



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has landed at St Ps! Nativities, productions, trees, carolling, presents and cards... and it's only just December. Remember that we have postboxes in school so children can send their cards to their friends - Our Year 6 elves will deliver these; last post is on the 12th. We're very busy at this time of year so the update is longer than usual, but well worth a read.

Preschool Press

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ... The tree is up and covered in tinsel, and Christmas music is playing daily. The children are taking turns to be Santa and his reindeer as they roleplay in Santa's sleigh and everyone has been busy creating miniature Christmas Trees by painting and decorating pine cones as well as using their fingertips to paint Christmas Lights. All of the children joined in brilliantly with our Early Years Nativity play and our little Elf has returned from the North Pole to cause mischief. (He was using one of the displays to zip wire this morning!) This week's treasure chests were full of sticks and prompted lots of discussion about size: tall, taller, tallest. In Outdoor learning the children used their sticks to make their own Stickmen and retold the story adding their own ideas about bears in caves! During cooking this week the children made edible Stickmen, using their motor skills to attach chocolate matchstick legs and arms to chocolate rolls, interestingly these Stickmen didn't hang around for very long!

Year 4 Assembly - Amazing Aztecs

On Monday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Year 4 parents to the school hall, where the Year 4 Class took us on an enlightening journey through their fascinating study of the Aztecs. They captivated us not only with their extensive knowledge but also with their remarkable performance skills. A standout moment was their showcase of the P-Buzz, a new instrument introduced at St Peter's, which they played with impressive skill and enthusiasm. The event was a wonderful display of the children's hard work and creativity, leaving us all inspired and proud.

Reception Nativity

On Wednesday, our Preschool and Reception Class captivated their parents with a stunning portrayal of the Christmas story, taking us on a magical journey to Bethlehem and filling the afternoon with pride and joy. The children's earnest performances, complete with adorable angels, shepherds, a donkey, wise men in resplendent robes, and other characters, brought the story to life with a charm that reminded us all of the true essence of Christmas - hope, love, and the joy of giving. The teachers' dedication and creativity shone through in every aspect of the play, making it a heartwarming and unforgettable experience; one of my favourite school events of the year and a beautiful representation of the simple joys and kindness we should carry with us throughout this festive season. This was also the first performance collaboration between Preschool and Reception.

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play

On Thursday, Year 1 and Year 2 presented their captivating Christmas performance titled "Count on Christmas," which was a delightful retelling of the story of Jesus, enhanced with some fresh additions and catchy tunes. The children and staff deserve hearty congratulations for their immense effort in mastering the lines and dance routines, making it one of my favourite events of the year! A special mention goes to the Year 1 and Year 2 students for their creative work in crafting the set and all the props, adding an extra layer of Christmas magic to the performance.

Sport AT St Peter's

For the first time this academic year, St Peter's had the thrill of hosting a visiting sports team, marking a significant and exciting event in our school's sporting calendar. Years 3 and 4 showcased their skills and sportsmanship as they competed passionately on the field and courts in rugby and netball. The day was filled with highs and lows, a true reflection of the spirit of competition. It was a fantastic experience to welcome The Peterborough School to our grounds. The children thoroughly enjoyed the post-match teas, a perfect end to a day of healthy competition and friendship. A special thank you to the parents who came out to support our teams in the cold - your cheers and encouragement added to the day's vibrant atmosphere. All Upper School parents are invited to next Wednesday's House Games tournament from 1.30pm.

PTA Christmas

The Christmas countdown is well underway! Thank you to everyone who turned out last night to help with creating the beautiful hampers for our raffle and wrapping gifts for Santa's Grotto! We are very lucky to have some great support behind us! Santa's Grotto is on Friday 8th December – if you would like your child to take part then please go to ParentMail to book a ticket, for £5.00 your child will listen to a story told by Santa and receive a gift – the deadline for this has been extended to Monday 4th December.

There is still time to buy or sell some more raffle tickets – please see your PTA Year Rep if you need any more paper tickets; you can still purchase additional tickets through ParentMail.

All children should have received a 'Happy Hanukkah' colouring competition sheet this week – we can't wait to see the children's creations – the deadline to return these to the school office is Friday 8th December.

We are all getting very excited for the Christmas Fayre which is ONE WEEK tomorrow – we are looking forward to welcoming you all.

As we step into the season of Advent, let us embrace the spirit of anticipation and joy that this time brings, reminding ourselves of the warmth and hope that light our path towards a festive and heartwarming Christmas. Don't forget that the Big Guy himself will be in school next Friday for Christmas Jumper Day and the deadline for ordering a small gift through the PTA Santa's Grotto is Monday 4th. Our School Choir is singing at the Lights to Remember service at the Toller church from 4pm this Sunday, all are welcome. What a wonderful place St Ps is to be. Oh Yes It Is!!
(That's the Panto reminder on Tuesday - we'll be back about 4pm)

Final Reminder - hats, gloves, scarves and blue winter coat everyday, all named, please.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Here is the link to next week's menu:

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