



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an incredibly busy, book-filled, week and I hope this has given you all the inspiration to pick up a good book this weekend or share an old favourite with your children in preparation for World Book Day **NEXT THURSDAY**. The week began with our amazing Year 5 Space assembly. It was wonderful to learn about the Solar system through the eyes of an alien and to see all of the wonderful work the children had been making.

Preschool Press

This week in Preschool the children have been discussing what occupation they might like to have when they grow up. This has led to some beautiful self-portraits of police officers, doctors and vets as well as superheroes and princesses! Our role play corner has turned into a post office encouraging the children to 'write' letters and postcards to their friends before posting and delivering the mail. Mrs Colwill's bag of shopping prompted lots of discussion about healthy and unhealthy foods and led to a dentist themed tuff spot where the children took turns to squeeze toothpaste and brush pictures of teeth to keep them clean and healthy. The highlight of the week was a visit from one of our parents who is a vet. With the help of Nala (Mr Thomas's golden retriever) Dr O'Shea explained how he cares for all the pets who come to his hospital. The children especially enjoyed using the stethoscope to listen to Nala's heart beat, bandaging Nala's leg and dressing up in hat and gown ready for the operating theatre. With the beginning of Spring the children have been busy finding out about insects, counting legs and describing the different patterns; stripes and spots. During Outdoor learning they looked for signs of Spring using all their senses to smell the blossom and daffodils, listen to the mud squelching beneath their feet and taste the rain on their tongues!

PTA News

We wanted to start with some **AMAZING** news! We have added up the pennies from the Sponsored Singalong and we are thrilled to be able to share with you that we all raised the incredible sum of **£1,137.84!!!** We were all truly blown away by this fantastic amount and we wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for supporting the children in collecting their sponsor money. We will keep you posted in due course to let you know what has been purchased for the music department.

We hope all children enjoyed their little Leap Year gift and we are really looking forward to seeing their completed fact files or other contributions towards their class time capsule. This is a great way to acknowledge the Leap Year and hopefully it will be the start of a lovely tradition!

Next week is set to be a busy one with PTA events – World Book Day finally arrives and the long-awaited Wonka Bar sale!! Thank you so much to everyone that purchased bars through

ParentMail. Online sales are now closed but you will still be able to purchase bars on the day – we will be at the school gates from 3.15pm! Come along for a scrumdiddlyumptious time!!

Then on Friday 8th March we take a more serene approach to the proceedings as we celebrate all the mums and grandmas in our lives. This will be a lovely opportunity for mums/grandmas to take some time out with their children and enjoy some 'tea and cake'.

The Preschool raffle is also still open. Preschool parents can purchase tickets through ParentMail for £1 each, this will give them the chance to win one of ten scooter accessory sets. The raffle closes on 15th March and will be drawn on 18th March.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair this week. Lots of you've got new bedtime reading. A proportion of all book sales goes back into buying new books for our libraries so we genuinely appreciate your support.

Driving On The Grass

We have had a request by one of our neighbours that parents try not to drive on the grass down the Crescent, especially during the winter. I think a car unfortunately created a lot of mud outside a neighbours house this week, which they're obviously upset about. Thank you for your support with this issue.

Spring Open Morning - Wednesday 6th March

Next Wednesday is our Spring Open Morning. If you know anyone who may wish to come and explore the school during a normal school day, please do encourage them to come along.

As we celebrate St David's Day today and reflect on the experiences of Empathy Week, we eagerly anticipate the upcoming World Wildlife Day on Sunday, World Book Day next Thursday, the Oundle Literature Festival every day next week, and the array of book-related events on the horizon, promising an inspiring week for us all. Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

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