



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are experiencing a blend of vibrant celebration and solemn remembrance. As autumn's hues unfold around us, the school community joyously celebrates Diwali, the Festival of Lights. The school's festive spirit, adorned with decorations and engaging activities, beautifully contrasts with the sombre yet poignant preparations for Remembrance Day. This day serves as a powerful reminder of the values of peace, resilience, and unity. In these moments of reflection and celebration, our school community truly embodies the spirit of learning, respect, and mutual understanding, reinforcing what St P represents — a place of holistic growth and diverse experiences. Congratulations to all those who entered the PTA Diwali colouring competition, there will be a display very soon you can all look at.

### **Preschool Press**

This week the children have been learning about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. They have used their gross and fine motor skills to roll and shape clay in order to make Diya lights and created Rangoli patterns using dabber pens and by covering CDS with gloopy glue and sequins. In cooking the children worked together to weigh and mix coconut, icing sugar and condensed milk before rolling the dough into Diwali sweets to share with their families. The leftover icing sugar provided an excellent opportunity to mark-make in the tuff spot and inspired discussion and investigation of different textures. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to our Share a Story session on Wednesday. We hope you all enjoyed listening to the Monkey Puzzle and joining in with our number songs. Pyjamas and Pudsey brought our week to a close with the children 'Going on a Pudsey Bear Hunt' during our outdoor learning session. It's been another very busy week in Preschool!

### **Year 2 Assembly**

The first Class Assembly of the year has been completed! We travelled back to 1666, London, for the Year 2 Assembly. It was the final piece of work for their Great Fire of London topic. The children have learnt all about when the fire started and some of the reasons why it spread so fast. We heard a great song, saw some great acting and they had great fun putting on a performance for the other children and their parents. Thank you Mr Burgham for script writing and thank you parents for coming in to watch.

### **Sporty St Peter's**

It's been an exhilarating week of sports at our school with an array of fixtures keeping us on our toes. Our teams ventured out to Copthill and Kettering Leisure Village, showcasing their skills in hockey and athletics. I had the delightful opportunity to join the Golf Club on Thursday night, which was a fantastic experience. The upcoming week is packed with more action, including a district final for our cross country qualifiers and exciting netball and rugby matches at the Peterborough School. We're proud to offer our students a wealth of opportunities in local, regional, and national sports, ensuring everyone in Upper School has a chance to represent the school each term. A gentle reminder for all participating students to bring their complete sports kit for fixtures. A huge thank you to Mr Ray for organising such a diverse range of events – your efforts are truly appreciated, and we're excited about the upcoming activities planned for this and the next term. Best of luck to our athletes competing in the regional races on Monday!

### **Children in Need**

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Today we witnessed the spirited participation of our students in the Children in Need campaign, embracing the joy of dressing up in pyjamas, onesies, and themed outfits for a wonderful cause. It was a delight to see the school corridors filled with such enthusiasm and colour, reflecting our community's commitment to making a difference. Personally, joining in the fun by wearing my onesie (with my suit neatly tucked underneath!) was a highlight, and I'm thrilled to share that together we raised an impressive £255.07 for this national campaign. Additionally, I am incredibly proud to announce that our efforts last week for #teamsebastian were equally successful, with a fantastic total of £191.53 and 2 Euros raised. These contributions truly showcase the generosity and spirit of our school community, and I am grateful to everyone for their heartfelt support and participation.

### **PTA Update**

Thank you to all of those who supported the Halloween Disco, the children had a fabulous time and we raised an amazing £251.33! It's a busy half term for the PTA with many lovely events to look forward to. The main focus will be the Christmas Fayre which is fast approaching, make sure to save the date and spread the word - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am-12.00pm! Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for the hampers (to be drawn at the Christmas Fayre) – this can be done through ParentMail **OR** paper tickets which are also available – if you need any more paper tickets to buy/sell then please see your PTA Year Rep. We are still collecting items for the hampers and for the chocolate tombola – all items greatly appreciated, please take them to the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

If you ever want to contact the PTA, their email address is [STPSPTA@st-peters.org](mailto:STPSPTA@st-peters.org) Have a wonderful weekend everyone and hopefully there will be a little more dry weather so you can all explore the outdoors. Don't forget it's Parent Teacher consultations for Reception to Year 6 next week (No chess or Art and Crafts Clubs on Tuesday.)

Regards

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

Here is the link to next week's menu:

<https://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu>