

Newsletter

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Friday 15th December 2023



We'll see you all back here at 8:30am
on Tuesday 9th January!



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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.



Important Information



Our Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday 19th December at 12pm

Everyone is allowed to wear a Christmas jumper and a Christmas hat if they wish. (Please make sure names are on them!)

Could you please make sure any money owed on your SchoolGrid account is cleared. We don't want to be ringing you up before your child can have lunch! **Thank you.**



MONEY OWED!

Please make sure that there are no outstanding monies on your ParentMail or Schoolgrid accounts.



Thank you for all your donations over the last couple of weeks. We have managed to raise:

£52.40 for the **Anti-Bullying Alliance** for Odd Socks Day

£62.70 for **Save the Children** for our Christmas Jumper Day

Please note:

If you'd like anything put into the newsletter, I need it by Friday, **1pm at the latest.** Thank you



Kids quiz

For ages 5-11

Red Lion Cassington

Saturday 6th January

2pm

£3 per child (must be accompanied by an adult)

Teams of 6

All proceeds to the play area



Important Information



Starting School—RECEPTION ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2024

It's now time to apply for children to start in Reception for September 2024, even if the child is already attending the nursery class of the school. Please apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions as this is the easiest and most secure way of applying. All the information needed to make your application is available on the admissions website.

The closing date of Reception applications is **15th January 2024**. The closing date is extremely important, as late applications will not be considered until May 2024 after the first offers have been made. Parents who make a late application are less likely to be offered a place at their preferred school.

It is PARENTS responsibility to make an application. It is not something that we as a school can do for you, although we can obviously help if needed. Please speak to Emily if this is the case.



SPSA News

Thank you to all those that came to the Christmas Fair last Friday. There was a fantastic atmosphere and lots of happy faces! It was that Father Christmas made an appearance too!

We are pleased to announce that we made approximately £2400 which is a mind-blowing amount! We think the best takings for a Christmas fair and Raffle to date! £1600 of which was from the Raffle. Thank you to all of you who attended, purchased raffle tickets and supported the SPSA and School.

The SPSA Team



A Message from our Governors

As we reach the end of 2023, we would like to take this opportunity to say what is special about St Peter's school and to thank all those who have contributed to its success.

We are proud as Chair and Vice Chair of Governors that St Peter's have very high expectations for all pupil's happiness, enjoyment, behaviour and learning enabling them to achieve the very best they can.

The school's vision and values, aim to help our pupils to be confident, independent and interested in the world around them, and to be prepared for the challenges they may face in the future.

Children's progress and attainment remain the focus of our efforts and we continuously strive for children to access the best possible education and in a caring manner at St Peter's.

With the support and guidance of a dynamic leadership team, the staff working at St Peter's demonstrate commitment and dedication to create a happy, safe and educationally exciting environment in which all children can learn as identified in the good Ofsted report last year and Outstanding SIAMS reports. The success of St Peter's is very much a team effort.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the Governing body for giving up their valuable time and for their effort they put into supporting the school - it is a privilege to work with such a professional, dynamic and supportive team.

We would like to extend our thanks to all our parents, carers, volunteers and the SPSA for their continued support of the school.

We wish you and your families and the staff at St Peter's a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kind Regards,

Anne Armitage
Chair of Governors

Jan MacDonald
Vice Chair of Governors





We would like to say a **HUGE well done** to everyone in Oak Class -

'A Midwife Crisis' was amazing!

Thank you to all the staff who worked incredibly hard towards it, to the parents for helping with line-learning and costumes, and of course to the children for being absolute stars!

And thank you to Pooiyi (Caron's Mum) for the amazing photos!



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is now very much in sight, and it has been a fabulous run up with all the activities going on around school. The children and staff have put so much energy and effort into the Oak nativity and Apple Tree performances, and we have had some great feedback from parents so far. It is Apple Tree's turn next week and we are very much looking forward to seeing it!

The Christmas fair was a huge success with well over £2k raised and nearly double what was achieved last year- huge thanks to the SPSA and all parents and staff involved in making this such a successful event. It is wonderful for the community to be able to come together in this way.

On Wednesday, the children went to Oxford Playhouse to see the Christmas pantomime. Key Stage 1 and 2 children went to see Jack and the Beanstalk and EYFS saw Dear Father Christmas. All the children had a great time and a big thank you to the SPSA for fully funding this trip, so it didn't cost parents a penny!

Today we had the iRock concert and as always, the children really raised the roof. For those three minutes on stage it is a rollercoaster of emotions - from the pre-performance nerves, to being center stage for the performance and the come-down at the end. Not only are children learning instruments and feeling what it's like to be part of a band, but it also builds great resilience and gets the children used to performing/speaking in public from an early age. For these reasons, iRock is one of my favourite activities we offer at school and if your child hasn't done it before, I encourage you to have a conversation with your child and consider signing them up to it.

With so much coughing, colds and sickness around recently, I hope you all stay clear of any bugs over the holidays and you all have a peaceful and wonderful Christmas.

With very best wishes,

Jon Jeffries



Christmas Challenges

On Friday 1st December we will be starting our Christmas Challenges!

There are all sorts of things to try, so hopefully everyone will try and enter a few. Some of you might enter every single one! (There will be small prizes.) Some of the challenges are set over the weekend so you'll have plenty of time for making and doing before judging takes place on the following dates:

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| Friday 1st - | Make a Christmas tree decoration for our Christmas tree. |
| Monday 4th - | Draw / paint / collage a Christmas card |
| Tuesday 5th - | Make a Christmas hat . |
| Wednesday 6th | TALENT SHOW!! Perform a skill (The list is endless; judo, ball skills, card tricks, juggling, playing an instrument etc.) |
| Thursday 7th - | Wear a Christmas jumper for the Save the Children. |
| Friday 8th - | Design a Christmas wordsearch / crossword / puzzle . |
| Monday 11th - | Make a Snowman! Draw one, make one from playdough, make a real one and take a photo - it's completely up to you! |
| Tuesday 12th - | Recite a Christmas tongue-twister or tell a Christmas joke |
| Wednesday 13th | Make a Christmas digital picture or animation . (Please upload to Google Classroom) |
| Thursday 14th - | Make Christmas origami or other papercraft . |
| Friday 15th - | Design and draw a fabulous Christmas machine! Give it a name and explain what it is for. |
| Monday 18th - | Create a Nativity Scene - Use your creativity! |
| Tuesday 19th - | Make a Christmas Table Decoration , which will be used to decorate the tables for our school Christmas dinner. |
| Wednesday 20th - | Bring your nearly completed Advent book into school to receive your prize. |

(Please take all 'making' entries to the hall)

Good Luck!



Calendar



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

DECEMBER

Monday 18th - Oak Class - **A Midwife Crisis** - For the final time! 1:30pm

Tuesday 19th - Christmas **Dinner!**

Tuesday 19th - Apple Tree class **Nativity** - 2-3pm

Wednesday 20th - **Christmas service** at St Peter's Church - 9:15am

Wednesday 20th - **TERM ENDS**

Happy Christmas!

JANUARY 2024

Saturday 6th - **Kids Quiz** (organised by Sports & Social) See poster below!

Monday 8th - INSET DAY (No School)

Tuesday 9th - **Term 3** starts at 8:30am

On sale now - only £7

Don't miss your very special ...

Cassington Calendar 2024

Featuring winning photos from the CAWN competition - A wonderful snap shot of village life in our 900th celebration year

Available by card or cash from:

Ninon Linnell - 01865 881330
ninonlinnell@gmail.com

Jan Macdonald - 01865 880006
janmacdonald78@aol.com

Keith Turner - 01865 880492
keithturner878@btinternet.com

On view at:

The Red Lion, The Chequers, The Church

Calendar produced by The Friends of St Peter's,
all proceeds to support the church building.

Registered charity number: 1114780



SNOW WHITE



December 2023
Corn Exchange, Witney

WWW.BUTTERCROSSTHEATREPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK

December	Thu 14th	Fri 15th	Sat 16th	Sun 17th	Thu 21st	Fri 22nd	Sat 23rd	Sun 24th	Fri 29th	Sat 30th	Sun 31st
Matinee	●	●	●	●				●			●
Evening		●	●		●	●	●		●	●	



Tickets
available
on our
website

Curtain up
Evening - 7:30pm
Matinee - 1:45pm

Adults (14+) £14 Child £8 (Plus booking fee)

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2019** and **31 August 2020**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2024**.

Apply online at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.



For help and information:

Web: **www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions**

Email: **admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

Tel: **0345 241 2487**

NEW, free website and app for parents and carers in Oxfordshire!

Healthier Together is a new website and app for parents and carers, providing information from local healthcare professionals about what might be wrong when your child is unwell. Using an easy-to-follow traffic light system, you'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including what signs to look out for, when and where to seek help if required, what you should do to keep your child comfortable and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.

The website also features a translation tool, a directory of local services to support your family's health and wellbeing, as well as advice on whether your child should go to school when they have a virus or infection. Using the self-assessment triage tool, the Healthier Together App will provide advice on which healthcare provider can help depending on your child's symptoms and give the option to contact them directly from the app.



Who are you bringing to nursery today?

If your child seems under the weather or has been poorly, it can be difficult to know whether they should still attend nursery. **Healthier Together** can help you find the guidance you're looking for.

Our website and app – developed by local healthcare professionals – is packed with information, tips and advice for parents, including recommended recovery times from common childhood conditions.

Find us online at: oxfordshire-healthiertgether.nhs.uk



Scan the QR code with your smartphone today, then bookmark the page for a handy reference source the next time your child is unwell.



Healthier Together



activeCamps
School holiday multi-activity camps
for children aged 4-14!

Summer Fields School
Christmas 18 - 22 December
New Year 2 - 5 January

From **£46** per day

Book Now! www.oxfordactive.co.uk

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND?



Book now online

Visit www.irockschool.com/enrol

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Bookings are now open for your child to join their own rock and pop band at school! Enrolling is straightforward, and iRock offers a **first lesson money-back guarantee!**

Discover the benefits of band lessons: not only are they fun, but they also play a significant role in enhancing children's life skills. Lessons focus on boosting confidence, supporting well-being, developing social skills, and even improving academic performance.

How it works:

- Children don't need music experience to join, and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar, or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their bandmates in 30-minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches, who will guide your child through every session. *Some sessions may take place straight after school.*
- Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6, with children grouped by age. Children can choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- Band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, providing a great way to showcase just how far they have come.
- Children in Years 2, 4, and 6 will be enrolled in a Group Performance qualification by RSL.
- Access the iRock parent portal to view your child's band memories, song choices, manage your subscription and much more!

You can subscribe to iRock through our monthly subscription plan, which spans 11 months with no payment required in August. We offer full flexibility, allowing parents to cancel their subscription at any time. By subscribing, you're guaranteed a minimum of 33 lessons throughout a full academic year.

For availability and cost please visit: www.irockschool.com/enrol and search for your school. For any helps please call 0330 174 2655

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Founder
iRock School of Music

Proudly supporting



“ My daughter is so excited when it's iRock day at school! She loves playing in the band

Google Review



BE SMART ONLINE



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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.



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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

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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.



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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.



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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.





Dino Digital Detectives

Name	
Class	
Potential harmful activity detected	
Date handed to office	

Action	
Review	

Unlocking....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives

