

Newsletter

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Friday 3rd November 2023



The judo taster morning was lots of fun! See inside for more details.



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Important Information



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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.

SPSA Meeting

There is an SPSA meeting next Tuesday (7th) at 8pm in Red Lion, Cassington. You can either pop to the pub (and enjoy a pint 😊) or join via Google Meet using the link below:

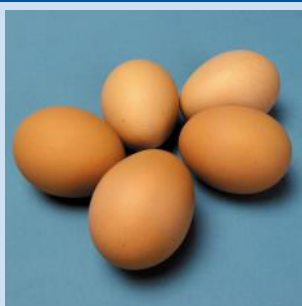
<https://meet.google.com/ypu-yfzo-gmh>



School photos are on Wednesday next week.

All children who have their photo taken will bring home a piece of paper with their name and a barcode on it, which you will be able to use to view the photo straight away. All the ordering is online via their website, and if you order before 18th November, you will be able to have it delivered to school for free.

If you would like to bring any younger siblings to be in the photos, please let Emily know. There is a slot between 8:45 and 9am which we have put aside for younger children to be included with their brother or sister.



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

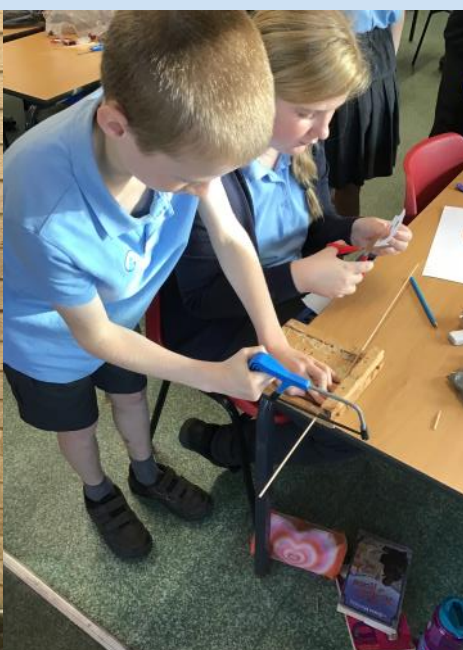
which we put towards the cost of their food and medicine.

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!)

In Willow class this week, we have been completing our Design and Technology (DT) major project for the academic year: researching, designing, building, flying and analysing a kite. We started out by researching different types of kites and how they are made; noting the resources and tools which we would need; taking time to build our kites using tools from our new DT kit and then testing our kites out on the school field. Fortunately, the weather dried up a bit today whilst also giving us a little breeze to sustain our kites. Next week, we will sit down and analyse what went well and what we could do to make our kites even better if we were to do the process again. Bradley said, "it was good testing our kites out because we enjoyed seeing them fly – it was then that we knew it was worth the effort building them!"

In an action-packed week, we were also able to try our hand at judo as Jonathan, Madeleine and Seren came in to put the 'fun' into the judo fundamentals such as falling, rolling and throwing. Martha said, "I loved the judo because I already do martial arts, but judo adds on to what I know. It was really fun. We had soft mats to land on so we didn't hurt ourselves and they did it slowly so that we could build our skills up. They made it enjoyable because they were lovely and bubbly."





Today we had a judo taster morning for each of the KS1 & 2 classes. All of the children seemed to enjoy it and there were lots of excited faces! Judo club is on Fridays, starting at 7:50am and is run by Jonathan Gerrans from the Oxfordshire Judo Club. To find out more, either speak to Emily in the office, or go to www.oxfordshirejudo.com Have a look at some of the children at the Oxfordshire clubs doing a training session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3121RgFYng>

Pub Quiz

In Aid of the Cassington
playground appeal

Saturday 11th November @ 7:30pm

Red Lion Cassington

Entry fee will be £5 per person with each entrant also being entered into a prize draw. There will be a prize for the winning team. All money raised will go the playground appeal.

Please note:

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





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!

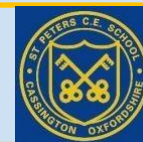
What's it really like being part of the SPSA?

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!



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term – it definitely feels like we are in the autumn term with the weather this week!

First of all, a big welcome to Georgia Akers who is our new After School Club leader. She comes with a wealth of experience working in a nursery for 7 ½ years and recently being the deputy manager. Georgia loves horses, so when she is not working with children, she will be found riding 'Whiz' and doing yard work. Georgia will also be strengthening the team for lunch duty and doing various TA cover in classes. Georgia will be a huge asset to the St Peter's family, and we are very happy that she is joining us.

At the end of last term, we had parent meetings and the teachers reported that conversations were hugely constructive, so thank you for working so closely in partnership with us. We also asked parents to complete a survey to give a snapshot of the school from a parent's perspective. Overall, the results are very pleasing. As ever, any issues need to be taken to the class teacher in the first instance where concerns can usually be resolved. Matters that need senior leadership will be dealt with by either me or Mr Miles. We always want to work with you to find a solution, keeping in mind the needs of the whole school community. Parents had one response per child and the response rate was 71 children out of 112. Thank you for your time in completing these. All input is noted and acted upon accordingly.

	My child is happy at school		My child feels safe at school		My child makes good progress at school		My child is well looked after at school		My child is taught well at school		My child receives appropriate homework for their age		The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	
Strongly Agree	42	60%	46	65%	49	69%	50	70%	51	71%	48	68%	42	59%
Agree	25	35%	21	29%	20	28%	18	26%	18	26%	20	28%	24	34%
Don't know	3	4%	3	4%	1	2%	0	0%	1	2%	3	4%	1	2%
Disagree	1	1%	1	2%	0	0%	3	4%	1	2%	0	0%	4	5%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	The school deals effectively with bullying		The school is well led and managed.		The school responds well to any concerns I raise		I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress		There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable		The school reflects the ethos and practices of a Church of England school		The school community lives by our school values	
Strongly Agree	35	49%	49	69%	53	74%	55	77%	51	72%	54	76%	51	72%
Agree	17	25%	16	23%	15	21%	15	21%	20	28%	13	18%	14	19%
Don't know	16	22%	1	2%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	2	3%	2	3%
Disagree	3	4%	3	4%	1	2%	1	2%	0	0%	1	2%	1	2%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%	2	3%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	3	4%

Thank you for your support in helping the children adhere to the uniform policy in the first term. Please can we ask that we aim to keep up these standards throughout the year and help the children to look as smart as possible and set the same high standards as all their other efforts in school. We have spare uniform available here, should you need to borrow any.

Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries



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>Reagan Skinner</i>	<i>Arlow Overmire</i>	<i>Eddie Thomson</i>
 Oak	<i>Caron Riding</i>	<i>Olivia Ostridge</i>	<i>Tommy Fleetwood</i>
 Maple	<i>Luke Wong</i>	<i>Raymond Brown</i>	<i>Abigail Andrews</i>
 Willow	<i>Ciara Overmire</i>	<i>Acton Forest</i>	<i>Bradley Knight</i>
 Headteacher's Award	<i>Alex Judd</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.

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.

FIREWORKS IN THE RED LION

Cassington Sports and Social Club, in conjunction with The Red Lion, proudly present an evening of food and fireworks. In aid of Cassington Playground

Sunday 5th November 2023

Burgers, Hotdogs and Chips will be served in the Red Lion from 4pm to raise money for the Cassington Playground Project.

Followed at 7pm by The Red Lion's firework spectacular.





WOOHOO... MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!



WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that you wear odd socks to work on Monday 13th November. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy ☺ Here's what you do:

1. **Make sure your child wears odd socks to school**
2. **Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work**
3. **If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.**

Monday
13TH
November

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 13th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



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PARTNER

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Value of the term

Hope

Child quote of the term

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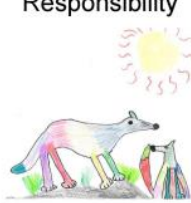
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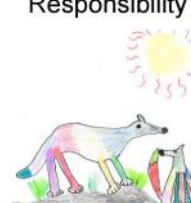
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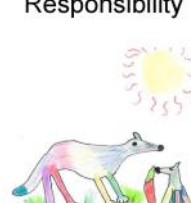
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Responsibility



- 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

- Tuesday 7th - PCSO Helen Keen in to see Apple Tree Class
- Tuesday 7th - SPSA meeting - 8pm in Red Lion
- Wednesday 8th - **School photos** - younger siblings welcome—please let Emily know.
- Thursday 9th - Year 6 **transition day** to Bartholomew School
- Please see ParentMail - **!!ACTION NEEDED!!**
- Monday 13th - **ODD SOCKS DAY!** Please see the poster near the back of this newsletter!
- Thursday 23rd - Colour Stay & Play in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm (**DATE CHANGE**)
- Thursday 23rd - VR Workshops for Oak, Maple & Willow
- Monday 27th - **Big Christmas sing.** (Please complete permission form if you were sent one)
- Tuesday 28th - Apple Tree **African drumming** workshop
- Wednesday 29th - 8:45am - Willow visitor (**DATE CHANGE**)

DECEMBER

- Friday 1st - **Christmas Challenges start!**
- Tuesday 5th - SPSA meeting - 8pm in Red Lion
- Friday 8th - Christmas Fair - 5:30pm to 7:30pm - more info to follow!
- Tuesday 12th - **KS1 nativity**— 1:30pm (Confirmed date)
- Wednesday 13th - 9:15am - KS1 & 2 **Panto trip** to Oxford
- Wednesday 13th - 1:15pm - EYFS **Panto trip** to Oxford
- Thursday 14th - Christmas Stay & Play in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm (**DATE CHANGE**)
- Thursday 14th - **KS1 nativity**— 6pm (Confirmed date)
- Friday 15th - Christmas **iRock** concert - 2:30pm
- Tuesday 19th - Apple Tree Nativity - 2pm to 3pm
- 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**

EPA ART COMPETITION

WE HAVE A COMPETITION OPEN TO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS OF PUPILS WITHIN EPA: FOUNDATION STAGE, KS1, KS2, KS3 & KS4.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR BUDDING ARTISTS TO SUBMIT AN A4 OR A3 PIECE OF ARTWORK TO BRIGHTEN UP OUR CENTRAL TEAM OFFICES.

YOUR ARTWORK SHOULD BE INSPIRED BY THE EPA VALUES

EPA VALUES

- WE VALUE EVERYONE **EQUALLY**.
- WE **LISTEN** AND TREAT PEOPLE **FAIRLY**.
- WE ARE **OPTIMISTIC** AND **ENTHUSIASTIC**.
- WE ARE **GENEROUS** AND SHARE IDEAS.
- WE WORK WITH **CARE, INTEGRITY** AND **OPENNESS**.

TO ENTER:

- PROVIDE YOUR HEADTEACHER WITH ENTRIES NO LATER THAN **FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2023**
- DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME, CLASS, KEY STAGE, SCHOOL AND AGE WRITE IT ON THE BACK OF YOUR ARTWORK!
- MAXIMUM OF 2 ENTRIES PER PUPIL

THE TEAM AT THE CENTRAL TEAM OFFICE WILL JUDGE THE ENTRIES AND AT LEAST ONE PIECE OF ARTWORK FROM EACH KEY STAGE WILL BE CHOSEN AS THE WINNER AND HAVE THEIR ARTWORK DISPLAYED ON THE WALLS OF THE OFFICES.



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

**CREATE AN
A4 CHRISTMAS
PICTURE USING
PAINT, CRAYONS
OR CHALK.**

**(PLEASE DO NOT USE
GLITTER OR COTTON WOOL)**



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

**WIN AN
IPAD!**

**... AND A PACK OF
CHRISTMAS CARDS
DISPLAYING THE
WINNING DESIGN**



Please write your name, age and school on the back and hand in your picture to the cook. Your school will then send all the entries before 17/11/2023 to Dolce Ltd, 5 Cromwell Park, York Road Industrial Estate, Wetherby, Yorkshire, LS22 7SU and we will announce a nationwide winner on 21/11/2023.

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

