

Newsletter



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING
THIS IS A



PEANUT/NUT FREE
SCHOOL

We currently have two 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.

Apple Tree enjoyed the superhero topic last term, looking at their qualities inside them and recognising their very own superpowers, e.g. kindness. We linked this to Superheroes in our community and were so fortunate to have the firefighters visit, as well as the police and a dental nurse. They all helped Apple Tree understand their jobs and how they help everyone, allowing us time to step into their shoes a little and learn how to care for themselves, and others. They looked around the fire engine, asked lots of questions, had a turn with the water hose, spoke on the police radio, made fingerprint pictures, and learnt to care for their teeth- having a go at brushing the large teeth!



We are now looking at the different ways people celebrate. They are thinking about who celebrates different events, how they celebrate and what they can learn from this. They have discovered that most people celebrate special events surrounded by family and friends, with food, new clothes, music, dancing and the sharing or gifting of cards and/or presents. There also seems to be lights featured in most celebrations, whether it be candles, lamps, fairy lights or fireworks. They are really looking forward to their African drumming experience!



Apple Tree have been learning about local artist, Nat Morley, who uses a print method. She carves out her design into a wood block, before layering inks on top. Once ready and layered she will print it onto the paper, creating a lovely print. Everyone got a chance to create their own print block in Apple Tree and then used printing inks to print their designs. (See the front page!) They look fantastic and are all unique! They have been trying printing with lots of different materials throughout the term.

We have been very fortunate to have some dry and sunny Forest Schools recently, which have allowed for many campfires. We have taken the opportunity to toast marshmallows, cook baked beans and make hot chocolate - using the new Kelly kettle!! The children have loved these experiences and always enjoy a campfire sing a long!





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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.



Primary School Health Team Newsletter Term 2 November 2023

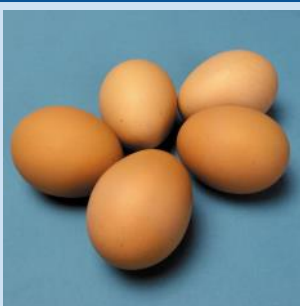
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CHRISTMAS CHALLENGES ARE NEARLY HERE!

Starting on Friday 1st December, these are individual challenges that children can choose to do at home if they want to. Some children do a few, some do lots & some do all of them! There is a small prize every day for the 'best' entries. Please see the list on the next page.



Fresh eggs



For those of you who are new to the school, we have school chickens! If you would like some of our delicious eggs, we ask for a contribution of

£1 for 4, or £1.50 for 6

which we put towards the cost of their food and medicine.

If you would like some, please email me in the office and I'll pop your name on the waiting list, or just call in! The hens are starting to lay less as Autumn arrives, so it may take a bit longer than usual until we have any for you (but they are worth the wait!)



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!



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)

Raffle tickets will be coming home soon!





We need a new chair

Want to be our next **#SPSA chair**? The chair leads meetings and steers the committee towards its aims. Sitting in the driver's seat, you should be highly enthusiastic, full of bright ideas and demonstrate good leadership skills.

For more information, please contact Louise (Euan & Alex's Mum) on

louisejudd@hotmail.com



Could you be the next SPSA Chairperson?



As the SPSA Chair you'll direct the committee's meetings, making sure everyone's views are heard and make sure all committee members are familiar with the association's constitution, model policies, and their role and responsibilities as a committee member.

Duties and responsibilities include:

- Preparing for meetings with the Secretary
- Setting the ground rules for meetings, making sure they are inclusive and efficient
- Delegating tasks to other committee members, and check they're completed
- Liaising with the school to request a 'wish list' for the SPSA committee to use when deciding which projects to fund
- Making sure the committee fulfils its role in respect of the governance of the association as set out in its constitution – for example, holding an AGM and electing new members
- The SPSA Chair doesn't make decisions alone: all decisions are made by the whole committee
- Being a signatory on the SPSA bank account (along with at least one other committee member)
- Making sure the association is GDPR-compliant

Key qualities and skills

- Confident and assertive – able to control meetings and call them to order when necessary, making sure everyone has an opportunity to speak
- Able to remain impartial – ensures contributions are brief and that everyone's views are respected
- Calm, friendly and approachable – as the main point of contact for the SPSA, the Chair must be inclusive, and welcoming
- Organised and able to delegate – when organising activities the Chair should make sure the workload is shared

Despite the above responsibilities, the SPSA Chair will have the support of the growing committee and every member plays their part.

What is the SPSA?

A charity organisation of parents, teachers and the local community whose job it is to raise funds to support your children's education.

Where do the funds go?

All funds go back into the school to support the great opportunities your child takes part in.

Last year the SPSA paid for or subsidized: swimming lessons, Christmas pantos, school trips, Easter eggs and Sports Day lollies!

What's it really like being part of the SPSA?

Being a part of the SPSA means you get to socialise with other parents, plan, run and attend events and have your say in where funds go. You'll have more insight into your child's school experience by being an active part of the community.

Plus, meetings often involve a fireside evening in the pub!



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>Jack Gamage</i>	<i>Harloe Meade</i>	<i>Tommy Sheridan</i>
 Oak	<i>Peter Woolley</i>	<i>Johnathan Hill</i>	<i>Zara Montgomery</i>
 Maple	<i>Arthur Prior</i>	<i>Alice Cox</i>	<i>Oli Rees-Horsley</i>
 Willow	<i>Tom Morton</i>	<i>Martha Paulin</i>	<i>Layla Black</i>
 Headteacher's Award	<i>Olly Hollis</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.



For Current Judokas!



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

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.

Value of the term

Hope

Child quote of the term

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

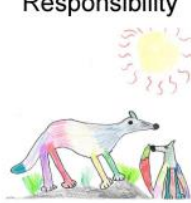
Question of the Week

What can we hope for each other?

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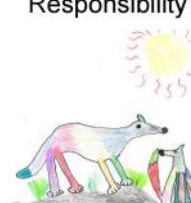
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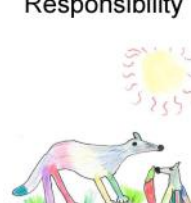
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I can demonstrate good choices	

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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.



Calendar



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

NOVEMBER

- Thursday 23rd - **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm
- Thursday 23rd - **VR Workshops** for Oak, Maple & Willow
- Friday 24th - **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm
- Monday 27th - **Big Christmas sing.**
- Tuesday 28th - Apple Tree **African drumming** workshop
- Wednesday 29th - **Hrothgar the Viking** visiting Willow class (**POSTPONED**)

DECEMBER

- Friday 1st - **Christmas Challenges start!**
- Tuesday 5th - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in Red Lion
- Thursday 7th - Save the Children - **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!**
- 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

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

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!

Please note:

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





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**



Strong
Christian
Ethos

Small,
Friendly Village
Setting

Weekly
Forest School
Sessions

Call **01865 880443**

or email **office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk**



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

