



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well and truly back into the swing of school life! Even though the sun hasn't always made an appearance, we've been determined to keep the children outside as much as possible. Sadly, our Outdoor Learning Morning had to be postponed this week due to heavy rain, but we're hoping to reschedule it later in the half term. In the meantime, please do make sure children come to school with plenty of layers and a waterproof jacket now that the weather is more unpredictable. A reminder too that tracksuits are essential for Years 1–6 after swimming on Fridays.

**From Monday, all children should be in Winter Uniform.**

**Harvest Supper**

The EYFS and Lower School Harvest Supper will be held on Monday, 6th October. Please complete the ParentMail form so we know how many to cater for; we'd love to see as many of you as possible joining us for this special evening.

**Parents' Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Coffee Morning this week. It was both productive and enjoyable, and I'm delighted we now have a growing number of volunteers keen to support school events. One exciting outcome is that the Friends of St Peter's have agreed to organise a Halloween Disco at the end of term, on Friday, 17th October at 5.45pm. Please find attached the minutes of the Coffee Morning. Do keep supporting our Friends group, their enthusiasm and energy are invaluable to the whole school community.

**School Council & Eco Committee Elections**

Next Thursday, 25th September, we will hold our annual School Council and Eco Committee elections. The children have been preparing their manifestos and running campaigns, and now it's time to experience democracy in action. The School Hall will become a polling station, and every child will cast their vote by placing an 'X' in a box. These experiences help children understand the world around them and empower them to take responsibility for their choices. While some may be disappointed not to be elected, we will support them and remind them there's always next year.

**Sport at St P**

Our sports fixtures have kicked off with great success! On Wednesday, the U11 girls' hockey team played five matches and impressively won all five. The U11 boys' rugby team also performed brilliantly, winning two out of three matches. What really stood out was how well the children played together as teams, showing fantastic progress. There's plenty more to come this term, including cross-country runs

and inclusive KSSP events. Two of our Year 6 girls wrote match reports which are at the bottom of this update if you want to find out more about the Hockey!

## Harvest Donations

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will once again be collecting donations for the Kettering Food Bank. Please bring tins, cans, and packets (all in date, please) to your child's class teacher or to the School Office from next week. These will be gathered together and delivered by our pupils, who always enjoy seeing first-hand where the donations go. Thank you for your generosity; the Food Bank is always extremely grateful for our support.



## Dates for Your Diary

- 22nd Sept – Change to Winter Uniform
- 1st Oct – Individual and Class Photographs
- 6th Oct – Harvest Supper (EYFS & Lower School)
- 13th Oct – P-6 Share Your Work
- 17th Oct – Halloween Disco, 5.45pm
- 17th Nov – Year 2 Class Assembly
- 21st Nov – Children in Need
- 24-25th Nov – Parent-Teacher Consultations
- 1st Dec – Year 4 Class Assembly
- 10th Dec – Michaelmas House Games
- 12th Dec – Carol Service at St Peter & St Paul

And finally, don't forget to start collecting your conkers! They're beginning to fall, which can only mean one thing, the annual House Conker Championships will be upon us very soon...

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Regards

**Mr Thomas**

*Headteacher*

## Match Report

*By Ekjyot*

Our Year Six girls had the privilege of representing the St P's hockey team at Stamford School.

Accompanying us were our wonderful teachers Mr Day and Mr Ray. The 40 minute drive to Stamford was our moment to focus. It was the time to gather our composure and think positively. There's nothing like a bit of George Ezra 'Shot-Gun' to get the confidence flowing!

Arriving at Stamford School there was a sense of pride which could be felt amongst our hockey squad.

We marched towards the turf grounds and immediately got into practising our passing skills. Looking around, the focus amongst the Y6 girls was intense.

It was also rather an intense experience helping Inara by applying a mixture of physics, geometry and reasoning in putting on her goalie kit!

Witham Hall was our first match. They looked like a well oiled machine, but today was St P's Day. Within one minute we were 1 goal up. We settled into a rhythm and soon we were 2-0. Solid teamwork throughout and a fantastic goal by Aleena ended the game 4-0.

Next up was Copthill School. Our game plan was to press forward and we were not going to backdown. It felt more competitive than our first game, but we ended up winning 3-0.

The next 2 games were also in our favour with wins over Grantham Prep (3-0) and Stamford (2-0).

Could we possibly finish this fixture without conceding a single goal?

There was one final match. It was against Witham Hall team B. St P's strategy was to defend, but with fantastic teamwork St P's were able to position Clementine to strike the ball, scoring in the last minute, to win 1-0

The fixture finished and not a single goal made passed our goal keeper.

Such a proud moment for us Y6 Lionesses!

*By Olivia*

We had a lovely afternoon at Stamford School playing hockey, it was overcast with a few spots of rain.

Firstly we played Witham Hall 1 (won 4-0), secondly we played Copthill (won 3-0), thirdly we played Grantham Prep (won 3-0), fourthly we played Stamford (won 2-0) and finally in the fifth match we played Witham Hall 2 (won 1-0).

We won all our games without conceding a goal!!!

Thanks to Mr Day for taking us for hockey.