



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a good week and are looking forward to a restful weekend. Lots of important announcements as well as some fun this week!

Preschool Press

Our Autumn and Harvest theme has inspired much creativity this week in Preschool. Leaves and twigs collected during outdoor learning have been used to make wide eyed owls. Treasure boxes filled with farm animals have led to paper plate pictures of feathery chicks and fluffy sheep and Pierre, our French bear, brought in vegetables from his 'farm'; teaching the names in French before encouraging the children to paint and print their own vegetable pictures. The children have been learning about where bread comes from. They have painted pictures of corn, coloured in and cut out loaves of bread ready for our Harvest display and everyone helped to measure out the ingredients and knead the dough whilst baking delicious bread for their snack. Holding paint brushes, gloopy glue sticks, crayons and scissors has provided lots of opportunities to practise fine motor skills whilst kneading dough helped exercise important muscles in the children's fingers and hands.

Next week is our first Share a story afternoon, please come and sit with your child for a story and songs at 2.45 on Wednesday 18th October.

PTA - Halloween Disco

Don't forget to buy your child's Halloween disco ticket via ParentMail. It'll be a fantastic way to end the half term with singing, dancing and games. Fancy dress is OPTIONAL. In Sunnylands Hall 5.45pm-7pm.

Poppy Appeal

After half term, our Year 6s will be selling poppies at the school gate. Children can purchase a poppy, reflector, wristband, snap band or zip pull from the Year 6s who'll be collecting for the Royal British Legion appeal. Items will need to be paid for with exact money as no change will be available. All donations go to charity. We're happy for children to wear a poppy on their school blazer for the month of November, and all other merchandise must be taken home.

Share Your Work - Monday after school

Share Your Work is on Monday after school for Reception to Year 6. For those who have never experienced this, school will be open to parents and you're welcome to go to your child's classroom, with them, to see where they sit, look through their books and learn what they've been learning. The teachers will also be in the classrooms to talk to. This is not a formal parents evening and you should only be in your own child's class. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to see the school through your child's eyes.

St Ps in the Community

We've been involved in lots of sports this week, from football at KBA to the Park Run at Desborough. Year 1 visited Abington Park Toy Museum and Year 3 had a great Day at ThinkTank in Birmingham. There's still lots of outings next week; I love seeing the photos from these events. We try to update social media daily but we will share an album from the whole term next week. Do follow us, like and share [📍 St Peter's School, Kettering](#)

Open Morning - Wednesday 8th November

We have our Michaelmas Open Morning on the first Wednesday back. Please do tell your friends about us and if there's a family who would like to join our community do tell them to get in touch. Reception places 2024 are filling up and we do have some spaces in other year groups.

Uniform Update

Hopefully you all read my uniform update this morning. There's lots of exciting developments on the way. I cannot tell you how difficult it is in the current climate to manage international supply chains which is why we have some new, UK based, suppliers which will hopefully help us. It also helps us be more sustainable. In summary: girls hats are back! Boys caps are still a work in progress! A new school tie and Games socks will be available from November time. Year 6 girls can wear a tie (with a white shirt) if they want to, and girls can wear shorts for PE, Games and Clubs, if they want to.

Hair Accessories

For clarity on hair accessories: girls' hair should be kept away from the face using a navy or white accessory. For those with darker hair, black is acceptable. The term "school appropriate" translates to plain, modest, and straightforward accessories. Please refrain from using items with glitter, patterns, or excessively large decorations. Our aim has always been to maintain the highest standards of presentation, and while we understand the diverse range of accessories available, we appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

Finally, next week is the finals of the St Peter's Conker Championships. Make sure your child has their best six-er, ten-er or even twelver-er freshly stringed and ready to go. It may even upset the current House Point totals. Lost property will be out on the gate next week. Two final reminders: don't forget the School Nurse Coffee morning next Thursday in the Cedar Hub from 8.15am. Community Choir starts the first Friday after half term!

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher