with you some of the developments of the last week. The children may not be in school but it has been a hive of activity. Last Monday morning, workers from all trades arrived to start their annual upkeep of the facilities. From electricians fitting new lights and testing circuits, to carpenters and decorators maintaining and brightening our Grade II listed building, to builders creating a new canopy for the little ones. All to ensure our school is a safe and pleasant place to be.

The teachers were also in school and I am really excited about the work they are doing. They have mapped all of their new topics from Reception to Year 6, creating a stimulating, broad and balanced curriculum for all children on their learning journeys at St Peters. Classrooms have been cleared, resources organised and displays re-backed. There is a revived excitement onsite as we have also returned many of the teaching spaces back to 'normal'. We have also listened to international advice, children are now front-facing in classrooms and there is more room for them to move and work, making social-distancing easier for all. Our new Reception class have got their names on pegs, folders and drawers. This is always an exciting time in a school as we prepare for a new term.

Primarily, I wanted you all to know that we are planning on a full return to School and Nursery in September. We will of course monitor changes in guidance and regulation and we will address, in August, any changes that are made over the summer months following a period of eased lockdown. We are so lucky that we have small class sizes on a large site.

This week, teachers will be scanning 300 new books onto the library system, the site team will be trimming bushes and tending to the school gardens and our invaluable office and administrative staff will be preparing registers, markbooks and paperwork, ready for the Michaelmas term.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Regards

Mr Thomas