



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we dive headfirst into the excitement of Black Friday deals, we'd like to take a moment to extend warm Thanksgiving wishes to all our American families. We hope your holiday was filled with joy, gratitude, and quality time with loved ones. It's been an action-packed week at our school, with our talented cross country runners, netball players, and rugby players showcasing their incredible skills and determination. The Community Choir is sounding great too! It's not too late to join! As the temperatures drop, please ensure your children arrive at school fully prepared for the chilly weather - don't forget hats, gloves, scarves, and coats! Also, another friendly reminder: please drive down the Crescent from the Headlands for drop-offs and pick up. If you are unsure which direction this is, please speak to any member of staff.

Preschool Press

It may still be November but in Preschool the Christmas Celebrations have already begun and are providing lots of opportunities to practise the sound 'S'. The children have been listening to 'Dear Santa' and talking about what they would like Santa to bring them for Christmas. Together the children have written and illustrated their own version of the book! In our Outdoor learning session this week the children have been painting Santa's sleigh and we have been learning a new song about Santa getting stuck up the chimney. Treasure boxes have been filled with an assortment of items beginning with 'S' including Spoons, Socks and a Soldier. The children especially enjoyed Snipping Sausages with Scissors to mix with Spaghetti and Sauce during cooking this week. It has been a Splendid week in Preschool!

EYFS Nativity - Next Wednesday 29th November

Reception and Preschool parents and grandparents are invited to watch the Reception Nativity at 2pm in Sunnylands Hall next Wednesday. Please come to the Crescent gate. It is going to be very busy and the hall will be packed. We will not be able to let you in until 15 minutes prior to the start.

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play - Next Thursday 30th November

Year 1 and Year 2 parents and grandparents are invited to watch the Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play at 2pm in Sunnylands Hall next Thursday. Please come to the Crescent gate and park considerately. We also have a home fixture on Thursday so the road will be busy.

PTA PTA PTA!

Thank you to everyone that completed the PTA Questionnaire offering their time with the upcoming events. We are extremely appreciative to anyone that has offered to help out so thank you. There is still time to volunteer, please complete the questionnaire if you haven't already or speak to your Year Rep. We are still looking for a few more volunteers for the Christmas Fayre itself – Saturday 9th December – 10.00am – 12.00pm.

Raffle Tickets – please can everyone either return the stubs with the money or any unsold raffle tickets to the school office as soon as possible. If you have purchased tickets through ParentMail then please return the unused tickets to the office – or you could always buy both!

Donations for the hampers and chocolate tombola are slowly filling up the School Office – thank you so much to everyone that has contributed so far. There is still plenty of time to bring any items in – some suggestions are Christmas Crackers, Mince Pies, Napkins, Christmas Puddings, Fudge, Jams & Chutney's, we have enough bottles of wine now thank you. Hamper Donations deadline is Thursday 30th November.

Getting in Touch

I've had several questions about getting in touch with myself and the school. All enquiries should be sent to the School Office, STPSOffice@st-peters.org.uk. This email address is monitored all day by our Office Manager who also has access to all of the calendars. If you wish to contact me with a private matter then please use STPSSafeguarding@st-peters.org.uk. As the name suggests, this

email is for safeguarding, child protection or confidential matters and I aim to respond ASAP. All general enquiries should go via the School Office - we receive over 100 emails a day and it's important we process them all effectively and in a timely manner. We also have staff with specific responsibilities and you're able to contact them:

- Financial - STPSBursar@st-peters.org.uk
- Curriculum - t.butler@st-peters.org.uk
- SEND - s.ward@st-peters.org.uk
- Preschool - d.colwill@st-peters.org.uk, or j.jones@st-peters.org.uk
- Music - c.palmer@st-peters.org.uk
- Sport - j.ray@st-peters.org.uk

If your concern or question can be answered by a Class Teacher, please get in touch with them first, but please remember they're teaching and may not be able to respond during school hours.

Visiting Parents in Assembly

If you feel you have something to share with our children, please get in touch. If you have a fascinating job, an interesting hobby, or you feel you could educate our community we would always welcome visiting parents in our whole school assembly. Alternatively, if you think you have something to share with older or younger children we do Key Stage assemblies each week too. I know we've had dentists and nurses in the past and looking forward we hope some of you will share pictures and experiences of religious festivals. It's a fantastic way for you to contribute to our community, and it's fun!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone; I'm looking forward to Dr Who on Saturday and I'm going to Frozen on Sunday. I love this time of year! "I am and always will be the optimist. The hoper of far-flung hopes, and the dreamer of improbable dreams." - The Doctor. Finally, I look forward to welcoming the Year 4 parents on Monday for the Year 4 assembly.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Here is the link to next week's menu:

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