



Dear Parents and Carers,

Who'd have thought this time last year my Head's Update was all about the snow! Although there is a chill in the air today. I've just sat down with my tea and carrot cake after the PTA Mothers Day event - which was delightful.

World Book Day (and other Book news)

Amazing! The whole school had a great World Book Day. Children and teachers dressed up and shared in their love of reading. The children learnt about some new authors, books and characters and had lots of fun. Last year I read David Walliams' 'Spaceboy' (recommended by the children) and this year I've started 'The Boy Who Made Monsters' by Jenny Pearson!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair last week, you helped us raise £220 towards new library books. Children have visited the Oundle Literature Festival this week and met really famous children's authors (including Jenny Pearson - who was hilarious!). We also welcomed a children's author into Early Years. Reading is a strength for our school and our children have a genuine interest in books all year round.

Next Friday is Red Nose Day

All children are invited to wear something red or Red Nose Day (RND) merchandise for a small donation on the day. Red noses are also allowed. The School Council will be on the gate in the morning with buckets. Please don't panic if your child doesn't have anything specifically RND, they can just wear their normal clothes. School uniforms are fine too! The children will be doing RND activities in classes during the day. We won't be selling any RND products in school so get on Amazon soon if you want your own red nose.

Preschool Press

Once upon a time there was a boy called Charlie Cook who curled up in a cosy chair to read his favourite book.... This week Preschool has been filled with all of our favourite stories. A tuff spot provocation with straw, bricks and sticks encouraged the children to retell and act out the story of the Three Little Pigs. The post office has transformed into a library where the children have been exploring their theories of how long books can be borrowed, how much the fines will be if you forget to return your book and how quiet it has to be (shh!) During outdoor learning the children hunted for bugs and constructed a wormery using soil, sand, leaves and vegetables for 'Superworm' and everyone enjoyed dressing up and sharing their favourite stories on World Book Day; pirates, princesses, superheroes, tigers, Peter Rabbits, astronauts, the Gruffalo, Fantastic Mr Fox and Mary Poppins all made an appearance. We were delighted to welcome Jess, a local author who told the children about her experiences of writing books and read her story 'When I grow up'. The children shared a story that they

had written and have begun work on a sequel about all their favourite books. As one of the children said 'We're all going to be authors!' Continuing our theme of different occupations the children have been busy styling each other's hair in the hair salon. They were very interested in a visit from Nicole, Mrs Constable's hairdresser who showed them the different combs she uses and demonstrated how to achieve different hair styles.

Please remember our next Share a Story afternoon is on Wednesday 13th March at 2.45pm.

PTA News

Our Wonka Bar event took place yesterday, we completely sold out of bars so a big thank you to everyone who supported us. It was so lovely to see (and hear!) the delight from the children who were lucky enough to win a golden ticket. Congratulations to all the winners and once the list has been collated we will publish who won what!

We also hope that everyone who attended the Mother's Day event had a lovely time with their children and enjoyed being waited on. A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers that gave up their time to support this event! We will confirm amounts raised for both events in the coming days.

Next week will be the last week to buy tickets for the Preschool raffle. Preschool parents can purchase tickets through ParentMail for £1 each for a chance to win one of ten scooter accessory packs. The raffle closes on 15th March and will be drawn on 18th March.

We have the monthly PTA meeting on Monday afternoon at 4.15pm, it would be lovely to see some new faces there so if you are free please do stop by. Don't forget you are able to utilise Late Club free of charge while you attend the meeting! Next Tuesday 12th March 'The Indian Experience' are visiting the school to give the children an insight into the colourful festival of Holi. Children will learn more about this festival through stories, dressing up and dancing! We can't wait to see the pictures!! This is one of many lovely examples where the money raised by the PTA goes towards helping to enrich our children's lives.

Nurse Coffee Morning - 18th March

Hopefully you saw my ParentMail earlier, the School Nurses will be in school on Monday 18th March for a drop-in coffee morning in the Cedar Hub from 8.30am. Please do come along.

Baby Day News

I'm pleased to tell you all about the safe arrival of Baby Day. She now has a name too - Olivia Nora Elizabeth Day, 7lb 13oz. She arrived safely last week and is looking forward to meeting Year 4! We have sent Mr and Mrs Day all of our love at this cherished time.

Holiday Club

We get regular requests for Holiday Clubs and last year they were hugely successful. However, if we do run Holiday Clubs we do rely on your support to keep them going. Our amazing staff choose to work these extra weeks and plan fun and varied activities for the children. Last Summer there was a hair and nail salon, water fights, face paints, tennis competitions, crafts, cooking and more!! We have therefore decided that we will open a Holiday Club this Easter and also commit to running four weeks of Holiday Clubs in the Summer. We won't open in half terms, at the moment, as staff do need a break at some point. We make our Holiday Clubs really affordable, much cheaper than other local providers, especially considering the staffing levels and the varied activities. The two weeks at Easter are now available to book on ParentMail. These are for Reception to Year 6 pupils. We hope to open up the Summer Holiday Clubs to Preschool children too - the staffing ratios are different for under 4s. We open at 8.30am and close at 4pm, you should pre-book to secure a place.

Have a lovely weekend everyone. Last year I was wishing "Bonne chance à l'Angleterre dans le rugby." This year I'm hoping the luck of the Irish isn't with Ireland on St Patrick's Day weekend. Keep your eyes peeled for Theo's parents on the Twickenham big screen! Don't forget, it's Mother's Day on Sunday and Ramadan Kareem!

Regards,

Mr Thomas

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