



Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer is fast approaching and the fast pace of school life is making us increasingly ready for the break. I hope you're all looking forward to an amazing two weeks ahead and keeping your fingers crossed for glorious weather, especially for Founders Day. TimeHop keeps reminding me that it's Glastonbury this week but I think St P's has just as much action as Worthy Farm.

No More Nuts!

Please can I remind you all that we're a completely nut free school. This includes snacks that may contain nuts. We have children with life-threatening allergies so please check that all snacks sent into school do not contain nuts. Please also consider this on Founders Day with your picnics. A child with an allergy just needs to touch the same door handle as someone who's touched nuts and it can trigger an allergic reaction. This is really important for us all to work together to keep these children safe please.

Preschool Press

It has been an exceptionally active week in Preschool with a focus on developing gross and fine motor skills. The Trim Trail provided lots of opportunity for stretching, balancing, climbing and sliding as the children assessed the risks and supported each other to navigate each part. Learning about the phonic sound 'c/k' inspired a kite making activity in which the children cut out and attached string to their kites before using gross motor movements to fly them around the field and in cooking the children used cocktail sticks to attach grape 'wheels' to their apple 'cars'. Our new magnetic writing boards encouraged everyone to develop their pencil grips as they used the magnetic pens to raise the metallic components and create patterns and in their French lesson Pierre taught the names of his favourite sports and helped the children to rehearse their action song 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes' in French ready to perform to their families. Sports Day was definitely the highlight of the week. It was wonderful to welcome so many families to support the children and join in with the races. Well done to everyone who took part, you were amazing!

PTA News

We all had a fantastic afternoon at the Father's Day Rounders! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this lovely event! The final result was controversial this year, with the grown ups winning 74 runs to the children's 63; I think some had been practising!

We are now officially on the countdown to Founders Day! It is looking to be a wonderful afternoon full of opportunities to make some special memories! With the Candy Van, the Ice Cream Van and The Topsy Tea Pot, everyone will have all the drinks and treats they need so please support them all if you can.

Raffle tickets are now live to purchase through ParentMail at £2 a ticket. You will also be able to purchase paper tickets throughout next week (we will also be selling them at the House Games on

Wednesday at Kettering Rugby Club) and on Founders Day itself. The prizes are AMAZING and we would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all the parents that donated them, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to get in touch email stpspta@st-peters.org.uk

Another Busy Week!

- Stanwick and Sywell enjoyed their House treats;
- We won the Pitsford Science Olympiad, well done!
- We came second at the Year 6 county cricket finals;
- Some of Year 4 went to the Midlands cricket tournament at Derby;
- We welcomed The Peterborough School and Stoneygate School to Isham Cricket Club for an afternoon of cricket;
- Year 6 visited Warning Zone in Leicester for a very informative transition trip.

Summer Games Day - At Kettering Rugby Club (The bar will be open)

Wednesday is Summer Games Day for Year 3 to Year 6 and they will play each other at cricket. Who will take the final sports trophy of the academic year? Who will score the most 6s? Parents are invited to spectate. This year it will be hosted at Kettering Rugby Club. We will be taking the children to the clubhouse ready for an afternoon of cricket. The first game is due to start at 1.15pm. The final game will finish at 3.30pm. We ask for parents to collect from the rugby club if you're watching. Any children who aren't collected from the rugby club will be brought back to school for around 3.45pm and will be taken to Late Club. Choir will take place at the rugby club. The bar will be open all afternoon!

Founders Day - Friday 5th July

We're all very excited about next Friday. The marquee arrives on Tuesday! Don't forget to plan your own picnics from 12.30pm. There will be a gazebo by the gate for you to leave hampers and blankets on entry. The gates will open at 10am promptly; each year group will have allocated rows in the marquee.

Summer Holiday Club is ON

The first four weeks of Summer Holiday Club **ARE ON!** Please book your spaces through ParentMail and support the holiday clubs. Preschool children can book too. These are £180 a week or £40 a day. Doors open at 8.30am and collection is by 3.30pm. The weeks are:

- Week 1 - 15th to 19th July
- Week 2 - 22nd to 26th July
- Week 3 - 29th July to 2nd August
- Week 4 - 5th to 9th August

Talking Politics, Again

I would like to remain completely impartial with the election next week, but I wanted you to know that I have written to the Labour candidate for Kettering on numerous occasions and I've tried to get her to visit the school, to meet with me and also to talk to you. The Labour manifesto directly impacts independent school parents which is why I thought it was important that she visited the only independent school in the constituency. This was her response:

Dear Mark,

Apologies for the delay in response.

Thank you very much for the kind invitation. It is good to hear of the work that you are doing with local state schools and the wider community.

I recognise that this issue is emotive for a number of people who work in or have children that attend private schools and understand your concerns, however the Labour Party has been clear that it is not prepared to tolerate a system that gives tax breaks to a few schools and doesn't deliver high standards for every child, in every school, in every corner of the country.

Should I be elected on 4th July, and the Labour Party form the next government, I would be more than happy to meet with you and visit the school to discuss the implementation of the policy.

Please feel free to contact her directly if you would like to share your views on the VAT on school fees and loss of business rate relief which they are proposing. rosie@rosiewrighting.com

Have a wonderful penultimate weekend of the Trinity term. Good luck to England on Sunday; fingers crossed for a few more goals!

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

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