Newsletter

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Friday 9th February 2024



Peter Pan & Pirates Wow Day!!!

See inside for more photos of our Peter Pan & Pirates Wow day in Oak class, and Chinese New Year in Apple Tree class.

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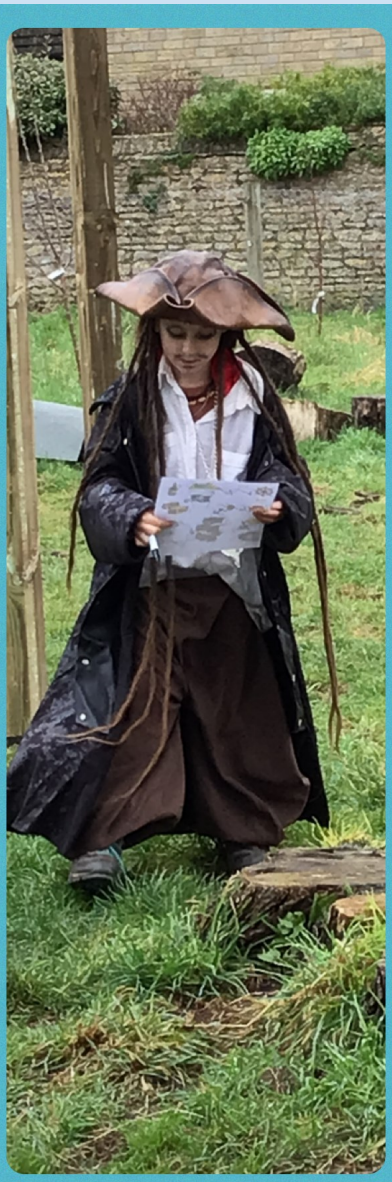
Oak - Peter Pan & Pirate Day

















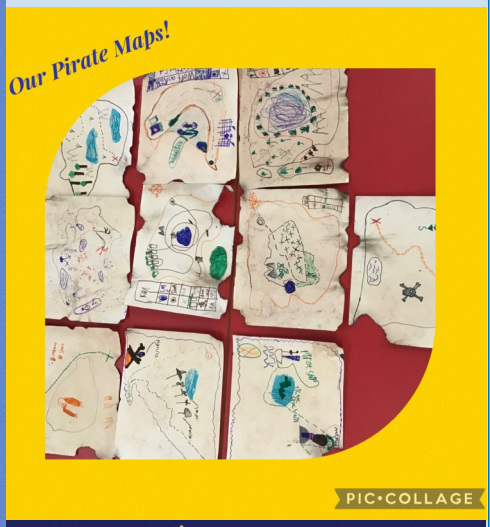












We had such a wonderful Peter Pan Wow Day! The classroom was filled with magic - Tinkerbells, Pirates, Peter Pans, Mermaids, even Wendy and Tick Tock Croc as he has become known as in Oak Class took over for the day! Thank you for all your efforts with the costumes - the children had great fun in them!

In the morning we were busy making treasure maps, digging for treasure, practising our sword and cutlass skills, looking out for any approaching enemy sloops and schooners whilst also solving a treasure hunt!!! Then after our busy morning being pirates, we retold the story of Peter Pan with Pirate Pat! We had so much fun in our make-believe world of Neverland! Thank you to those of you who were able to come along to watch us!

















Apple - Chinese New Year












Apple Tree were very lucky to have Emily's mummy visit us on Tuesday (Thank you!) and talk to us about Chinese/Luna new year. She read a Mr Men and Little Miss book about Chinese new year and taught us all about how they celebrate with decorations, food, dancing and fireworks. The children then made a dancing dragon each, which they danced around the classroom and took home to share with their families – they are beautiful! For snack, everyone was given the opportunity to try some noodles, rice, prawn crackers and vegetable spring rolls and they all had a go at using chopsticks – it was such a fun morning!

Information

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After half term, there will be a new way of contacting After School Club.

If you want to add a last minute 'ad-hoc' booking: Please email ASC@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk rather than emailing or speaking to Emily. Miss Akers will now be in charge of bookings and the emails will be going straight to her.

We will also have a phone number for ASC, although we don't have the number yet. As soon as this is set up, we will let everyone know. If you can't email, you can send a message via whatsapp or text, but please note - you won't necessarily get a reply (except maybe a thumbs up!) because Miss Akers will be busy with the children.

If you are going to be late collecting your child, or **there is someone else coming** to pick them up: If it's before 4pm, please ring the school as usual. If it's **after 4pm**, please ring the ASC phone 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.



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

Thank you for your co-operation.

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

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.

	Monday Miss Akers Mrs Partridge	**Tuesday** Miss Akers Mrs Humphris	**Wednesday** Miss Akers Mrs Forest	**Thursday** Miss Akers Mrs Humphris Mrs Forest	**Friday** Miss Akers
W/C **19th February 2024**	*Toasties with a selection of fillings* Bookmark making Board games Babies and pushchairs Outside activities	*Pancakes* Junk modelling Cars and road mat Lego construction Wordsearches Outside activities	*Pizza making* Junk modelling painting Barbies and dolls house Drawing Outside activities **Looking after the fish**	*Marshmallows and biscuits* **Forest school session -** Please bring suitable clothes Den building	*Bagels with a selection of toppings* Top trumps Loom bands Free Play
W/C **26th February 2024**	*A selection of fruit* Flying Dinosaurs and Unicorns Dinosaurs and rocks Barbies Outside activities	*A selection of fruit* Parachute games Babies and dressing up Den building Outside activities	*Hot dogs and rolls* Collage animals Adventure playground games Cars and mat Outside activities	*Beans on toast* **Forest school session -** Please bring suitable clothes Tin can lanterns	*Yoghurts and cereal bars* Wooden hanging fish Drawing Free Play

Information

The staff car park at school is a very busy place and is in constant use. Please don't walk your child through unless you are visiting the office. If you are going to Apple Tree (Reception & nursery) then please walk down the footpath opposite the front of school and through the pedestrian gate.



If you come to collect your child from the front entrance, please don't let them play in the car park, or go near to the cars.

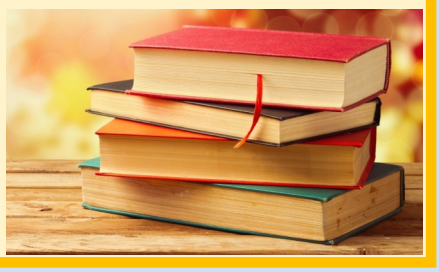
Thank you.

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



WANTED!

St Peter's School are currently in need of:



an old (but working) mobile phone,



some paving slabs (of any shape / size - to cover 8 sq.m),

some freestanding shelves,



some guttering

and some wellies!









If you can donate any of these to school, please let Emily in the office know on office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk Thank you!

A Message from Mr Jeffries

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will see from the newsletter, so much has been going on in school over the last couple of weeks. We had the incredible pirate's day which included making treasure maps and a drama workshop. Some of the expressions on the children's faces in the pictures says it all – its great that the children could be so immersed in the experience and let their imaginations run wild! The children were fabulous in their costumes, so thank you for all the effort you put into helping the children look the part. A big thank you to Mrs Bradley for organising this memorable experience!

Apple Tree class had their Chinese New Year celebrations and we were really lucky for the children to have Emily and Caron's come in to help make it an authentic day. Have a look at the pictures in the newsletter to get a flavour of what they did and ate!

Regulars at after school club will be getting to know Ms Akers really well. She will now be publishing in the newsletter a two-week timetable of the activities that will be available on any given day for the children to enjoy. We are also expanding the range of snacks on offer and will continue to review and refine the experience we are giving the children. Thank you to Ms Akers for taking on the role with such enthusiasm in wanting the very best for the children.

After so much sickness with children and staff, I am sure everyone is looking forward to the break.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful half term,

Jon Jeffries

Calendar

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

FEBRUARY 2024

Monday 12th—Friday 16th **HALF TERM - School closed**

Tuesday 20th - **Heights & Weights** for Reception and Year 6

Friday 23rd - Old Macdonald **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £3 per family **DATE CHANGE**

MARCH 2024

Friday 1st - People who inspire us assembly

Monday 4th - EPA **Netball** tournament - yr5/6

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

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

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

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

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 Apple, Oak

Friday 22nd - World Thinking Day (for Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs)

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

Friday 22nd - **iRock concert** - starting at 2:15pm

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

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

Save the date!

The SPSA will be holding a Family Quiz Night on Wednesday 27th March. Further information and tickets will be available after half term.

Value of the term

Dignity

Child quote of the term

Dignity is the gift of obeying your heart

—Amelia Labi

Question of the Week

Who needs to be shown more dignity in the world?

'R' of the Term

Resilience

Resilience



I want a challenge	
I can do it!	
I can **focus**	

Resilience



I can **show** I am excited by a challenge	
I can **choose** to keep going when things are hard	
I can **focus** for a longer period of time	
I can **develop** and learn from my mistakes	

Resilience



- I can **show** perseverance and keep going when times are tough
- I can **choose** to ignore distractions
- I can **demonstrate** enthusiasm for a challenge
- I can **identify** emerging patterns
- I can **apply** concentration for a long time
- I can **develop** and learn from my mistakes

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.





We currently have children in school who have serious nut allergies. Please remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL. We can't allow nuts or nut products in school.

This includes Nutella!

Please be mindful when you are packing your child's lunch. Items such as **pesto, cereal bars or even cake** seem an innocent choice, but can contain hidden nuts.

Thank you for helping us to keep St Peter's a safe place for everyone.

Space Activity Days

February Half-term

Give children the perfect fun-filled space-themed activity day! Exciting and adventure-packed activities, games and sports to keep children engaged during school holidays - promoting creativity, learning, imagination & social skills!

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb 2024

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10 – 25 February 2024

Open daily, 10:00am – 5:30pm

Animal Encounters every half an hour!

Plus...indoor Straw Maze, special Farm Trail & more!

https://hogshawfarm.co.uk/whats-on

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 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

Childnet International

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**

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**

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.

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