



Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks are passing by quickly and school is filled with excited hustle and bustle thriving in the aftermath of last weekend's storm Isha. It's a packed update this week with lots of useful information.

### **Cinderella**

A single black Carvela stiletto shoe was handed into the School Office today if anyone has lost one!

### **Preschool Press**

Supporting the children's phonological awareness is integral to developing early literacy skills and this week at Preschool we have been focusing on the phonic sound 't'. Treasure boxes have been filled with tigers, tiaras, trains and trucks. During cooking the children talked about and tasted tagliatelle, tomatoes and tuna. They have been taking turns to sort different objects in the sand tray into those beginning with 'd' and those beginning with 't' and they have continued to create pictures of different woodland creatures by scrunching up and sticking down tissue paper. Writing on the interactive board, on tree boards and in flour provided lots of opportunities to have a go at writing 't' and in outdoor learning the children used wax crayons to make tree rubbings, observing the variety of patterns created on different trunks. It has been a 'treemendously' busy week!

### **PTA News**

All children should now have received their sponsor form for the Sing Along which is taking place during the school day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. It would be great to see some funds being raised through this event. This will allow us to purchase some lovely items for our wonderful music department. If you could support your child in gaining sponsors we would appreciate it.

Our Wonka Bar event is gaining great momentum behind the scenes. This will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March to coincide with World Book Day. We will be selling Wonka Bars after school on this day (and through ParentMail if you are unable to make pick up). Some of the bars will contain a Golden Ticket with the chance to win some lovely prizes! If children do not win a prize they will still have a bar of chocolate! Look out for posters being distributed soon for more details and a list of prizes to be won!

Thank you to everyone who entered the PTA Logo Competition. We have had some wonderful designs and ideas. We now have the difficult job over the next few weeks of looking over these and deciding on a winner! To be announced...

If you need some new name labels for your children's clothing/items, please consider using Stampastic. They sell tags and pens to label uniform etc. If you use the following link <https://bit.ly/STAMPNN156DJ> you will help the PTA raise commission on anything you purchase. If you enter the code NN156DJ at checkout and purchase the [SCHOOL NAME LABELS DELUXE BUNDLE](#) you will also receive a free item.

### **National Space Centre**

Year 5 had an exhilarating day at the National Space Centre, immersing themselves in the wonders of the cosmos. They were treated to a captivating show in the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium, ventured through the solar system, and explored the moon interactively. The highlight was the chance to sit inside a real Soyuz capsule, making their Science topic feel truly alive. And they even had the unique experience of smelling space, with the scent resembling BBQ Beef! This extraordinary journey undoubtedly left an indelible impression, fueling their curiosity about the universe for years to come.

### **Class Assemblies**

We are eagerly anticipating three upcoming Class Assemblies that promise to be wonderful. For those who may not have attended before, parents of the respective classes (and other relatives)

are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Cedar Hub starting at 10am. Please enter through the Crescent Gate or buzz in between 10 and 10:30am via the Cedar Hub gate, where you will be welcomed with tea, coffee, and biscuits. This provides a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow parents from your child's class. During the assembly, the class will proudly present their learning and achievements to the entire school community, including pupils, teachers, and staff in the Sunnylands Hall. These experiences boost their confidence, and the children relish the chance to share their learning with everyone. These mornings are always delightful and typically conclude by 11am. Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming assemblies:

- Year 6 on 29th January;
- Reception Class on 5th February;
- Year 5 on 26th February.

We can't wait to see you there!

### **Reception 2024**

Our Reception Class for 2024 is in high demand, with limited spaces available. To secure your place, access our Reception Readiness, and guarantee enrollment, a deposit is required. If you're currently in Preschool and wish to reserve your place, or if you have siblings attending other preschools and are interested in joining us, please contact the School Office promptly. Additionally, if you know of friends or family seeking Reception places for 2024, 2025, or 2026, encourage them to contact us. Our School is truly exceptional, boasting an average class size of 12, a remarkable average teacher-to-pupil ratio of 1:6, outstanding academic results, exceptional care, and a wealth of enriching opportunities in music, sports, and extracurricular activities. We invite you to spread the word about our unique and thriving school – we're confident you already know what sets us apart!

### **Baby Updates!**

It's been a year since Mrs Glaves began her maternity leave, and we're excited to welcome her back next week, as well as extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Hannah for her excellent work during the past year as she moves on to her next maternity cover; we're also eagerly anticipating the arrival of Mr Day's baby around half term and sending our love and support to our growing school family. It is officially National Parent Mental Health Day tomorrow. This year's theme is #CreatingPositiveRelationships. Do let us know if you need support with anything.

### **House General Knowledge Competition**

Year 3 to Year 6 pupils took part in the national SATIPS General Knowledge Quiz today so we took the opportunity to turn it into a House Competition. The questions were tricky! Here's the results:

- 1st - Stanwick
- 2nd - Barnwell
- 3rd - Sywell
- 4th - Brigstock

It's Number Day next week and we're going to hold our second annual House timestables competition! Have a wonderful weekend; stay safe with Storm Jocelyn on the way. I look forward to welcoming Year 6 parents on Monday morning.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

Here is next week's menu: [www.st-peters.org.uk/menu](http://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu)