

Newsletter

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Friday 20th October 2023



Maple Class had a lovely time at the Story Museum and walking through Oxford.



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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.



Important Information



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 all everyone.

Flu Vaccinations

On 2nd October, all parents of children in Reception to year 6 were sent a ParentMail about Flu immunisations, which will be held on Wednesday 1st November (The letter is also at the end of this newsletter).

You will need to give consent if you want your child to receive the vaccination. If you DON'T give consent, please submit the form saying that. Then we won't keep chasing you!

We still have about 20% of the school who haven't replied. You won't be able to submit consent after Monday 30th October so please do it as soon as you can! Thank you.

JUDO taster morning

On Friday 3rd November (first Friday back after half term) Jonathan Gerrans from Oxfordshire Judo Clubs will be giving KS1 & 2 a Judo taster morning. Oak, Maple & Willow will each have half an hour watching some older children do a display and then having a go 'on the mat'. Please make sure they have got appropriate clothing to change into so they can take part. If they have a judo suit please bring that, otherwise they will need **loose, long clothing such as joggers and a long sleeve top.** If they need to, they can use their PE kit, but it won't be as easy for them to join in. (On this occasion it doesn't matter what colour the clothes are). **Please could Oak come into school ready for judo and bring their school uniform with them.** Have a look at some of the children at the Oxfordshire clubs doing a training session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3121RgFYng>



We have had a brilliant start to the school year in Maple Class!

English

Our English lessons have been full of creative writing. Our book, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter,' has engaged all and the children have come up with some brilliant ideas. We have explored the use of imagery including similes, metaphors and personification and the children have written some wonderful setting descriptions building suspense and anticipation before the final firework competition.

Inspired by our trip to Oxford, we have written non-chronological reports on famous Oxford authors such as Philip, Pullman, C.S. Lewis and Lewis Carroll. The children have impressed us with their ability to retain and recall facts.

Story Museum trip

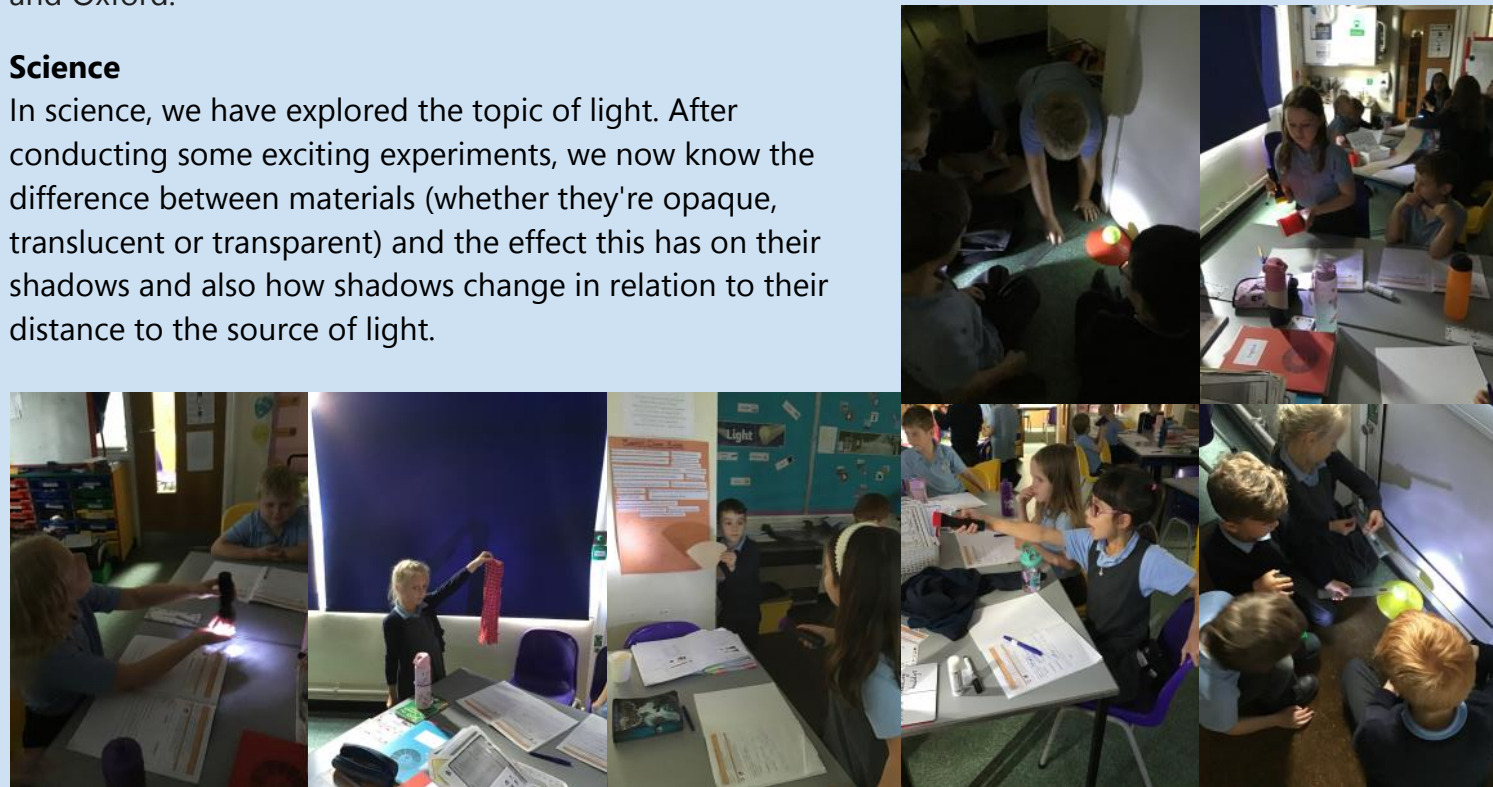
Our trip to the story museum was full of fun. The children were read exciting stories, took part in a drama class where they flew through different portals into their own imaginary worlds, they explored the different galleries allowing them to step into Narnia and the world of Alice in Wonderland and they had a beautiful walk around Oxford to learn about three authors.



Our topic has been a study of our local area. We have explored the differences between Cassington and our closest city - Oxford. We also had a worrying letter from an alien called Zog who threatened to crush parts of Cassington for a new intergalactic supermarket! Thankfully, our letters in response were so convincing we persuaded him not to! After half term, we will be exploring the history of Cassington, Witney and Oxford.

Science

In science, we have explored the topic of light. After conducting some exciting experiments, we now know the difference between materials (whether they're opaque, translucent or transparent) and the effect this has on their shadows and also how shadows change in relation to their distance to the source of light.



Maths

This term, we have been looking at both mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. We have been making use of dienes, counters and lots of pictorial representations to support our learning and the children have been incredibly creative and resourceful when doing so.

Mandarin

In Mandarin, we have been learning the numbers, greetings, months and days and have also been practising some calligraphy. The children have thrown themselves into our lessons and are thoroughly enjoying it.



Art

In our first couple of lessons, we used paints to create different tints and shades for an array of colours. We then explored everyday items and objects and how we can use tints and shades to bring them to life.





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 and Carers,

As we come to the end of this first term, it is a great time to reflect on how hard the children have been working and the progress that has been made. Certainly, when I am in classes and looking at books, I am always delighted by how far the children have come since September. The staff are immensely proud of all the children's achievements both in and outside the classroom, and as always, we thank you all for your support at home.

Hopefully you found your parents' evening informative and you are pleased with how your children's books are looking and the progress they are making. We always welcome open dialogue between teachers and parents so if you have any questions, concerns or want to share something your child is proud of, please do not hesitate to speak to staff at the end of the day.

The celebration assemblies this term have been an absolute delight. Every week I am blown away by the comments teachers make about the children. In any one assembly, we hear so many examples of the children living out our vision and values - our children seem to be wise beyond their years!

Last week we had our iRock assembly where Whitney came to showcase what a school band looks like. New children have signed up as a result of this and there are still more spaces available if you want your child to join after half term. The children really do get so much out of it and alongside learning an instrument, it really boosts confidence in skills like performing on stage in front of an audience.

I hope you all have a lovely break, and we look forward to welcoming you back for the festivities that next term brings!

Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

Value of the term

Friendship

Child quote of the term

Friendship is a rope that cannot be cut
—Teddy Metcalf

Question of the Week

What lengths would you go to,
to help a friend?

'R' of the Term

Reciprocity

Reciprocity



I can share what I did	
I can share my ideas	
I want to know more	

Reciprocity



I can listen to others carefully	
I can discuss ideas clearly and work together	
I can imagine the thoughts and feelings of others	

Reciprocity



- I can **recognise** when to work alone or with others
- I can **listen** to others carefully
- I can **demonstrate** understanding of other views
- I can **discuss** ideas clearly and help others learn
- I can **innovate** with others' ideas and ways of learning
- I can **evaluate** different points of view and adapt my methods

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>

OCTOBER

Monday 23rd—Friday 27 **HALF TERM**

Monday 30th - **INSET DAY**

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st - **Flu vaccinations** for Reception, KS1 & KS2. Please make sure you have completed the online permission slip. (Details were sent via ParentMail)

Friday 3rd - **Judo taster for all classes** (See below)

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

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 Fayre - more info to follow!

Wednesday 13th - 9:15am - KS1 & 2 **Panto trip** to Oxford

Wednesday 13th - 1:15pm - EYFS **Panto trip** to Oxford

Please note:

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



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.



**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.

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

Dear Parents and Pupils,

With the October Half Term fast approaching the Excel Tennis Academy will again be running a holiday course in Witney from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October.



We have sessions for children aged: 4 - 7 , 8 - 10 and 11 - 16. All children are split into groups based on age and ability so that they all get a great experience and have fun whilst learning.

Places are limited on our courses so please book early to avoid missing out.

You can book Individual days or Full Weeks Courses

For more information or to book your place please visit our website using this link:

<https://www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/october-half-term-booking>

We would also like to offer you a 10% discount on your booking. Please use discount code 'SCHOOL' on your booking form'

We look forward to seeing you on court soon.

Fresh eggs

For those of you who are new to the school, we have school chickens!

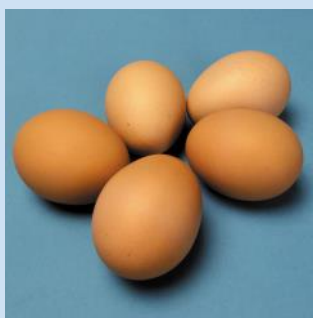
If you would like some of our delicious eggs, we ask for a contribution of

£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!)



HALF TERM TENNIS COURSE



**Monday 23rd October -
Friday 27th October**

 **Witney Lawn
Tennis Club**

Half Day:

09:00 - 12:00 £135

or 12:30 - 15:30 £135

Full Day (ages 6 - 16):

09:00 - 15:30 £243

Short Course (ages 4 - 7):

9:00 - 11:00 or 12:30 - 14:30 £90

Individual Day Bookings Available:

Half Day or Full Day
£36 £65

Ages 4 - 16

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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.





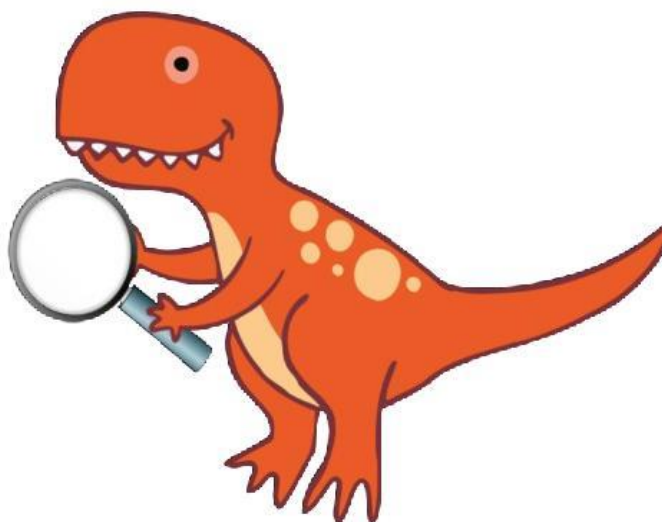
Dino Digital Detectives

Name	
Class	
Potential harmful activity detected	
Date handed to office	

Action	
Review	

Unlocking....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives



**This letter contains important information
about your child's flu vaccination. Please
submit the Consent Form promptly.**



Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's annual flu vaccination is due
ST PETERS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL CASSINGTON
1st November 2023

The annual school aged Flu vaccination programme is, this year, being offered to all children in Reception – Year 6. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and sometimes causes serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily so vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable e.g babies and older people. This is particularly important as COVID-19 is still circulating and people at risk of flu are also vulnerable to the complications of COVID-19.

For most children, the vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. In some circumstances it is necessary to administer the vaccine by intramuscular injection, but this is always discussed with parents/carers beforehand. You may also choose for the vaccination to be administered by intramuscular injection if you object to the nasal vaccination on the grounds of its contents (eg Porcine Gelatine) or if the vaccine is otherwise unsuitable. The intramuscular injection, if required, will also be delivered in school on the date above.

How do I provide Consent for my child to receive the vaccine?

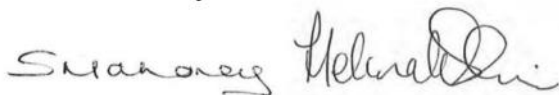
It is important that you first read the information in the Flu Leaflet [Child flu vaccine - NHS](#) which includes details about the programme and the small number of children who may not be able to have the nasal spray. Due to the checking process' required please follow the steps below at least one full school day before the session to ensure your child can be vaccinated at school. Community clinics will be available across the county if your child has not been vaccinated in the school session.

1. **Click** the link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
2. **Enter** the Unique School Code **OX140915**
3. **Complete** the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are REFUSING the vaccination*.

Information regarding the Flu Vaccination and Asthma and what to do if you change your mind is available below. Further information is also available at www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/ including information about all our vaccination programmes.

If you need to contact us, please email immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk. If you require help to complete the Consent Form please call the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 and we will be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely,



Susan Mahoney and Helena Uddin
Immunisation County Team Leads

Further Information

Refusal of Vaccination- If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, and you would prefer not to be contacted again by our service this academic year regarding the Flu Vaccine, please complete a consent form selecting NO consent.

Asthma or other illness – We may not be able to safely vaccinate your child on the arranged date if your child is asthmatic and in the 3 days (72hrs) before the vaccination session your child has any of the following ...

- They have increased wheezing
and/or
- have increased the use of their Bronchodilator
and/or
- they are currently taking or have been prescribed steroid tablets to control their asthma in the two weeks prior to the vaccination session in school

If the above occurs It is **very important** that you provide a written note with your child's name, dob, year group and the updating information to be given to the vaccination team on the day of vaccination. If your child is too young to be able to do this, please hand the letter to the school reception and ask that it is given to the vaccination team as they arrive and **mark it as urgent**. Please **also call** the Immunisation Team on 07920 254 400 before 08:45 on the day of vaccination.

Withdrawing Consent/Vaccination given at GP Practice after Consent Form submitted –

If you submit a Consent Form and then change your mind and no longer wish your child to be vaccinated

or

you submit a Consent Form and then your child has their vaccination at the GP Practice before the school session

Please email withdrawconsentSAIS@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk at least one full school day before the session **and** on the day of the vaccination session provide a written note to your child's School Reception for the urgent attention of the Immunisation Team. Please state in the letter and in the email subject heading, your child's school, name, year group and date of birth.

Translated Flu Leaflet- The Flu leaflet is also available in the following languages [Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese \(simplified\)](#), [Chinese \(traditional, Cantonese\)](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Panjabi](#), [Pashto](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#) and [Yiddish](#).

**By providing a valid email address you will receive an automatic email confirming that you have completed the Consent Form. You will receive a further email following the vaccination session confirming and providing information regarding the vaccination that has been given or providing a reason why we may not have vaccinated your child eg if unwell or absent. These emails will be from school.immunisations@nhs.net and may go direct to your Junk folder.*