



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas feels firmly in the rear-view mirror now, and we are well and truly back into the rhythm of the Lent Term as we look ahead towards Easter. Across the school, classrooms are buzzing with purpose, routines are re-established, and there is a real sense of momentum as the days (slowly!) begin to lengthen and the year unfolds.

It has been a busy week beyond the classroom too. Our older girls were in action at Uppingham School representing St Peter's in Netball; they did so with great determination and sportsmanship. This term brings a packed fixture list in both Football and Netball, and we are very much looking forward to seeing our pupils competing, supporting one another, and growing in confidence through sport.

Absence Reporting – Important Reminder

A polite reminder that it is a statutory requirement for parents of compulsory school-aged children to formally notify the school if their child is absent for any reason.

- Absences must be reported by 9.00am on the first day of absence
- Notification must be in writing, either:
 - via ParentMail
 - by email to the School Office
 - or by completing a form in the School Office

Please note that verbal messages cannot be accepted. Thank you for your continued support in helping us meet our safeguarding and attendance obligations.

Books for Homes – Rotary Club Appeal (Reminder)

Books have already started arriving in the School Office; thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

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 new books at Christmas and has others at home that are no longer being read, we would be delighted to pass them on to this excellent cause.

- Donations should be left in the School Office
- Books must be in good condition and not written in or damaged

Our School Council will carefully sort and deliver the donations. As always, thank you for your generosity and community spirit.

Friends of St Peter's (FOSP)

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent FOSP meeting; it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and engagement, including from parents and grandparents alike. There is a real sense of excitement about the term ahead.

The minutes from the meeting are attached to this update and have also been uploaded on the FOSP webpage. Here is a snapshot of what's coming up:

- Costume Sale – from 23rd February
- Family Quiz Night – 6th March
- Easter Hunt – 24th March

A huge thank you to the FOSP team for their energy and commitment in supporting school life.

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 – Friday 20th February – Half Term
- **From 23rd February – FOSP Fancy Dress Costume Sale**
- Monday 2nd March – Year 5 Class Assembly
- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- **Friday 6th March – FOSP Family Quiz Night**
- Monday 17th March – Year 1 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 18th March – Lent House Matches
- Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day
- **Tuesday 24th March – FOSP Easter Hunt**
- Wednesday 25th March – Last day of Lent Term

We look forward to another full and rewarding week ahead, filled with learning, laughter, and opportunity.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher

Next week's menu can be viewed here:

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