

# Newsletter

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Friday 23rd February 2024



Apple Tree Class enjoyed saying hello to our chickens this week!



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING  
THIS IS A



PEANUT/NUT FREE  
SCHOOL

We currently have children who have serious nut allergies. Please remember that we don't allow any nuts or nut products in school. **This includes Nutella.** Thank you for helping us to keep St Peter's School a safe place.

## School dinners



We are having quite a few children who are asking for a different lunch to what is on the system for them. Most of them understand that they can only be given the option that has been ordered, however, we do still have tears from some of them when they desperately want something else!

Could we please ask that you go through the options with your child before ordering, and make sure that they are happy with the choice?

Thank you!

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**We now have a new way of contacting After School Club.**

### If you want to change or add a last minute 'ad-hoc' booking:

Please email [ASC@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:ASC@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk) instead of emailing or speaking to Emily. Miss Akers is now in charge of bookings and the emails will go straight to her.

### If you are going to be late collecting your child, or there is a change in collection arrangements for that evening:

-If it's **before 4pm**, please ring the school.

-If it's **after 4pm**, please ring the ASC phone on **07396 801472** to let Miss Akers know. Please do not ring her for any other reason, or at any other time. It is for emergency use only.

You can also send a message via whatsapp or text. You won't necessarily get a reply (except maybe a thumbs up!) because Miss Akers will be busy with the children.

**All payment / voucher queries still need to come to Emily.**

If your child attends After School Club on Thursdays, they will need to bring (or already have at school) some wellies and waterproofs. We will usually be taking the children outside to Forest School, regardless of the weather. Although we aim to stick to this as much as possible, there may be occasions where we need to substitute the Forest School sessions for indoor activities.



Thank you for your co-operation.

## After School Club



**3:10pm** School finishes  
**3:15pm—3:30pm** Registration/Snack  
**3:30pm—4:15pm** Activities  
**4:15pm—5:00pm** Activities  
**5:00pm—5:15pm** Tidy up  
**5:15pm** After School Club finishes

We give the children the option to be outside as much as possible.

There will be other options for snacks—fresh fruit is always available.

**Although we aim to stick to this timetable as much as possible, there may be occasions where we need to substitute food or activities, including the Forest School sessions.**

|                                  | <b>Monday</b><br>Miss Akers<br>Mrs Partridge                                                                                                           | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Miss Akers<br>Mrs Humphris                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Miss Akers<br>Mrs Forest                                                                                                                                         | <b>Thursday</b><br>Miss Akers<br>Mrs Humphris<br>Mrs Forest                                                                               | <b>Friday</b><br>Miss Akers                                                            |
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| W/C<br><b>26th February 2024</b> | <i>A selection of fruit</i><br><br>Flying Dinosaurs and Unicorns<br><br>Dinosaurs and rocks<br><br>Barbies<br><br>Outside activities                   | <i>A selection of fruit</i><br><br>Parachute games<br><br>Babies and dressing up<br><br>Den building<br><br>Outside activities                                                               | <i>Hot dogs and rolls</i><br><br>Collage animals<br><br>Adventure playground games<br><br>Cars and mat<br><br>Outside activities                                                     | <i>Beans on toast</i><br><br><b>Forest school session</b> - Please bring suitable clothes<br><br>Tin can lanterns                         | <i>Yoghurts and cereal bars</i><br><br>Wooden hanging fish<br><br>Drawing<br>Free Play |
| W/C<br><b>4th March 2024</b>     | <i>Sausage rolls with pepper and cucumber</i><br><br>Paper aeroplane birds<br><br>Hammer beads<br><br>Wooden building blocks<br><br>Outside activities | <i>Fruit dipped in chocolate</i><br><br>Paper aeroplane competition<br><br>World book day colouring<br><br>Hot wheels track and cars<br><br>Babies and dressing up<br><br>Outside activities | <i>Toasties with optional fillings</i><br><br>Paper aeroplane races<br><br>World book day colouring<br><br>Role play shops<br><br>Cosy area and quiet time<br><br>Outside activities | <i>Breadsticks, Carrots, Cucumber and hummus</i><br><br><b>Forest school session</b> - Please bring suitable clothes<br><br>Fire lighting | Crumpets<br><br>Free Play<br><br>Maths colouring in                                    |



How lovely to see the first signs of spring in Apple Tree garden, as we start the new term!! The weather may still be changing lots but those moments of spring and warmth are a welcome sight! The children have loved seeing the daffodils appearing in the garden and looking for other signs and flowers.

Last term the children engaged well in the explorer's topic, thinking about different ways to travel and places they could go. We had a closer look at Australia, as we compared it to England, and were able to celebrate and learn about Chinese New Year, with dragons and food!



We are now into our Old MacDonald topic. Talking and learning about lots of animals, who they may see on the farm. This topic will be great for developing their animal knowledge through developing vocabulary, fact finding and experiencing first hand at the farm, during our upcoming trip! We will also use this term to work on our oral health knowledge and continue to work towards achieving Healthy Smiles award. The children are very good at remembering when to brush their teeth and how, and will be given lots of opportunities to practise this through varying activities. There will be lots of discussions around healthy eating and which foods are better for our teeth than others (those low in sugar!).

Our focus Artist for this term is Carol Gillan who uses paint to create friendly and humorous animal and pet paintings. The children will be encouraged and supported to create their own animal portrait - look out in their frame!



The children continue to enjoy Forest School, working on their Forest school skills, cooking lots in the mud kitchen and looking for bugs, by turning over logs. They have experienced lots of campfires, with various snacks and singing, and then got to meet the chickens this week. The children were very brave with the chickens, stroking, feeding and holding them. They had to remain as calm and quiet as possible and bend down low to feed them. The children were very gentle and seemed very happy with their experience!



## *Invitation*

ST PETER'S CHURCH CASSINGTON



**10th March 2024 at 3.30pm**

**with afternoon tea.**

*Come and join the celebration.*

*Suitable for all ages. Everyone welcome.*

Thank you to everyone who has donated things to us!

If we bought all of things from new, we would end up



spending a huge amount of money that we could use elsewhere, so it's



greatly appreciated! We are still looking for any paving slabs and a length of guttering. Thank you!

## **TENNIS CLUB**

Tennis club is open for everyone in Oak, Maple or Willow class (yr 1-6) and is from 3:10-4pm every Thursday. It's only £20 for 5 lessons so is really good value!



Here is the link to sign up for after the half term.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ExcelTennisAcademy/BookCourse/bb7eb689-8342-4649-b36f-48cd0346b3d9>

# ST PETER'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

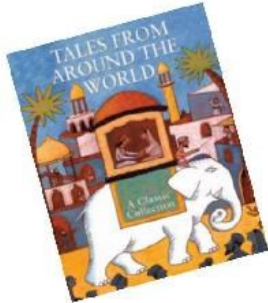


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Headteacher: Mr Jon Jeffries



## WORLD BOOK DAY 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, St Peter's will be celebrating **World Book Day** themed on '**Tales from Around the World**'.

This year in school our day will be based around the classic children's book from Italy:

### **Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi**

We are excited to have a dance workshop coming in for the whole school (Nursery - Year 6), with different classes taking part throughout the day. Earlier that week on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, we have a puppet workshop coming in as well to truly bring the story of Pinocchio to life!

On **World Book Day** the children will be asked to **dress up as a character from a book from anywhere around the world!** We want to make this as easy as possible for everyone. Here are a few ideas to get you started: the classic Grimms fairy tales from Germany, the Hans Christian Anderson Tales from Denmark, Arabian Nights including Aladdin, Greek Myths, The Tales of Anansi from Africa, Baba Yaga from Eastern Europe, Legends from all over the world and so much more. Strictly no television and film characters please!

Children should come to school dressed as their character. You may want to provide a warmer change of clothes for break and lunch times, if you feel it is necessary.

We look forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes on the day!

Kind Regards,

Emma Bradley (Literacy Lead)



Unlocking....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives



Dear Parents/Carers,

Apple Tree class have been having great fun and learning lots on their Old MacDonald journey. This week they met the school chickens and next week they will be having a visit from Niamh's pony! It's always great when we can bring experiences to life for the children in this way, so thank you to all involved and especially Niamh's mum for making the pony experience happen.

Today in collective worship time, we looked in depth at our value of honesty and our new 'R' for the term – Reflection. These both link together with the idea of 'positive ripples' which we have been working on for some time. When we first started on this 'positive ripple' journey over a year ago, many children found it tricky to think deeply about the positive and negative effects of their actions on other people. By the evidence of today, it has truly become a common currency for us and the children had many experiences they were eager to share. Children talked about the positive effect of their actions and were also reflective of situations where they would do things differently next time. It was especially heart-warming to hear so many examples of where the children had been helpful at home – assisting parents and siblings when they could see they could be useful. Please talk to your children about the assembly today and perhaps consider how the language of 'positive ripples' could become a regular theme for discussion at home.



In other news, Mrs Houghton and her husband are hoping to expand their family through adoption. They have been approved to adopt and are now exploring a potential match. It may be that she takes some adoption leave in the future and if/when this happens, we will let you know. Preliminary plans are that Mrs Parsons will take the lead in Apple Tree Class. I am sure you will join me in offering support for Mrs Houghton and their family. We will keep you updated.

Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries



# Calendar



Please see the website for more information - <https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/diary>

## **FEBRUARY 2024**

Thursday 29th - U11 **Boccia** final - Carterton community college, 3:30pm

## **MARCH 2024**

Friday 1st - People who inspire us assembly

Monday 4th - U11 **Netball** tournament - Bartholomew School, 3:30pm

Tuesday 5th - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion

Thursday 7th - **World Book Day** - Details elsewhere in newsletter!

Monday 11th - **Pitt Rivers** trip for Willow Class - 11:45 –3pm

Tuesday 12th - **Farmer Gow's** trip for Apple Tree Class

Wednesday 13th - **Dress as British Wildlife Day!** Raising money for Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue

Wednesday 13th - People who inspire us assembly

Friday 15th - **iRock concert** - starting at 2:15pm **DATE CHANGE**

Monday 18th - **Parents Evening** for Maple

Tuesday 19th - **Vision Screening** for Reception class

Tuesday 19th - **Parents Evening** for Apple **DATE CHANGE**

Wednesday 20th - **Cadbury World** trip for Oak Class

Wednesday 20th - **Parents Evening** for Apple, Oak, Maple

Thursday 21st - **Chedworth Roman Villa** trip for Maple Class

Thursday 21st - **Parents Evening** for Oak

Friday 22nd - Easter **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £3 per family - **DATE CHANGE**

Monday 25th - **Maple Play** - Evening performance (Time TBC)

Tuesday 26th - **Maple Play** - Afternoon performance (Time TBC)

Wednesday 27th - **FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT!** - Run by the SPSA - More info to come soon.

Thursday 28th - Easter **service** - St Peter's Church - 9:15am

Thursday 28th - Easter **Bonnet Parade** - 10:15am

Thursday 28th - **End of term.** School finishes at 1:15pm

Friday 29th—Friday 12th April **EASTER HOLIDAYS - School closed**

# Value of the term

## Honesty

### Child quote of the term

Honesty is the truth that holds us together

— Leo Seidel

### Question of the Week

What can be the consequences when we don't tell the truth?

### 'R' of the Term Reflection

Reflection



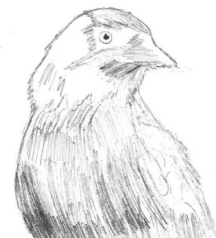
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| I can solve problems                            |  |
| I can check how well I am doing                 |  |
| I can say what I could do differently next time |  |

Reflection



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|-------------------------------------------------------|--|
| I can <b>tell</b> someone what I am learning          |  |
| I can <b>use</b> my experiences to help me            |  |
| I can <b>analyse</b> my work and make changes         |  |
| I can <b>predict</b> what might stop me from learning |  |

Reflection



- I can **organise** my learning
- I can **discuss** how I learn
- I can **predict** problems and overcome
- I can **prioritise** what has to be done
- I can **consider** progress and be flexible to change plans
- I can **evaluate** and explain what I would change next time

Your children will recognise these posters from their class. You may find these useful to use at home and to help reinforce what we are doing in school.



**DATES:**  
2nd - 5th April 2024  
8:40am - 4:15pm

  
**Eynsham Primary School,**  
Eynsham, Witney,  
OX29 4LJ



| Time              | Group 1 (5-7)                | Group 2 (8-10) | Group 3 (10-12) | COACHING ACADEMY   |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 8:40am - 9:15am   | REGISTRATION AND GROUP GAMES |                |                 |                    |
| 9:15am - 10:00am  | TAG GAMES                    | BASKETBALL     | HANDBALL        | ICE BREAKING GAMES |
| 10:00am - 10:40am | DRAMA                        | QUAD BALL      | TENNIS          | CREATING A GAME    |
| 10:40am - 11:15am | MORNING BREAK                |                |                 |                    |
| 11:15am - 12:15pm | LASER TAG                    | VOLLEYBALL     | DANCE           | LEADING ACTIVITIES |
| 12:15pm - 1:15pm  | LUNCH BREAK                  |                |                 |                    |
| 1:15pm - 2:00pm   | DODGEBALL                    | DRAMA          | ROUNDERS        | LEADING ACTIVITIES |
| 2:00pm - 2:45pm   | FOOTBALL                     | ARCHERY        | FENCING         | RAFT CHALLENGE     |
| 2:45pm - 3:00pm   | AFTERNOON BREAK              |                |                 |                    |
| 3:00pm - 3:45pm   | DANCE                        | FOOTBALL       | PAC-MAN         | CHOOSE YOUR GAME   |
| 3:45pm - 4:15pm   | SIGNING OUT AND GROUP GAMES  |                |                 |                    |



- ✓ CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED
- ✓ HAF PROVIDER
- ✓ PLACES FOR FSM CHILDREN

OUR TIMETABLE WILL BE AMENDED TO SUIT THE  
CHILDREN ON EACH CAMP



## HAF BOOKINGS

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# Easter Holidays Tennis Course



**Monday 8th - Friday 12th April**

**Witney Lawn Tennis Club**

**For ages 4 - 16**

**Half Day:**

**09:00 - 12:00      £135**

**or 12:30 - 15:30      £135**

**Full Day (ages 6 - 16):**

**09:00 - 15:30      £243**

**Short Course (ages 4 - 7):**

**09:00 - 11:00      £90**

**or 12:30 - 12:30      £90**



**Childcare Vouchers Accepted**

**for more information please contact:**



**info@exceltennis.co.uk**

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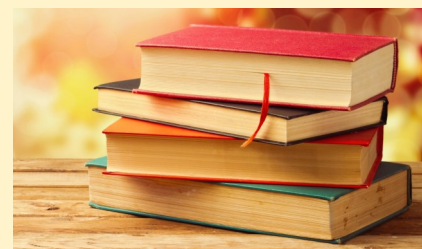
## **Book Amnesty!**

We have a large amount of books, which belong to the class libraries, that have slowly disappeared!

Could you please check (or ask your child to check) the books that you have at home to see if they are school books? All our books will have a school stamp inside the book on the front page.

If you find any, please bring them back to school — no questions asked.... Thank you

Thank you!



Dear Parent / Carer,

Finally, the days are getting longer and the weather is beginning to improve, so hopefully in next week's half term you and your children will be able to spend some time outdoors.

Half term would be a great chance for you to use our **Footsteps** programme to begin to support your children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.

Our **Footsteps** guide will give you some ideas of how to begin to support your child in developing the decision-making skills that will help them become a pedestrian able to keep themselves safer when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If they are ill-prepared, children are more likely to be killed or injured in a road traffic incident, as seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10-12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, you are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely, while in the company of a supporting adult, will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which can't be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

Please follow the link to the **Footsteps** guide [Walking with children | 365Alive](https://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children) and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team

Oxfordshire County Council



In case the above link doesn't work—this is the web address:

[https://www.365alive.co.uk/  
cms/content/walking-children](https://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children)

# BE SMART ONLINE



## S

### SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



## M

### MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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## A

### ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



## R

### RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



## T

### TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)



## BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.





# Dino Digital Detectives

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| Name                                |  |
| Class                               |  |
| Potential harmful activity detected |  |
| Date handed to office               |  |

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| Action |  |
| Review |  |

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