



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Michaelmas term. I hope you all had a great half term with family and loved ones. It's already been a busy week and the start of several more to come. I hope this update gives you an insight into our busy, but wonderful school. We have sent many ParentMails recently, please check ParentMail regularly and enable notifications so you don't miss out. I'd strongly recommend using the App; this makes it much easier to communicate with us.

Preschool Press

The theme this term is Festivals and Celebrations. This week the children have been sharing their experiences of fireworks. Using paint, chalk, glitter and glue there has been an 'explosion' of colour and pattern as the children created rockets, sparklers and pictures of fireworks in the sky. The children have been using gross motor actions by moving their arms up, down and round, both in French with colourful ribbons, in the tuff spot experimenting with colour and during our outdoor learning whilst making a splatter painted night sky for our firework display. This also supports the development of their literacy skills as they become more familiar with these important words for forming letters. And everyone enjoyed this week's cooking session in which we baked and decorated firework biscuits. The children have coloured and cut out Poppies, developing their understanding of the Festival of Remembrance.

Next Wednesday 15th November is our second Share a Story session. Please join us at 2.45 pm to sit with your child and join in with a story and songs.

Poppy Appeal & Kettering Armistice Day Event

Our Year 6s have been manning the Poppy Appeal stall every morning this week. Can I remind everyone that the merchandise should be taken home and the poppies should only be worn during November. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Reception to Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations are on the 20th and 21st November. Clubs, Orchestra, and Dance will continue on those evenings as normal. Unfortunately, Arts & Crafts Club and Chess won't be able to happen to allow the teachers to meet with parents.

The School Office will email out your confirmed slots next week and class teachers will be sending you the link to your consultation via your child's Google account if you requested an online meeting. You'll be able to access the consultations via your child's Google Calendar, the link sent to their Gmail account or via Google Meet. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch next week. If you requested a phone call instead, you won't need the meeting link and for those joining us in the real world, please be patient whilst waiting outside rooms.

#teamsebastian

Today, our school radiated a warm hue of compassion and unity, as students and staff wore vibrant shades of orange in support of young Sebastian, a courageous six-year-old from Kettering facing a critical health battle. In a powerful display of community solidarity, schools across Kettering have come together to raise awareness and aid for Sebastian's urgent medical needs. Our collective efforts serve not only to support a beloved member of our local community but also to kindle hope

and encourage contributions to his recovery fund. As we stand with Sebastian, we are reminded of the strength that lies in togetherness and the difference we can make when we unite for a noble cause.

Children in Need

The School Council have decided that a week on Friday, on Children in Need day, everyone should try and dress up in PJs/Onesies (or normal non-uniform) and donate £1 to the Children in Need charity. Children from Years 2-6 will need to ensure that the clothes they wear will be appropriate for going to the swimming pool. This includes everyone in school, from Preschool to Year 6. Reception to Year 6 will also be taking part in some SPOTacular activities throughout the day. Donations to Children in Need can be made to help those youngsters who are less fortunate. Please send any money for these events into school in a clearly labelled envelope to the Class Teacher or put in the buckets at the gate.

Last Term in Photos

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Friday Night is Music Night

[Here](#) is a link to FNIMN but it will also be live on Google Classroom at 6pm tonight. A huge congratulations to all the brave performers who have shared their talents.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who lent their voices to our first community choir rehearsal this morning. For those who are considering joining us, please know that it's not too late to be a part of this harmonious journey. We welcome you with open arms to come and add your unique tone to our growing ensemble. As we head into the weekend, may it be a time of peaceful reflection and joyous celebration for us all. Whether you are pausing to honour Remembrance Day on the 11th, contemplating the solemn history of Armistice Day, or illuminating your home in the festive spirit of Diwali, let each moment be meaningful. In the warm glow of Diwali lamps, may we find a message that resonates across all commemorations: The light of compassion and understanding is the same flame that guides us through remembrance, and in its brilliance, we find hope for a brighter world. Wishing you a weekend filled with light and remembrance.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Here is the link to next week's menu: <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu>