



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this update last year I was reminding parents about sunscreen, that feels slightly optimistic at the moment! Firstly, a huge thank you to Mr Atkins, Year 3 and Year 6 parent. In preparation for the multitude of upcoming sporting events he helped with our grass cutting at no cost again this week, while we wait for a new part for our mower. There's a Community Award certificate in the post! This is a long update, but please take the time to read about our busy school.

### **Preschool Press**

Robots have been spotted everywhere in Preschool this week! Recycling materials to create robot models involved designing, decision making and joining parts together as well as leading to discussion of three dimensional shapes and parts of the body. 'Bougez comme un robot'; in French the children have been following instructions to sit, stand, dance, march and jump like a robot and during their cooking lesson they cut bread into robot shapes and added ham, cheese and fruit to make a healthy and tasty robot snack! At circle time the children showed each other their robot themed treasure including shiny materials, tools and remote controlled robots and a collection of nuts and bolts led to a scientific exploration of magnetic force. Outside the children went on a robot hunt, searching for robots with different shapes and used gloopy glue to create a robot collage with their shiny materials. The highlight of the week has to be seeing all the fabulous robot costumes on 'Dress up as a Robot Day'. What an inventive week we have had!

### **PTA News**

As you will have seen, sadly we have had to postpone the Father's Day rounders. This will now take place on Friday 28th June. If you have purchased tickets already and you can no longer make this date then please contact the PTA for a refund. If you haven't purchased tickets yet then you have another two weeks to do so! £3 per person through ParentMail. Spectators are welcome and there will be a stall selling drinks.

Thank you for all of the contributions we received for the Smarties Fundraiser. We managed to raise £249.01!! A genuine heartfelt thank you to everyone that took the time to help raise this money. This is a lovely amount to be able to put towards the 'Big Day Out' for the children at the end of term. Year 4 were the class that raised the most money (one child submitted 3 full tubes!) Congratulations to them and we hope you will enjoy your little treat which will be distributed in due course.

Part 1 of the AGM took place yesterday. It is with great sadness to announce that the current PTA Committee will all be stepping down at the end of this academic year. Currently, no other volunteers have come forward to show interest in taking on a role from September 2024/25 so after this academic year the PTA will be taking a break. The Committee would like to thank everyone who has supported

the PTA over the last year – whether it was volunteering at an event, sharing ideas at meetings or donating your hard earned money, we literally couldn't have done it without you!

Part 2 of the AGM will take place on Thursday 19th September at 4.15pm. We would really encourage anyone who may be interested in being a part of the PTA to come along.

Founders Day preparations are coming along nicely, we will be sending out a poster in the coming days to let you know what is in store so keep your eyes peeled! If you would like to get in touch - [stpspta@st-peters.org.uk](mailto:stpspta@st-peters.org.uk)

### **Music for a Summer's Evening**

Wednesday evening saw our talented musicians perform on an outdoor stage to a field full of supportive parents. The backdrop of the Sunnylands building and the scenic gardens added a magical feeling to the event, even though the sunshine remained elusive. Every child excelled, whether they'd just started learning their instrument, and they couldn't reach the floor on the piano stool, or were a seasoned performer. Some of our children demonstrated their abilities in more than one instrument. Amazing! A huge thank you to Mrs Palmer and all of our music teachers who share their dedication and passion for music with the children. There was lots of musical theatre numbers which kept me very happy!

### **KSSP Swimming and Athletics**

The St P's swim squad excelled at the splash down this week, finishing 1st overall out of all the Kettering schools retaining their Champions title. Well done swimmers.

The ¾ Athletics team also excelled at the track, finishing 1st overall out of all the Kettering schools. We are the smallest school to take part in these events, by a considerable margin, so this is a genuine achievement. Our cricketers have been out this week at TPS and we have a whole host of events and fixtures over the coming weeks for the older children, including an elite orienteering competition and a Science Olympiad. Go St P!

### **Sports Day**

Subject to weather conditions, Sports Day is on Wednesday next week. We hope that parents will be able to join us to spectate for the afternoon. The gates open from 1pm. You'll sit around the school field so please bring your own chair or blanket (and maybe an umbrella). We will update you ASAP if this event is likely to be rescheduled, but the forecast, right now, is cloudy with no rain. Let's all keep our fingers crossed.

Finally, a little reminder that it's Father's Day this Sunday; I hope you all manage to spend time with your own fathers or significant male role models. Have a great weekend.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher

Here is next week's menu: [www.st-peters.org.uk/menu](http://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu)