



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're definitely back in full swing and even though the sun isn't always shining, we're still getting the children outside as much as possible, and Outdoor Learning Morning was spectacular this week!

Please remember to send children into school with layers and jackets now the weather is less predictable. Tracksuits are essential for after swimming on a Friday for Years 2-6. Large golf umbrellas for parents (and friends) are available to purchase from the School Office! As are gloves, hats and scarves.

**Don't forget the EYFS and Lower School Harvest Supper is a week on Monday. Please complete the ParentMail form so we know how many to cater for.**

### **Nurse Coffee morning - TUESDAY, from 8.30am**

On Tuesday morning, we welcome the School nurse team to our termly coffee morning. Please join them in the Cedar Hub from 8.30am for tea, coffee, cake and an informal chat. Even if you don't need to talk to the nurses come along for a cuppa and a catch up with other parents.

### **Individual and Class Photos - TUESDAY 24th September**

Photographs are on Tuesday next week. Please make sure your child comes into school in full winter uniform, children who do not have the correct or fitting uniform will be issued new uniform and you will be charged. Everyone in Upper School will also need their full PE and Sports kits to get changed into, including short white socks and long blue socks if they wear them. We'll be getting the children changed for PE, Games and team photos throughout the day. If you have any questions about this, please get in touch with the School Office on Monday. We have a new photographer this year who is looking forward to snapping all the smiling faces.

### **School Council & Eco Committee Elections - THURSDAY 26th September**

School Council elections are on Thursday next week. The children have prepared manifestos, run impressive campaigns and now they will learn about democracy and the importance of voting in a fair election. The School Hall will be turned into a polling station where children will put an 'X' in a box. Experiences like this help children understand the world around them and empower them to have ownership over their decisions. Although some children will be disappointed not to be elected, we'll reassure them that there's always an opportunity next year and help manage their feelings.

### **Sport At St P**

We have plenty of sport for everyone this term and this week started strong. The U9 Boys were at Kettering Town Football Club on Tuesday, and the U11 Boys and Girls were playing hockey and rugby

at Maidwell Hall on Wednesday. I was unable to spectate this week but I was told that both teams were AMAZING! Well done. Good luck to our teams next week.

A gentle reminder that girls taking part in swimming and contact sports (E.g. Rugby, Hockey, Netball) must be able to remove their earrings themselves. Do talk to our Sports team if you have any questions. Our policy says, *No jewellery, apart from watches should be worn in school. Girls with pierced ears may wear one stud style earring per ear. We advise that ears are not pierced during term time, because it is essential that all pupils remove them to participate in PE, Games and Swimming. Girls long hair should be tied and clipped back and hair accessories should be blue or black. Boys hair should be no longer than collar length.*

### **Outdoor Learning Day**

What an incredible learning experience. Thank you to our Eco team who organised a stunning morning of outdoor activities for our Houses. It was wonderful to see children of different ages working together around our grounds. [Here](#) is an album for you to see what they were up to.

### **Harvest Donations**

It's that time of year again. A week on Monday evening (30th September) is the Lower School and EYFS Harvest Supper. The whole school is accepting donations for the local food bank. Please raid your cupboards and pantries and donate cans, tins and packets of food, ensuring all donations are in date please. These can be given to the class teacher any day next week or left in the School Office. We'll collect them all together and pupils will take them to the Kettering Food Bank as we do every year. Thank you in advance for any offerings you can spare; the Foodbank is always immensely grateful and I enjoy taking some children with me to see where the donations go.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Regards,

**Mr Thomas**

Headteacher