



Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for the late update, it's been a busy day filled with crackers, tinsel, turkey, santa and singing! Everyone was very excited to see the big guy so a huge thanks to the PTA who organised his special visit. It's been a very merry week, starting at St Ann's Care Home, who were delighted to welcome our Year 4s singing carols - a heartwarming afternoon.

Preschool Press

Preschool this week has been filled with 'Journeys'. The children baked and decorated Gingerbread Men and recounted the journey taken by the Gingerbread Man as he ran away 'first' from the little old lady, 'next' from the cow, 'then' from the horse and 'finally' was eaten by the fox. Together with their teachers the children have created an amazing display illustrating the journey taken by 'Stickman' as he overcame different challenges on his way back home to the Family Tree and during Outdoor learning they have undertaken their own journey in search of 'Stickmen' hiding in the woods! We were very fortunate to receive a visit from one of our Preschool parents who told us about his exciting journey through the jungle; inspiring the children to ask lots of questions about the animals and insects he had encountered along the way. Our Little Elf has continued to journey around Preschool, causing mischief with the computer and hiding amongst the Christmas decorations, and on Christmas Jumper Day the children were delighted to meet a special visitor who had journeyed all the way from the North Pole.

PTA Christmas Fayre

Only one more sleep until the Christmas Fayre! We are all very excited for what promises to be a great morning of some festive fun!

We have a variety of stalls on offer, including three traditional fairground games that will be making their first appearance! There will be our first 'Elfridges' pocket money stall and 'Break the Code' with some lovely prizes on offer. There are also some fantastic external stalls selling some lovely items that will make excellent Christmas gifts, including wreaths and gonks, Christmas hampers and delicious cakes! There will be the return of some firm favourites too including the popcorn stall, the chocolate tombola and some delicious food served by the kitchen.

We do have the facility to accept card payments but most stalls will be cash so if you could bring lots of change with you we would appreciate it. Please also remember to bring some carrier bags with you too.

Mrs Palmer will be singing Christmas carols outside the Hub at 11.00am if anyone would like to join her – all welcome, it's just for fun! And the raffle for the Christmas Hampers will be drawn at 11.30am.

So come along from 10.00am – 12.00pm and spread the word to your family and friends!

A final reminder to say that while on the school premises, please remember that your children are your responsibility and ensure that they remain under your supervision at all times.

Winter House Games

It was cold, but it was brilliant. An entire afternoon of sport for all of Upper School resulted in 12 games of rugby and hockey - Sywell the eventual winners after a close afternoon by all.

Lights to Remember

Amazing! Our stunning choir filled the Toller church for a very special service for Marie Curie. It was a privilege to be part of this event. They also performed at Kettering Rugby Club on Thursday for Kettering Inner Wheel. I know you'll enjoy hearing them at the Christmas Carol Service.

Christmas Carol Service

You are all invited to the St Peter's School Christmas Carol service at St Peter and St Paul's church on Wednesday morning at 10.30am. Please arrive from 10am. Please bring children to school as normal on Wednesday morning in full school uniform. Term ends at the church at midday; all children should be collected from the church.

All orchestra members must bring their instruments on Tuesday 12th December for the rehearsal at the church and leave their instruments in school. *NB. Upper School Violin lessons and Woodwind lessons will also be happening on the afternoon of 12th December. Children should not bring anything into school with them on Wednesday, other than themselves, their instruments and full, smart uniform. No bags required.*

I look forward to seeing you there.

Peripatetic Lessons after Christmas

- Tennis - Thursday 4th Jan
- Piano - Thursday 4th Jan
- Cello - Monday 8th Jan
- Vocal - Monday 8th Jan
- Violin - Tuesday 9th Jan
- Woodwind - Tuesday 10th Jan
- Ballet - Wednesday 10th Jan
- Speech and Drama - Wednesday 10th Jan
- Drums - Thursday 11th Jan

Illness Update

We have lots of coughs, colds and bugs floating around. We will continue to promote good hygiene in school but we need your support to keep poorly children at home; always report their absence via the School Office.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Here is the link to next week's menu:

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