



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's update; and it's packed full this week! As we move through another bustling week at our school, it's important to pause and reflect on a significant milestone. Exactly one year ago, our school underwent a rigorous inspection and emerged achieving an 'Excellent' rating in all areas. As we continue to build on this foundation of excellence, let's take a moment to celebrate our collective achievements and look forward to another year of outstanding growth and learning.

### **Preschool Press**

It may only be the beginning of February but 'love' has definitely been in the air in Preschool. Inspired by the story 'Guess how much I love you' by Sam McBratney the children have written and illustrated their own book entitled 'Love', supporting their understanding of the key concepts of print alongside their language and communication skills. In our creative room the children have been baking heart shaped biscuits, glueing tissue paper hearts and using pipettes and a little bit of magic to paint beautiful hearts for their display. On number day the children searched for numbered hearts alongside the Year 6 children in the woodland area and sang a song about Love hearts and numbers in English and in French. We also had a special visit from a beloved pet, Norman the tortoise and talked about how to care for the animals that we love. It has truly been a 'lovely' week in Preschool.

### **PTA News**

The sponsored Sing-Along takes place one week today. Hopefully the children's sponsor forms are filling up nicely and they are looking forward to an enjoyable musical day! Please remind the children that this is a fun, relaxed event with no pressure to sing. Children can choose to sing on their own, in groups or with their teacher! The Wonka Bars are now officially for sale through ParentMail! Some parents have already purchased bars which is great news – thank you! There is still plenty of time to purchase the bars – they will be on sale through ParentMail in the run up to World Book Day which is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We will also have a stall set up on this day after school to purchase the bars in real time! We have catered for special dietary requirements, please click on the full description on ParentMail to see the list of ingredients. Please ask if you have any questions. There are some lovely prizes to be won. In celebration of the Chinese New Year, we are running a competition to be completed over the half term. It is completely optional and free to enter. There are prizes to be won so keep an eye out for further details which will be shared next week.

### **Number Day!**

Most of you know that I'm a huge maths fan and a former maths specialist teacher so I have LOVED NSPCC Number Day today. We've had Maths dancing, singing, games and the second annual whole school Times Table Challenge (staff included!) Over 2000 questions ranging from 2x2 to 13x25 kept everyone on their toes. The results are:

Reception - Sywell

Year 1 - Stanwick

Year 2 - Brigstock

Year 3 - Sywell

Year 4 - Sywell

Year 5 - Brigstock

Year 6 - Brigstock

Lower School - Stanwick

Upper School - Sywell

Whole School - Sywell

Staff vs Pupils - Staff = 13.8, Pupils = 13.2 (a close one!)

Top Scorers - Shiv, Nathan, Quincey, Mr Ray and Mr Day. All with full marks 20/20.

If you'd like to have a go yourself, the Year 6 questions are at the bottom of this update and you only have 2 minutes!

Number Day is organised by the NSPCC and I'd encourage you to read about their good work: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

### **Share Your Work on Monday**

I look forward to welcoming Reception to Year 6 parents onsite on Monday after school for *Share Your Work*. You are welcome from the end of the school day until 5pm. Teachers will be in their classrooms and you're welcome to find a quiet space to look through your child's work. Please don't overcrowd the classrooms. Share Your Work is completely optional with no booking required. Please visit with your child when they finish school or clubs.

### **Y5/6 Govilon Meeting**

We are hosting a parents meeting in the Hub from 5.30pm until 6pm. Please do join us from 5pm for tea and coffee. We will tell you all about the Govilon adventure and answer any questions you may have. The presentation and kit lists will be shared with all parents after the meeting, so don't worry if you can't attend.

### **Table Manners**

We've dedicated this week to enhancing table manners among all of our students, and the progress has been remarkable. As table manners are a pivotal part of early learning goals, emphasising fine motor skills such as the proper use of knives and forks, we believe that reinforcing these habits at home as well would be immensely beneficial. In school, we encourage children to adopt proper sitting posture, use cutlery correctly and to eat with etiquette. This includes not speaking with a full mouth and being open to trying a small bite of everything on their plate, even if they're initially hesitant. Our aim is to cultivate a willingness to explore a variety of foods, ensuring there's always something for everyone with our diverse menu options. We always offer healthy alternatives like fruit, salad, and bread. This initiative is not just for the week but ongoing; it's a continuous effort to instil lifelong positive dining habits. We hope you'll support us in this at home and look forward to you noticing the positive changes in your child's table manners.

### **Year 6 Assembly**

This Monday, Year 6 delivered a spectacular assembly, captivating us with performances of renowned poems 'Jabberwocky' and 'The Highwayman'. We delved into the intriguing world of portmanteaus, discovering how blending sounds and meanings of different words can create entirely new expressions. Their presentation was nothing short of splendid - or should I say, splexcellent, fabulawesome, and gramazing! Their creativity and enthusiasm brought the magic of language to life. Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate welcoming the Reception Class parents this coming Monday for their first ever class assembly.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week in the UK; at St Peter's we prioritise this all year and next week is no exception as the children are becoming more tired towards the end of term. Year 4 is off on an educational adventure in London next week, while Year 6 is set for an inspiring visit to the Bosworth science labs. The week will culminate in a harmonious sponsored singalong, marking a melodious end to the term. Outside of school, the anticipation for the weekend's sports is building. I'm particularly looking forward to cheering on England in Saturday's game, though Mrs Hannah's loyalties will be with Wales on Sunday. Here's to a week full of learning, music, sport, science and community spirit. Have a great weekend.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

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

$3 \times 9 =$

$3 \times 6 =$

$4 \times 7 =$

$4 \times 12 =$

$6 \times 8 =$

$7 \times 8 =$

$7 \times 3 =$

$8 \times 9 =$

$11 \times 12 =$

$9 \times 4 =$

$56 \div 7 =$

$36 \div 4 =$

$121 \div 11 =$

$5^2 =$

$3^3 =$

$0.3 \times 80 =$

$600 \times 50 =$

$0.4 \times 0.3 =$

$4 \times 5 \times 6 =$

$13 \times 25 =$