



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a bustling week celebrating St George's Day, commemorating Shakespeare's birthday, and exploring the wonders of nature during Reception's trip to Barnwell Country Park for pond-dipping and minibeasts hunting.

Message from the Mayor

We have our first community festival event this Saturday (tomorrow) in the market place Kettering – and we have some maypole fun at midday! It would be lovely for you to come to have a go.

- 08:30 – Litter picking competition at Meadow Road Park (klaxon at 9am)
- 11:00 - Shire Sounds Radio kicking off
- 12:00 - Maypole fun for the kids (and the adults!)
- 13:00 - Pride of Place Award for the TRASH DASH litter picking competition
- 14:00 - Cobbled Together, morris dancing
- 15:00 - Burton Latimer Ukulele & Drum Group

For anyone who wants to do the litter picking competition, anyone can enter a team of 3 people via this form: www.bit.ly/ketteringtrashdash

Preschool Press

This week in Preschool the children have been learning about the letter sound 'p'. Treasure boxes have been filled with 'peas', 'police cars', 'pens', 'pencils', 'princesses' and 'pink'. The interactive board provided a wonderful opportunity to practise writing the letter 'p' by starting at the top, going down to the bottom, up again and round, and everyone enjoyed preparing banana and chocolate 'penguins' during cooking! Painting has been a particularly popular activity. A story sack entitled 'If only' inspired lots of minibeast painting as well as discussions about how caterpillars change into butterflies. During outdoor learning the children became photographers taking pictures of nature which they later painted and on St George's Day they painted shields and dragons for our display. Throwing the dice and placing a frog on a numbered lily pad encouraged everyone to practise recognising numerals to 6. What a 'productive' week it has been!

PTA News

As we head comfortably into the final term of the year we wanted to let you know the events we have coming up over the next few weeks! We will be relaunching the Smarties Challenge – children from Reception to Year 6 will be given a tube of Smarties. Once they have finished their treat, they then fill up the tube with as many 20p pieces as possible. This is completely optional and alternatives will be available. Smarties will be issued before the May half term so please keep an eye out for further information. All funds raised from this event will be put towards a day out for the children.

After the half term we will be hosting 'Father's Day Rounders' at the school. We will provide more information on this and how to buy tickets a bit nearer the time.

We are already busily working behind the scenes on preparations for Founders Day; we have some lovely things booked already so again keep an eye out for the communications on this in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in supporting the PTA in anyway please do speak to one of the committee or email us on stpspta@st-peters.org.uk We are always looking for additional support or ideas for fundraising!

Sporty Week

The summer term is always full of sports and even though the weather isn't quite cricket-worthy yet, the children have been busy outdoors. The U11 girls triumphed at a football tournament on Monday; Year 3 and 4 welcomed Hawthorn Road for another great training session - it's always good to have a wider pool of players to help improve skills. Finally, our U11 girls' cricket team played brilliantly at the Oakham School cricket tournament. The girls beat Brooke Priory and narrowly lost to Leicester Grammar School (a team with Year 7s and 8s!) We have lots of fixtures for different groups coming up. Please check your ParentMail permissions as these contain all of the details and remember to send children into school with the correct sports kit for the respective sports.

Summer Holiday Club

Sadly, the uptake for the Easter Holiday Club was very low. We are planning to run Summer Holiday Clubs throughout the summer. Booking is now available on ParentMail (I know this seems very early) because we know that many of you are already making your summer holiday plans. We offer a well-staffed and fun Summer Holiday Club with activities ranging from arts and crafts, football and sports, reading, face painting, archery, water slides and more. We change the activities each day to suit the children and the weather. Preschool are able to use the Summer Holiday Club too (weeks 1 to 4). We would appreciate you booking early enough for us to confirm staffing levels in advance. The Summer Holiday Club will only run if they have enough children to make them possible, therefore the deadline to reach minimum levels will be **Monday, 1st July**. The Summer Holiday Clubs are:

- Week 1 - 15th to 19th July
- Week 2 - 22nd to 26th July
- Week 3 - 29th July to 2nd August
- Week 4 - 5th August to 9th August
- Week 5 - 12th to 16th August (Reception to Year 6 only)

We offer a great weekly rate of £180. You can also book single days for £40. Children bring their own pack-ups and the activities are based in the Cedar Hub and the school grounds. We have a variety of staff who volunteer to work over the summer and they're really looking forward to it.

I'm looking forward to welcoming Year 3 parents on Monday morning for the Year 3 Class Assembly and I'm getting really excited about the Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Govilon in **two weeks!**

Regards

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

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