



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Lent 2! In this week's update, we're delighted to welcome Mrs Shanks to our community as we eagerly await news from Mr Day. Additionally, we're thrilled to have Mrs Glaves returning to Year 3, bringing her expertise and enthusiasm back to our classrooms.

World of Work Assembly

On Monday, we welcomed Laura Mohess, a Year 1 and Year 3 parent, to our whole school assembly. Laura, who works for Red Bull Racing, brought an exciting glimpse into the world of Formula One to our students. She shared a variety of items from the Formula One team, allowing the children to see and touch pieces of racing history and modern engineering marvels. Laura's presentation covered the diverse roles within a Formula One team, from strategists, designers, pit crew, health and safety to the drivers themselves. Her talk was an inspiring opportunity for our students to learn about the wide range of careers available in sports beyond being an athlete, highlighting the importance of STEM subjects in exciting, real-world applications. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Laura for sharing her fascinating world of work with us. If you, too, are interested in sharing your professional (or personal) experiences with our students, we warmly invite you to get in touch.

Preschool Press

Following our new theme of 'occupations' Preschool has been filled with shop assistants, vets, construction workers, plumbers, chefs and firefighters! Playing in the shoe shop provided opportunities for measuring, comparing sizes, recognising numerals and understanding how to use money as the children took turns to buy and sell shoes to each other. The Vets role play corner encouraged the children to share and take turns with resources whilst showing care for different living creatures. Discussing using stethoscopes and taking x rays supported the acquisition of new vocabulary. Teamwork was in abundance in the outdoor construction site as new homes were built and others were repaired. The children demonstrated a good understanding of health and safety by reminding each other to wear their hard hats and high viz jackets! A group of chefs experimented with different consistencies of pancake mix in the tuff spot, observing that the amount of water added changed their mixes from thick and gooey to runny. The perfect mix was achieved during our cooking session and all the children enjoyed squeezing lemons and oranges to add to their pancakes. Pipes in the water tray led to our plumbers investigating the journey water takes as it travels from the top to the bottom and fire fighters came to the rescue when the volcano erupted and sent lava flowing down the mountainside. We can't wait to see which 'occupations' the children will try out next!

PTA News

There is lots going on in the next few weeks so please keep an eye out for any communications, posters or messages from Year Reps. If you have any questions or need anything clarifying then please speak to your year rep or a member of the committee.

One last reminder for any outstanding sponsor money for the Sing-Along that took place before half term. Please can you ensure all funds are brought into school by Monday at the very latest. We will be able to provide an update next week on how much was raised for the music department.

Thank you to all the children that took part in the Chinese New Year activity. The pictures that the children created were wonderful and we hope they all enjoy their little treat.

Wonka Bars are still available to purchase through ParentMail, you will be able to purchase bars on the day but it is recommended you do make your purchase through ParentMail particularly if your child has allergies, this is taking place after school on Thursday 7th March – World Book Day.

We have also launched our Mother's Day event this week. This year we are doing 'Tea and Cake with Mum' (or Grandma!). This will take place on Friday 8th March after school, we are able to cater for allergies and booking is essential. All details are on ParentMail.

From Monday, we are also launching a raffle for Preschool only. By entering into the raffle, you will have the chance to win one of ten scooter accessory sets. Preschool parents can purchase raffle tickets via ParentMail for £1 each. Each set contains a helmet, character head and bottle holder with a combined value of £40! The raffle closes on 15th March and will be drawn on 18th March – Good Luck!

Scholastic Book Fair

We're fortunate once again that we've managed to organise the Scholastic Book Fair next week, just in time for World Book Day the following week. We have hundreds of books for sale in the Cedar Hub for you to purchase. However, this year, the book fair will only be open from Wednesday to Friday after school from 3.15pm to 5pm. A percentage of every book sold will be donated back to school for new library books, so please come and support the book fair. Last year, the support was amazing, and we raised nearly £400 for new library books. The children also love browsing the collection; they'll come up in classes to do so. World Book Day tokens can be accepted at the fair, £1 per pupil off any title on the fair. Parents can now pay for books while they're at the Fair using the QR code.

Holy Week Service - 25th March, 2pm

We have a new addition to our school calendar this year. In a special observance of Holy Week, students from Reception to Year 6 will be participating in a service at St Michael's Church (5 minutes from school) on Monday 25th March. This service, led by Reverend Angie, promises to be a reflective and meaningful observance of the Easter story, featuring singing and readings by our students. All

linked to the children's learning in RE. Unlike our Christmas performance, this event is focused on learning reflection, providing a space for our students to engage with the stories and traditions of Easter in a Christian setting. We warmly invite all parents and family members to join us for this service, which begins at 2pm. This is completely optional as we understand you have busy commitments. For parents wishing to attend, there will be an option to collect your child directly from the church at approximately 2:45pm, immediately following the service. For all other students, we will walk back to school, where clubs and Late Club will continue as normal. We have children from all faiths in our school and we look forward to sharing this part of the RE curriculum with everyone.

MADD Tickets Now On Sale!!

[Here](#) is a link to purchase tickets for our end of the term show show! For International Theatre Day we have booked the Lighthouse theatre for the day and we will be showcasing all of the children's talents. Everyone's involved from Reception to Year 6 and it's going to be MADD. The show will be approximately 6pm-7.15pm and we will finish the term at the Stage Door.

Upcoming Events

It's a busy half term so do check our online calendar, but here are some of the key dates for the next few weeks:

- Year 5 Class Assembly - Monday 26th February
- Scholastic Book Fair - 28th February to 1st March
- Spring Open Morning - Wednesday 6th March
- World Book Day (+ PTA Wonka Bars) - Thursday 7th March
- PTA Mother's Day Event - Friday 8th March
- PTA Holi Day Experience - Tuesday 12th March
- Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March
- Holy Week Service - Monday 25th March, 2pm
- MADD Evening - Wednesday 27th March, 6pm

There are many other events such as Oundle Kids Lit and fixtures too!

As I wrap up this week's update, I eagerly anticipate the Year 5 Class Assembly on Monday and look forward to watching England as they take on Scotland in the 6 Nations this weekend. Don't forget to complete the Student Safe school transport survey. Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

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