



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're definitely back in full swing and even though the sun isn't always shining, we're still getting the children outside as much as possible. Please remember to send children into school with layers and jackets now the weather is less predictable. Large golf umbrellas for parents (and friends) are available to purchase from the School Office!

Preschool Press

Physical development and early literacy skills have been at the heart of many activities in preschool this week. The children worked hard at strengthening the muscles in their hands and fingers whilst taking part in a disco dough session; rolling, squeezing and prodding the Playdough in time to the music. Whilst experimenting with shaving foam in the tuff spot they had to exercise their muscles to press down on the top of the can to release the foam. The children then followed instructions to make gross motor marks in the foam going up, down and round; developing their understanding of language required to form letters. Threading cheerios onto spaghetti provided a fantastic opportunity to practise fine motor skills as the children carefully held the end of the spaghetti in one hand and pinched the cheerios between their finger and thumb with the other hand to thread it on the spaghetti. Everyone enjoyed eating their Cheerio kebabs! Talking about feelings is an important part of our day at preschool. The children love singing our 'feeling song' and taking turns at telling each other how they feel. This week the children listened to a story about the colour monster who changes colour depending on how he feels. They created some amazing pictures of their own Colour feeling monsters.

Individual and Class Photos - TUESDAY 26th September

Photographs are on Tuesday next week. Please make sure your child comes into school in full winter uniform. Everyone will also need their full PE and Sports kits to get changed into, including short white socks and long blue socks if they wear them. We'll be getting the children changed for PE, Games and team photos throughout the day. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch with the School Office on Monday.

School Council & Eco Committee Elections

School Council elections are on Thursday next week. The children have prepared manifestos, run impressive campaigns and now they will learn about democracy and the importance of voting in a fair election. The School Hall will be turned into a polling station where children will put an 'X' in a box. Experiences like this help children understand the world around them and empower them to have ownership over their decisions. Although some children will be disappointed not to be elected, we'll reassure them that there's always an opportunity next year and help manage their feelings.

Sport At St P

We're immensely proud to have been highly commended for our sporting ventures over the last year by ISA. Out of hundreds of schools, and we're one of the very smallest, our hard work on and off the field has been noticed. We have lots of sport for everyone this term and our Staff Spotlight this week will introduce our latest coach. Congratulations to our footballers who played at Kettering Town Football Club and commiserations to the hockey players whose game was rained off. Good luck to our brave Cross Country runners next week; fingers crossed for dry conditions as that will go ahead regardless!

Useful Links

Below are some useful links for you:

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- School calendar - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/upcomingevents>
- Curriculum Information - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/curriculum>
- Picture Galleries - <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/galleries>

Harvest Donations

It's that time of year again. A week on Monday evening (2nd October) is the Lower School Harvest Supper. The whole school is accepting donations for the local food bank. Please raid your cupboards and pantries and donate cans, tins and packets of food. These can be given to the class teacher any day next week or left in the School Office. We'll collect them all together and take them to the Kettering Food Bank as we do every year. Thank you in advance for any offerings you can spare; the Foodbank is always immensely grateful and I enjoy taking some children with me to see where the donations go.

Staff Spotlight

We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on our latest sports recruit, Miss Kirby. A local lady from near Kettering, Miss Kirby recently completed her A-levels, with a notable passion for PE. She's an all-rounder who has actively participated in a multitude of sports but notably plays defence in Netball. Miss Kirby has now embarked on a Level 4 sports apprenticeship program, allowing her the opportunity to immerse herself at St Peter's for four days a week while dedicating a day for college. As she dives into her first professional role, Miss Kirby's vibrant energy and keen interest have made her an instant hit among the team and students. We're delighted to have her onboard and look forward to witnessing the positive impacts she's bound to make! Like many of our team, she's also a dog lover, with three furry friends at home.

Prestigious Mrs P

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Palmer has been shortlisted by Classic FM as 'Music Teacher of the Year'. What an achievement! The winners are announced next week, each morning at 8.30am on Classic FM and we'll be tuned in every day! Good luck Mrs P.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher