

Dear Parents and Carers,

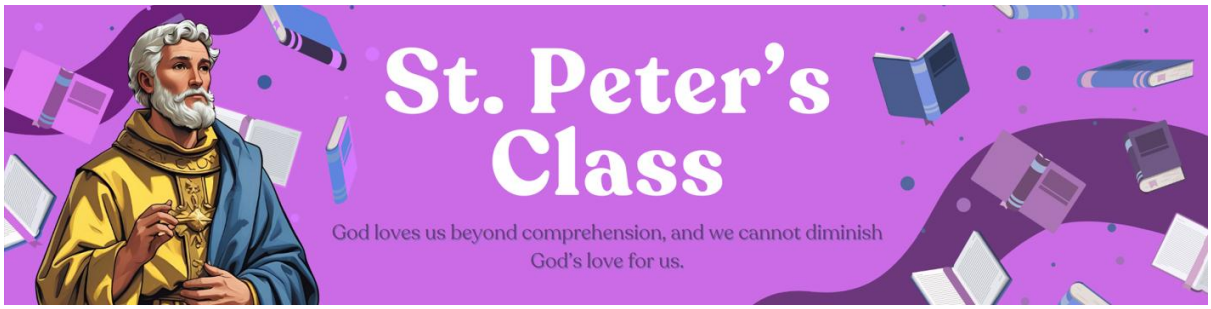
A very warm welcome back for Autumn Term 2, what a festive-fuelled term we have ahead! The lead up to Christmas and a huge variety of celebrations within this term adds magic and sparkle to the children's learning. I am so excited for their next topic 'Let's Celebrate' with a different reflection or celebration focus for each week.

The biggest change for Autumn 2 is that winter uniform should now be worn until Easter. Full details of this uniform is on the website, the key change trousers/skirts/pinafores should be worn with shirt and tie. No shorts, polos or summer dresses. Please ensure that head accessories are small and of our school colours. Thank you for sending your children looking so smart and ready for learning.

As we get to know the children better and to ensure a variety of adults have the opportunity to read with your child, their group reading and book change day may change each term. This allows us to regularly review your child's progress and ensure they remain appropriately supported, inspired and challenged within their reading group. Please note that your child's current reading day will be displayed on a label on the front of their reading diary, underneath their name, and any changes will be updated there.

Please continue to send your children in their PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays so they are ready for Outdoor Learning and PE.

- **WOW Vouchers**
  The children love sharing their WOW moments from home, please continue to complete these for us to share. Do let me know if you need more vouchers.
- **Homework**
  Homework will continue to be sent home as a termly pack, to be completed in **pencil** and handed in at the end of term. If you have not already handed in from last term please ensure this is in their bags so we are able to give them their new set!
- **Reading**
  Your children have already made a brilliant start to their reading life in the school, and are working towards their Reading Certificate. Reading Points are earnt by reading 5 times a week (on different days). We recommend 5 reads from the children using their phonetically decodable reading books and 2 reads from an adult using the High Quality Texts. Thank you for enabling your children by reading with them throughout the week.
- **Mystery Reader**
  Thank you so much for the brilliant response for signing up to a slot for the Mystery Readers. We still have a number of spots available later in the year, please do see us to sign up. The children adore the surprise of who it will be.
- **Outdoor Learning Environment**
  We are often learning in our outdoor learning environment and the weather changes quickly in Nymspfield, as winter draws near, please ensure your child has a (hooded) **warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves**. We will continue to keep the waterproofs in school, and will send home those that need a wash as and when throughout the term.



Things to note for this term:

- *50p donation – this is to cover the cost of food we will be preparing to enjoy together for the Christmas Party on the last day of term. I will send a message regarding this over the coming weeks.*
- *Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal – your child will come home with a slip detailing donation ideas for the shoe box they have decided they would like to pack with their buddy. Again, a further message regarding this will follow. This is usually a practical donation, such as toiletries or clothing like hats or gloves or simple toys.*
- *Sharing unwanted toys/clothing with Stroud Kids Stuff – a donation of lightly used toy or item of children's clothing – this is in relation to our RE branch, further details will follow.*

Finally, this time of year is a very busy period in school and is also a time for lots of coughs and colds. Please continue to encourage your child to wash their hands, sneeze into their elbows or a tissue and cover their mouths when coughing to prevent the spread of any unwanted germs. We are continuing to wash hands regularly throughout the school day.

As always, I am available at the end of the school day to discuss your child's learning journey, or you can contact the office to arrange a meeting.

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