



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week and welcome back! The busy buzz is definitely in the air as conversations include Founders Day, Sports Day, M4ASE and LOTS of school trips. We've also started planning our second annual House trips. Please ensure you check ParentMail and respond promptly to permission forms. This week we also excelled at the regional ISA cricket in Derby and we WON the Year 6 Oakham Olympics; well done!

Last half term in photos

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Preschool Press

This term the children are finding out about their bodies and how to keep healthy. In French they have been learning the names of different parts of the body and joining in with words and actions to the French version of 'head, shoulders, knees and toes'. A non-fiction book about how our bodies work led to lots of discussion about foods that are good for us and those that are not so good for us and how exercise helps people to stay fit and healthy. This in turn has inspired some wonderful paintings of the children playing different sports. The focus letter this week is 'o'. During cooking the children made a healthy 'owl' shaped snack from bread, fruit and rice cakes and outside everyone enjoyed working together to construct 'obstacle' courses before deciding whether to travel under, over or through. It has been a very active week in Preschool!

PTA News

Father's Day Family Rounders is taking place on Friday 14th June, tickets are available to purchase through ParentMail at £3 per person. Spectators are more than welcome to bring a picnic and there will be a stall selling drinks.

Thank you so much to all those who took part in the Smartie Challenge. It's contributions like this that enable the PTA to arrange such lovely events for the children. The money will be counted next week and we will let you know how much has been raised. This will be put towards the day out for the children to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham at the end of term.

Part 1 of the AGM is taking place on **Thursday 13th June at 4.15pm**. This is where we start to elect roles for 2024/25. If you have ever considered being part of the PTA we would encourage you to come along to this meeting and find out what it's all about.

We are still looking for donations for our Founders Day raffle, if you are able to contribute a prize to this raffle then we would love for you to get in touch - stpspta@st-peters.org.uk

Music for a Summer's Evening - Wednesday 12th June

We're really looking forward to welcoming parents to a special concert next week. You'll have received an invite if your child is participating but all are welcome to attend. This concert will take place outside (unless it's raining); please bring a picnic blanket. Children playing in the concert must arrive at 4:45pm if they have gone home between school and the concert. The concert will start promptly at 5pm. Children must bring their instrument (on Wednesday morning), their music and wear full school uniform. Choir is NOT on Wednesday.

Dates For Your Diary

- Wednesday 12th June - Music for a Summer's Evening
- Friday 14th June - PTA Family Rounders
- Wednesday 19th June - Reception to Year 6 Sports Day
- Wednesday 3rd July - Year 3 to Year 6 Trinity Term House Matches
- Friday 5th July - Founders Day, followed by PTA Celebrations
- Friday 12th July - Last Day of Trinity Term

I hope to see many of you at an upcoming event.

Holiday Clubs

Please can I remind you all to book any weeks that you need so we can plan our staffing accordingly.

Talking Politics - VAT

In light of recent media coverage on the Labour Party's proposal to add VAT to independent school fees, I want to provide the current facts as I understand them. While Labour intends to introduce VAT on school fees, they have not provided specific details, making much of the press coverage speculative. I anticipate this change might be implemented from January 2025 but could also be later, if the Labour party are elected with a majority. Although there is speculation about potential exemptions for children with special educational needs, this remains unconfirmed. I believe lunches, uniform and wrap-around care will remain exempt. VAT will only apply to the net amount on tuition fees, and Preschool fees will likely remain exempt. Additionally, Labour plans to remove Charitable Rates Relief, significantly increasing our costs. While we continue to plan for these changes, definitive actions await further legislative details. We remain acutely aware of the financial pressures on parents and strive to keep our

fees as low as possible. Our fees are notably lower than those of local competitors, and this affordability will become even more pronounced if VAT is added to fees. We are committed to mitigating the impact to you where possible. As soon as I have more information, I will provide further updates.

Today is your last opportunity to register to vote. You live across five constituencies and two of those are swing seats. The Independent School Council has advised me, to advise you, to contact your local MP and Labour candidate with your thoughts on the VAT proposal.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. I'm going to the opening night of Starlight Express at Wembley tomorrow, and I'm very excited about that!

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

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