



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been one of those classic Michaelmas weeks. It's been full of events, visits and activities all whilst dodging intermittent rain showers! We're talking about Strictly and Bakeoff in the staff room and Christmas planning has started. Two important reminders first:

1. Lower School please buy your Harvest Supper tickets through ParentMail
2. Please bring in any harvest donations for Kettering Foodbank.

Preschool Press

This week we have welcomed our new Preschool assistant Miss Thom. She has been very busy exploring colour with the children. They have been selecting different tools and dipping them in brightly coloured paint to decorate pictures of trees. They have painted their hands to make Autumn 'leaves' and during outdoor learning they collected leaves, coated them in paint and made leaf prints. This has led to much discussion about how leaves change colour in the Autumn. Washing the dinosaurs with soap and sponges turned into a dinosaur swamp when the children added different coloured paint. Squeezing the paint and squashing the sponges worked the muscles in their hands and fingers, whilst mixing the different coloured paints encouraged lots of investigation into how colours combine and change. In French we have continued to learn the names of the colours and sing along to our colour song. It has been a very colourful week in Preschool!

Individual and Class Photos

On Tuesday we welcomed Bentley Photographic into school to take individual, class and team photos. The Hub was turned into a photo booth with stands, lights and backdrops, and children came in small groups to have their pictures taken. We don't have copies of the photographs and we haven't had the proofs - everything is done through Bentley Photographic. Please don't contact our School Office with enquiries, you must contact and order from the company directly. It's a logistical challenge to get everyone looking the right way with a smile at the same time, especially the younger pupils, but I hope you'll have a nice memento of your child in school.

Rutland Water Cross Country

It was good to be back at the Brooke Priory Cross Country today. Runners competed against nearly 300 pupils from other schools, running 2km around the shore of Rutland Water, an impressive backdrop. It was lovely to have some spectators cheering on the children. There are lots of sporting events this term and it's lovely to have support when possible.

Student Elections

The School Council elections were this week and the hustings were fierce. There are manifesto posters around school and every child from Reception to Year 6 got the opportunity to vote. The Year 6s did a brilliant job of poll clerking. The results are close, very close, and the children will find out who's representing them on the School Council and Eco Committee on Monday when they receive their new badges. Everyone who presented their ideas, made a poster or presentation should be congratulated. ALL of their ideas will be presented at the first meeting and EVERYONE gets their voice heard.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child has all of the correct uniform and equipment in school. Why not leave blue socks, gum shields and shin pads in your child's bag? Uniforms are available to order through ParentMail. Children will be much more comfortable in a uniform that fits them properly. Thank you for your support.

Lower School Harvest Supper

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Monday night is the Lower School Harvest Supper. All Lower School children must be in school from 5pm until 6.30pm. There will be a harvest meal in the Sunnylands Hall for those who have purchased tickets followed by songs and poems. I look forward to seeing you there. All children should be in full winter uniform. Don't forget, we're collecting harvest donations for Kettering Foodbank. Please bring any remaining food donations into school on Monday to be put on display.

Maths Homework

I've been asked to reshare the School's Calculation Policy, a Guide for Parents and the Slides from the Parent's Maths sessions (from 2021), all attached. Can I remind all parents that homework isn't for them and it is absolutely not worth falling out with your child over. If you, or your child, needs support, please speak to any member of the teaching team. I'm happy to talk all day long about maths and how to help you to help.

Next week is World Space Week, the start of Black History Month, World Teacher Day, National Poetry Day, the rugby and hockey squad are heading out and we've even got our girls football squad playing at KBA - We may be small, but we are mighty!

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Next week's menu can be found here: <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu>