



Let Your Light Shine

21st October 2022

Principal's Message...



As we come to the end of the first 7 weeks of school, I always like to reflect on our collective achievements and to look forward to the term ahead. We have welcomed several visitors into our school to review our progress both academically and as a church school. These visitors have been impressed by the calmness of the children and their continued focus on what they are learning, which is pleasing to hear.

Late in September, I had the privilege of attending the Diocese's Service of Thanksgiving at Peterborough Cathedral with the Head Boy, Head Girl and the House Captains. The children behaved beautifully and enjoyed the experience immensely. See more about their experiences later in the newsletter.

As always, it is lovely to see so many parents at our annual Harvest Festival Service and I am always so thankful to the school community for their generosity. Our contributions to the local food bank will make a real difference to our families in need. At the beginning of next term, we plan to host a Christmas clothes and coat swap, to help out our community in preparation for the cold months ahead. If you have any winter coats or Christmas clothing you wish to donate to this, we would be most grateful. More information will be sent at the beginning of next term.

Lastly, I wish you all a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming back the children on Tuesday 1st November. We have lots of lovely Christmas activities planned for December, so keep your eyes peeled.

Calendar Dates

Monday 31 st October	Training Day – School closed
Tuesday 1 st November	School opens – Term 2 starts
Thursday 3 rd November	New Year 3 Parent tours
Tuesday 8 th November	Parents' evening – booking information will be sent out in October
Wednesday 9 th November	New Year 3 Parent tours
Thursday 10 th November	Parents' evening – booking information will be sent out in October
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance service – 2:00pm at St. Peter's church – parents' welcome
Monday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – School Council to launch in collective worship
Thursday 17 th November	New Year 3 Parent tours
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need – mufti day
Thursday 24 th November	Sportshall Athletics competition at Manor School
Tuesday 6 th December	NHS Flu Vaccinations – more details to follow
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Disco - Friends of St. Peter's Fundraiser
Friday 9 th December	Christmas jumper day and Year 6 Pantomime trip
Monday 12 th December	Christingle service – 2:00pm at St. Peter's church – parents' welcome
Monday 12 th December	Christmas Evening Show – to be confirmed
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Pantomime trip
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Evening Show – to be confirmed
Wednesday 14 th December	Year 5 Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Afternoon Show – to be confirmed
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas dinner
Friday 16 th December	Last day of Term 2



Parent Survey Results

In July 2022, we sent out a parent survey to our school community. Thank you to the 28 families, out of a total of 180, who completed this for our school. These results have been shared with the school team and our Local Committee to identify 3 strengths and 3 areas for development. As a school, we will be working on the areas for development this year. Please see below the identified strengths and development areas.

Strengths

- 100% agreed that they found our parents' evenings useful.
- 97% agreed that they feel welcome in the school.
- 86% felt confident to discuss complex issues openly with the school.

Areas for Development

- When asked, 'how confident are you that being part of a Trust is beneficial for pupils' only 61% responded positively.
- When asked, 'how often do you see that your feedback to the school has impact' only 41% responded positively.
- When asked, 'how informed do you feel with regard to how your child is doing socially at school' only 41% responded positively.



Annual Service of Dedication and Thankgiving

On 29th September, some of the Pupil Leadership Team attended the Diocese's Service of Dedication and Thankgiving. Below is a snapshot of their reflections following the service.

Amazing! It was humungous! I couldn't believe how massive the cathedral was. I loved how they had children like us go to the front and sing.

The trip to the cathedral meant a lot to me because I am a Christian and it was really fun to go to the cathedral and see how colossal it was. I think that the choir were really good.

I had the opportunity to go to the cathedral; it was lovely to sing and have the courage to go.

It meant a lot that I had the privilege to go to such an amazing place. The massive book was cool.

My favourite part of the cathedral was when we saw all the children sing the hymns. Their talent was so impressive.



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Help for Households

We know that some families are worried about the cost of living crisis. The government is offering [help for households](#). Click on the blue link to see what cost of living support you could be eligible for.

NET Sports Competition – Year 5/6 Football

On Monday 3rd October, we were invited to the first NET Sports competition at Manor School. We took two teams from Year 5 and Year 6 to play 6-side football against our other Trust Schools. Both teams played really well – demonstrating our school vision 'let your light shine' effectively. After several challenging games, we were placed 4th and 1st. Well done to the yellow team for their superb efforts!



New Blog Post

1 in 5 UK parents "never" talk to their child about online safety

Only around half of UK parents and carers regularly talk to their child about possible risks on the internet, according to a new survey by National Online Safety.

[READ MORE](#)

nationalonlinesafety.com

Net Aware

National Online Safety are offering free parent courses to learn more about how to talk to their children about staying safe online. Click the link to find out more.

<https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/myleene-uk>



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Welcome from the Local School Committee (formally known as Governors)

Hello. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Julie Barke and have the privilege of being the Chair of the Local School Committee for St Peter's. The Local School Committee is a group of people from the local community, parents and school staff who support and challenge the school and act as a bridge between the school and the trustees of Nene Education Trust (NET). In the past we

would have been known as governors although the role has changed a little.

I have lived in Raunds for almost 40 years; both of my children attended local primary schools and Manor School. I have been a governor at St Peter's for the last 4 years and have enjoyed getting to know the staff and pupils and being a link with St Peter's Church. I am now retired but have a background in education having been a teacher and headteacher. I am passionate about children experiencing a rounded education, learning academically but also developing their individual skills and talents to become confident and responsible young people.

St Peter's is a fantastic place, a real school family and community and we hope you and your child/children have a happy, healthy and productive year with lots of exciting learning. I look forward to meeting you around the school and at events throughout the year. I can be contacted at

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October Half Term Activities

North Northants
FREE
Swimming

Free swimming sessions available for all under 18 year olds in October school holidays.
Monday 24 to Friday 28 October 2022

Logos: North Northamptonshire Council, Public Health Northamptonshire, Corby Leisure, Nene Education Trust, Places Leisure

Stanwick Lakes
Nature Heritage Adventure

Spooky Half term Halloween Trail!

£3 per trail leaflet! (with prize)

Saturday 22nd - Monday 31st October