



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. As the decorations come down and routines return, we begin the Lent Term with renewed energy for the months ahead. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas. Our household was full of coughs, colds and festive television marathons; and I am already behind on The Traitors, so please, no spoilers on the gate!

A quick practical reminder as the temperatures drop: we go outside every day, whatever the weather, so please do ensure children are wrapped up warmly with coats, hats and gloves as needed. We are working hard to teach the younger children to do up their own zips and put on their own gloves independently, please do help with this at home.

Books for Homes – Rotary Club Appeal

We are once again supporting the Rotary Club's Books for Homes initiative, which provides books to children who may not otherwise have access to them. If your child received books at Christmas and have old ones that are no longer being read, we would be delighted to pass them on to this excellent cause.

Please leave donations in the School Office. Our School Council will carefully sort the books and deliver them. The only request from the organisers is that books are in good condition and not written in or damaged. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

After-School Clubs – Starting Next Week

Our after-school clubs will begin next week. With so many children keen to take part, organising a broad and balanced programme is always a bit of a logistical puzzle, so thank you for your patience while arrangements were finalised.

The only club that required adjustment is Year 5 & 6 Self-Defence. To ensure safe group sizes, the club has been split, and we are very grateful to Mr Edwins for agreeing to run an exciting additional club (video mapping!) on the same evening so children can alternate so everyone has the opportunity to take part.

Club slips should have come home today; please do check the details carefully and ensure all dates are noted in your diary.

Friends of St P – Meeting Monday 8.30am

The Friends of St Peter's will be meeting on Monday morning at 8.30am in the Cedar Hub to plan events and activities for the term ahead. Tea and coffee will be available, and all parents and carers are warmly invited to join us. This is a planning meeting, and all ideas and offers of help are very welcome.

Welcome to Mr Edwins

We are delighted to welcome Mr Edwins to our teaching team this week. Mr Edwins joins us as an experienced and highly regarded teacher, having previously been Head of Pitsford Junior School and Deputy Head at Maidwell Hall School. He will be teaching in Upper School, and we are very pleased to have him on board.

Key Dates for Your Diary – Lent Term

- Monday 26th January – Year 6 Class Assembly
- Monday 2nd February – Share Your Work
- Monday 9th February – Reception Class Assembly
- Monday 16th to Friday 20th February – Half Term
- Monday 2nd March – Year 5 Class Assembly
- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- Monday 17th March – Year 1 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 18th March – Lent House Matches
- Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day
- Wednesday 25th March – Last day of Lent Term

As we head into the weekend, please do take care in the cold and blustery conditions forecast, particularly with Storm Goretti heading East. We look forward to another busy and rewarding week ahead in school.

Regards

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Here is next week's menu for your reference:

 <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/menu>