

Newsletter

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Friday 1st December 2023



Apple Tree Class enjoying
their African Drumming
Workshop!



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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.



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 |
| 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!

Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumpers on Thursday, and to bring your pennies for **Save the Children**. PLEASE don't buy a jumper especially for that day (unless you were going to buy one anyway)!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

7 DECEMBER 2023



DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN,

On Thursday 7th December, our school will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We know times are tough, so please remember that donations are optional (it's having tons of fun that's mandatory!) and any amount you can spare – 10p, 20p, 50p – makes you an awesome fundraiser.

This year, donating £2 could pay for a pair of shoes to keep a baby in Afghanistan warm through winter, or £5 could pay for a maths pack to make sure a child in the UK is ready for school.

Remember, there's no need to buy a new jumper. You could upcycle an old jumper, get crafty or head to your local charity shop to buy a pre-loved festive knit. If you want to get creative and decorate a jumper, the Christmas Jumper Day website contains lots of fun craft ideas.

We'd appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success. Together, we can make the world better with a sweater.

Thank you for your support.



USEFUL WEBSITES



- for frequently asked questions about Christmas Jumper Day:
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/faq>
- for upcycling inspiration and sustainability information:
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/sustainability-and-inclusivity>
- for more information on how your donations help:
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help>

Now that we are in the second half of the Autumn term, children are well settled into life in Oak Class and are working their socks off!



Last week, the children thoroughly enjoyed their Computing workshop where they got to use some virtual reality headsets. Excited squeals could be heard as the children navigated their way through a world of minibests, finding out new facts along the way. The children said,

"I liked it because I felt like I was really there in minibest world".

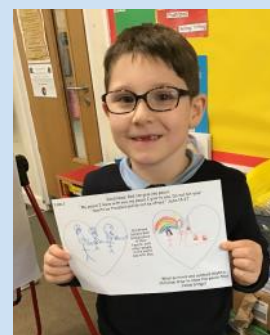
"It felt like it was reality".

"I loved the part where I was seeing flowers and bugs".

When asked to suggest some words to describe the VR workshop, the children in Oak Class said it was amazing, epic, adventurous, magnificent, incredible, outstanding and life-changing! Clearly, Oak Class are working hard at their range of vocabulary too!



As ever, Oak children have been very thoughtful and reflective in their RE lessons this term. We are learning about the Christian concept of Gospel and that it means the good news that Jesus brings. As part of this, we considered in one lesson, how Christians believe Jesus gives them peace through forgiveness. The children did some very thoughtful art-work to suggest how a Christian might feel with and without forgiveness. Bright rainbow colours and pictures were chosen to represent a heart full of peace.



In Maths, we have recently finished working on the unit of measure where we were learning how to measure the height and length of objects. Year 1 did a superb job of using non-standard units such as cubes, to measure the length and height of objects. They were also successful at ordering and comparing the size of objects they could find around them. Year 2 refined their skills of measuring accurately with a ruler in centimetres. I was particularly impressed with how accurately they were able to draw lines of different lengths with a ruler. Oak Class continue to impress me with their reasoning skills in our Maths lessons.



In Science our topic is the seasons of the year. Last week, we concentrated particularly on the weather and thought of our own questions that we could ask about the weather. We then considered what data we would need to collect in order to answer our questions. Having made our own rain gauges, we set them up in the raised beds of Forest School with a plan to check each day how much rainwater has been collected. We have also been noticing the time that it gets dark each day. Once all of our data has been collected, we are going to use it to look for any patterns and also answer the questions that we posed last week.

Oak Class are getting more confident at logging onto the chromebooks. They were able to successfully use the chromebooks to find out what the weather was like last week in different cities around the world. Discovering that it was -8 degrees Celsius in Ottawa afforded the opportunity for a quick bit of learning about negative numbers! We established that -8 degrees Celsius was much colder than it was in Cassington and that we would definitely need to wear a thicker coat and some gloves if we were in Ottawa!





St Peters Primary School, Cassington

Christmas Fair



*Friday 8th December 2023 530-730pm
The Green, Cassington, Witney
Raffle to be drawn on the night.*



The Christmas Fair is nearly upon us!! We still need donations of bottles of Wine and tombola prizes! Please bring all donations to the office. Thank you!

Please note — this is a **CASH preferred** event. However, some stall holders will have the facility to pay by card.

If anyone would like to make either a one-off or a regular donation to the SPSA you can do so by using these details.

Account Name:

St Peters School Association (Fund)

Sort Code: **20-65-18**

Account Number: **30829889**

(Please use Ref: **SCHOOL**)

Each child has 2 books of raffle tickets to sell. Please bring the completed stubs & money back to the office by **THURSDAY 7th December!** (If you can't sell them, please bring them back to the office. If you want more, please let us know!) **Thank you!!**



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is the first of December (although Emily has had a countdown calendar from 100 days in the office - it already feels like a long run-in!) so thoughts can turn towards Christmas. Today was the first day of the Christmas challenges and we had some beautifully crafted Christmas tree decorations. Please encourage your children to get involved with this – there will be prizes each day for the most original, thoughtful and carefully crafted submissions.

Rehearsals for the nativity play are well underway – I am sure Oak parents are now getting very familiar with the lines and songs! The school Christmas tree is now also up so it is all starting to very much look and feel like Christmas! The Christmas fair is next Friday (8th) so a reminder to bring yourselves, neighbours, friends and family to enjoy some festive spirit with us.

Next week in Maple class we have pet day. Alongside children bringing in their own pets, they will also have the chance to meet some special guest animals and learn all about their diet, habitat and other fun facts.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jon Jeffries

SPSA Meeting

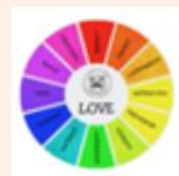


There is an SPSA meeting next Tuesday (5th) at 8pm in Red Lion, Cassington.

All welcome! We will mainly be talking about the Christmas Fair. Please come to the meeting if you are able to, or let an SPSA member know if you are happy to help at the fair but can't make the meeting.

RAFFLE TICKETS

If anyone has any raffle tickets at home that they AREN'T going to sell, please could you bring them back as soon as possible? We only have 1 book left, and we have people who want to buy more! Thank you



ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO

CHRISTMAS STAY & PLAY

15TH DECEMBER 2023, 2-3PM
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Information



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 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.



Sunday 3rd December at 4pm

An informal service for the whole family.

For more information please contact our Children and Families Worker.
email: slpfamilies@gmail.com



THIS SUNDAY!!!



Sensei Abbe Tournament



Faringdon Judo Club Dojo, Tuckers Park, Faringdon

Sunday 3rd December 2023

Times:

10:00am Primary School Age children and Lighter weight groups.

12:30pm Secondary School Children and Middle weight groups

2:00pm Heavier Weight groups

Competitor entry fee: £15

Spectator Fee: £3

This competition is for Oxfordshire Judo club members only



Calendar



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

DECEMBER

- Friday 1st - **Christmas Challenges start!**
- Tuesday 5th - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in Red Lion
- Thursday 7th - Save the Children - **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!** Please bring donations.
- Thursday 7th - Maple Class - **'Bring your pet to school day'**
- Friday 8th - **Christmas Fair** - 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- Saturday 9th - Christmas **Elf party!** Cassington Village Hall, 2-4pm (Run by Sports & Social club)
- Tuesday 12th - **KS1 nativity**— 1:30pm
- Wednesday 13th - 9:15am - KS1 & 2 **Panto trip** to Oxford
- Wednesday 13th - 1:15pm - EYFS **Panto trip** to Oxford
- Wednesday 13th - **KS1 nativity**— 6pm
- Friday 15th - Christmas Stay & Play in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm (**DATE CHANGE**)
- Friday 15th - Christmas **iRock** concert - 2:30pm
- 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**

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

Please note:

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



Apologies that we have had to change or postpone a few of the dates.

Due to the busy time of year, we are trying hard to fit everything in!



Awards of the Week



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If your child has an award below, you are invited to join us for our Celebration Assembly next Friday at 8:45am in the school hall:

Class	Vision Award	Values Award— <i>Hope</i>	'R' Award— <i>Responsibility</i>
 Apple	<i>Theo Hill</i>	<i>Ellis Viner</i>	<i>Louie Stedman-Cox</i>
 Oak	<i>Amelia Labi</i>	<i>Madison Winstone -Wagerfield</i>	<i>Elsa Mushava</i>
 Maple	<i>Leo Seidel</i>	<i>Tyler Pollard</i>	<i>Elijah Cooke</i>
 Willow	<i>Felix Kemp</i>	<i>Breanna Knight</i>	<i>Lexi Pollard</i>
 Headteacher's Award	<i>Hudson Meade</i>		

If your child is away for any reason and not able to collect their award, we will present it to them the following week.

Value of the term

Hope

Child quote of the term

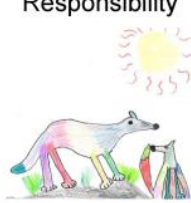
Hope is the unseeable strength to wish for the best - Olly

Question of the Week

What do we think Jesus hopes for us in the world today?

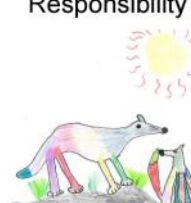
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Responsibility



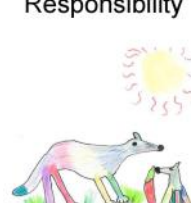
I can choose to help others	
I can show care for the school and equipment	
I can demonstrate good choices	

Responsibility



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Responsibility



- I can **build** awareness of myself
- I can **show** I own my actions
- I can **demonstrate** maturity and take initiative
- I can **discuss** the importance of playing my part
- I can **imagine** others' feelings
- I can **influence** by creating positive ripples

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.

The background of the poster features several cartoon germs. In the top left, a green germ with a wide smile and a pink heart on its chest. Next to it is a small pink germ with a simple smile. In the top center is a large orange germ with a worried expression. To the right is a red germ with a very angry, open-mouthed expression. In the bottom right is a blue germ with a sad expression. The text 'Who are you bringing to nursery today?' is written in large white letters across the middle.

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-healthiertogether.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

Cassington Village Hall committee are pleased to invite you to a ...

CHRISTMAS ELF PARTY

for children aged 3-11

CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 9 December 2.00 - 4.00



The Christmas Elf Party will include an awesome Elf Entertainer, Fun Games, Mini-Disco, Inflatable Santa, Bubbles, Snow, Stickers & Medals and more. There will also be a simple party tea.

Tickets are **£6.50 per child** and are available from Emily in the school office and from Carolyn on 07747 621597.

Each child must have a named adult responsible for them at the event.

Numbers are limited so make sure you get your ticket soon.



St Peter's C.E. Primary School Cassington

*Is your child starting school
next year? Come and join us
at one of our Stay and Plays:*

**Thu 23 Nov | Fri 24 Nov | Fri 15 Dec
2-3pm**



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CASSINGTON TINIES & TODDLERS (Tinies Café) Autumn 2023

A Parent/Carer & Toddler group

Cassington Village Hall 1.30 –3.00 on Tuesday (other than where stated, term-time only)

Sept. 5th 12th, 19th, NO SESSION 26th,

Oct. 3rd, 10th, 17th, NO SESSION 24th (Half Term) 31st

Nov. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th,

Dec. 5th, 12th (Last session for this term)

Toys, crafts, songs & refreshments for under-fives and their carers

This group is being run by St Peter's church Cassington with local parents

For more information please contact: Jane Aston at janeaston53@aol.com Tel: 01865 880757

Charlotte Metcalf at candcmetcalf@gmail.com Tel: 07814550878

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

