



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first full week of school and the second week of Epiphany! The Epiphany season brings with it a sense of wonder and inspiration, just like each school day at St Peter's. Here's to a fantastic week ahead!

### **Preschool Press**

Developing their understanding of the world has been at the centre of the children's learning in Preschool this week. They have been finding out about the Winter habitats of the wild animals that live in our local area as well as those that live in other countries. Our wildlife curiosity corner provided lots of opportunities to investigate and discuss different animals' homes, diets and sleeping patterns. The children filled the hedgehog's nest, squirrel's drey, rabbit's burrow, fox's den, badger's sett, and bear's cave with sticks, leaves and moss and gave them food to help those that hibernate and those that enter a state of torpor to keep safe through the winter. The children continued to help our local animals during outdoor learning by creating bird feeders and filling them with bird seed. In our creative room the children have been busy making paper cup squirrels and naming two dimensional shapes as they added circles eyes, triangle ears and a rectangle tail to their squirrels.

The cold weather has inspired the children to investigate how water changes into ice and back into water again. The children used different tools to liberate polar bears and penguins from the ice and discussed how water freezes and melts and ice feels cold, hard and slippery. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Preschool Parents information evening; the presentation is attached to this ParentMail. Also, a reminder that the next Share a Story is Wednesday 17th at 2.45pm.

### **PTA News**

We had a productive meeting this week with lots of lovely things being arranged for the coming term, including:

- A sponsored sing!
- 'Wonka Bars' for sale on World Book Day with some special treats to be won
- A lovely treat for Mother's Day
- A Chinese New Year creative competition
- A leap year time capsule
- Plus much more!

Mr Thomas has kindly agreed that parents attending the monthly PTA meetings can utilise the Late Club free of charge for one hour. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 4.15pm and it would be really lovely to see some new faces there.

If you cannot make the meetings but you have any ideas/feedback to share then you can speak to any member of the PTA committee – Lucy Aldwinckle (Year 3 parent), Janice Howes (Year 6 & 4 parent), Zoe Blackhall (Year 4 & Reception parent) and Becky Jones (Year 5 and Preschool parent). Or you can email us on the PTA email account - [stpspta@st-peters.org.uk](mailto:stpspta@st-peters.org.uk).

### **Secondary School Options**

If your child is in Year 5 or 6, please keep talking to us about your secondary school options. If your child has interviews, taster days or entrance exams please let us know ASAP. All absences for secondary schools are authorised and we want to support your child as much as possible. We have practice papers and can do mock interviews in school for those who need them. You can change your mind at any time about your choices.

### **Local ChildMinder**

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We have been contacted by a local ChildMinder and she asked us to share her details. We wouldn't normally do this, and we do not endorse this particular minder, but I know that some parents were asking us about local minders; this lady is on Hawthorn Road. Karen Allworth, 94 Hawthorn Road, Kettering, NN15 7HT, 07792013274, kallworth9@gmail.com

I hope you have a lovely weekend ahead; as for me, I'll be unwinding and catching up on this week's exciting TV shows, diving into the intriguing world of 'Traitors' and eagerly awaiting the nostalgic thrill of 'Gladiators' on Saturday. It's the perfect way to cap off a busy week! Finally, good luck to our Netball and Hockey teams who are playing next week.

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

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