



Dear Parents and Carers,

The nights are drawing in, and it's now dark when the alarm rings in the morning, but that hasn't dimmed our energy here at school. For those of you who are starting to feel the wear and tear of the term and are counting down to half term, I hope this update brings some excitement, especially as we head into a busy two weeks ahead. This is your one week notice to find the best conkers for the term's first House competition of the year - House Conkers!

Uniform Update

Please find attached to this update a comprehensive uniform update. I hope this answers all questions regarding stock, expectations and sizing. We are almost back up to full capacity with boys caps now fully back in stock, something we've waited a long time for - don't forget your caps boys! I have also attached a useful size guide which some parents have asked for.

EYFS and Lower School Harvest Supper

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Harvest Supper. It was a fantastic evening; one of my favourite events of the year. It always reminds me of my grandparents and the harvest donations we took in a wheel-barrow down to the church yard. Thank you to everyone for your harvest donations. It was busy in the hall but there was a lovely atmosphere as you had the opportunity to meet new parents and share in the joy of Harvest songs and poems. There were some classics including Big Red Combine Harvester and He's Got the Whole World in his Hands - Mrs Palmer has Crag David's new cover on repeat!

Halloween Disco - IS ON! Friday 18th October

A HUGE thank you to the many parents who have come forward to help organise the school disco following my request in a recent weekly update. The children will be so pleased. The School Council even raised it in their first meeting this week. We know it's late notice but we hope your child will be able to join us. If you'd like to help, do get in touch, it's not too late.

When = Friday 18th October (the final day of this term), 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Who = Reception to Year 6. There will be a quiet room and a less quiet room! Preschool will have a party during the day as we thought this may be too much for them at the end of the week.

What = Halloween Disco. Fancy dress is OPTIONAL. We'll keep it nice and bright; so it won't be too scary.

Where = Sunnylands Hall, please use the Headlands Gate.

We will provide a glass of squash, a biscuit and lots of party games and music.

Once again, thank you to those who came forward to say they wanted a disco and were willing to help out. This event is completely free and there is no need to book.

Upcoming Events

Share Your Work (Reception to Year 6) - Monday 14th October

School will be open to Preschool to Year 6 parents after school on Monday 14th October and your child will be able to take you to their classrooms and show you their work. Children will be dismissed as usual at the end of school and the end of clubs etc. and children will then be in your care. Share Your Work is optional and the teachers will be in their classrooms until 5pm for you to talk to. This is not a formal parents evening so please don't take up all of the teachers' time; make a separate appointment if you have specific things to discuss.

Parent Teacher Consultations - (Preschool to Year 6) Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th November

A usual ParentMail form will be sent out for you to indicate a day and time that works well for you and teachers will then schedule a meeting in the format you prefer.

Year Group Assemblies - Year 2, Monday 18th November

Parents are invited to join the school for their own year group assemblies. Assemblies start at 10:30am and refreshments are available before.

Annual Conker Championships - Friday 18th October

Get those sixers shined and make sure your child's conkers are laced at the ready for the last day of term! There will be practice all week.

Out and About

Sadly, the football was cancelled this week due to the rain, but our cross country runners were out today at Rutland Water. What an event, with over 500 runners! Well done to all our competitors. Reception Class enjoyed their first outing in the minibus as they got a very special backstage tour of the Post Office. We love exploring our community. Our female footballers are at the Kettering schools football tournament next week.

Little Cedars

This week we launched our Little Cedars baby group. Please do spread the word. This week we had 7 bouncy babies, with their parents, enjoying games, songs and a lovely atmosphere. It's very relaxed but we do ask parents to book.

Community Choir is Back

You are all invited to take part in our Community Choir for Christmas. Rehearsals will be every Friday morning of Michaelmas 2, 8:10am to 8:40am. No previous singing experience required and don't worry if you can't make it every week. Mrs Palmer is going to get us ready to perform in church at the school Christmas Carol Service (Friday 13th December). There will also be coffee and biscuits each week. See you there!

Next week is World Mental Health Week and we have some special plans; make sure you take good care of yourselves. Thursday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. The children can wear a yellow accessory to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health and to support the #HelloYellow campaign 🧡

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors will also be announced on this day, an initiative that many of our children have asked for. We've partnered with Kimbolton School to support with training for these children and can't wait to have this up and running at St P's.

This weekend we have a another family celebrating a wedding, wishing you a wonderful day at Rushden Hall. All of our wishes for a beautiful day.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher