

Newsletter

3

Friday 6th October 2023



Apple Tree enjoyed a visit from the Fire and Rescue Service!



Office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk



01865 880443



www.st-petersoxon.co.uk



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.



Important Information



Contacting Staff Outside School Hours

Please remember that staff need to keep their private lives and professional lives separate.

Nobody should be messaging staff and asking questions about school. This not only intrudes on staff 'down-time', it can also put them in an uncomfortable position.

If you have a query or a problem, the first port of call is usually your child's class teacher.

If it's a query that Emily can help with, please email her at the office email address. If it is requesting term-time absence, please pick up a form from Emily in the first instance. If it's something other parents can help with, then you will probably get answers on the St Peter's Parents' Facebook site. Thank you for your co-operation.

Adults on site

Please could we remind you that you must be accompanied by a member of staff when you are in the school building. We do not allow unaccompanied access as this creates a safeguarding issue for both children and adults. If you need to pass a message to a member of staff, then you can do so via the member of staff on the gate or Emily in the office.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent - what you must do:

- Either log your child's absence on ParentMail, phone us and leave a message or email the office, before 8.45am for each day of your child's absence.
- Tell us in advance, of any medical appointments (preferably by email).
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival. If we think they are unwell, we will ring you. (If they have had vomiting or diarrhoea, they must stay away for 48 hours)
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance or lateness, please talk to us so we can help!

What we will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

St Peter's CE Primary School, Cassington



After School Club Leader

Grade 6 (£22,777 per annum FTE)
12 hours per week, term-time only
3 – 5.30 pm Mon-Thurs and 3 – 4.30pm Fri

Required to start ASAP

St Peter's CE Primary School are looking to appoint a leader for our After School Club

We are looking for someone who:

- Has a clear vision for running successful wraparound care
- Is an effective communicator
- Is well organised and can model good practice to the team
- Can plan and deliver a wide range of multi-activity sessions
- Maintain a positive team culture and fun child-friendly atmosphere
- Help promote the service and the activities to parents and children

As a leader you will:

- Plan and prepare for activities
- Create a refreshment and snack plan for the week
- Write and update risk assessments for activities
- Liaise with parents and carers
- Ensure that everyone working in the service provides an excellent experience for the children and high standards of care are maintained
- Follow school's policies
- Follow schools safeguarding procedures to safeguard pupils and staff

There will be opportunities for your ongoing professional development, including the possibility of additional TA hours.

Closing date: Thursday 12th October 2023

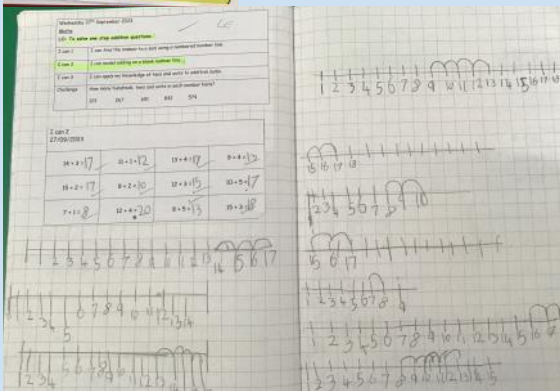
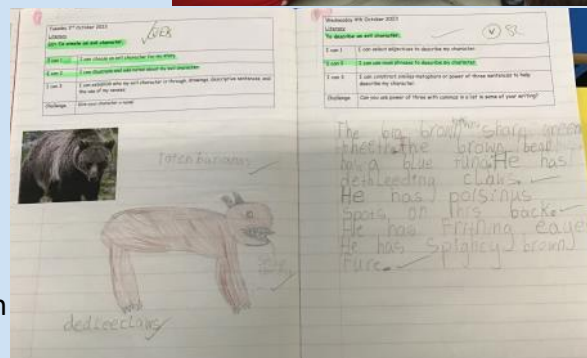
Interview: Wednesday 18th October 2023

For more information, please email Emily—office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk

Everyone in Oak Class has made a fabulous start to the new school year. Year 2 children are enjoying the responsibility of being the older ones whilst Year 1 have settled quickly into the new routines of Oak Class. We have been loving our fairytale topic. We have been embracing the magic in Topic, English, Art and story time! In Oak Class, we are loving stories, with the children taking every opportunity to enjoy a good book. It's superb to see the children's enthusiasm for reading and listening to favourite stories. "Can we have a story?" is heard often during a regular day in Oak!



In English, we have been studying the fairy tale of Little Red Riding Hood. Now we are pros at retelling it, we have started to change it slightly- creating our own new 'baddie' character to replace the wolf. Needless to say, our imaginations lit up and we conjured up the most gruesome and cruel beings 'who smelt like curdled milk and rotten eggs'! I could not believe the vocabulary that came out of your children first off - without any prompting - hugely impressive!



In Maths (non- topic related) we have been tackling addition and subtraction on number lines. The children have been learning to count forward and back to solve the different sums. In just two weeks they have improved so much. Some of the children are already looking at breaking numbers down into tens and units to help them add larger numbers. A super start to the maths year - I can already see many budding math-e-magicians!

In our Science lessons this term, we are learning about materials and their uses. We have looked at different types of materials, thinking about words we could use to describe their properties. Last week, we did an experiment to find which material was the most absorbent. The children worked very carefully as scientists, sharing the tasks between their group, using skills of measuring and observing. Their predictions were mostly accurate with only one or two surprising results.



This term, we are trying to extend some of our learning into our outside area. So, following our Science investigation, the children had the chance to investigate further how absorbent different materials are. The children have also had the opportunity to explore 2D and 3D shapes, our current Maths topic. Whilst outside, the children have clearly enjoyed the chance to be a little creative, constructing their own models from wooden pegs and lolly sticks and re-enacting stories which we have read. We've started to have 'Busy Time', last thing on a Thursday, when the children get to choose an outside activity or do some computing on the chromebooks, or do some fine motor skills tasks. They all seem to be

really enjoying it and are working sensibly on their chosen activity.

In art we created fairy tale woods - through watercolours, collage and some mark making. The outcomes were all so individual and atmospheric. We were hugely impressed by our mini artists - a truly creative and inspiring group!

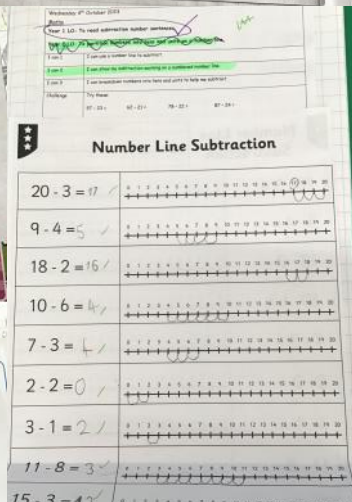
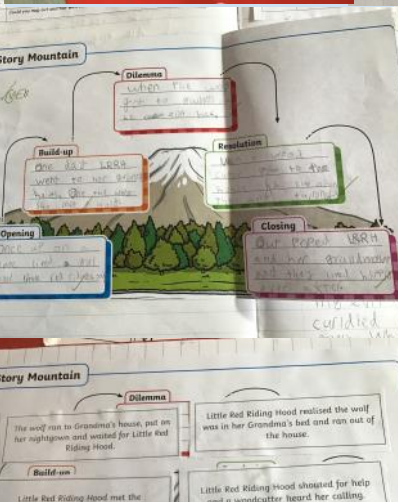
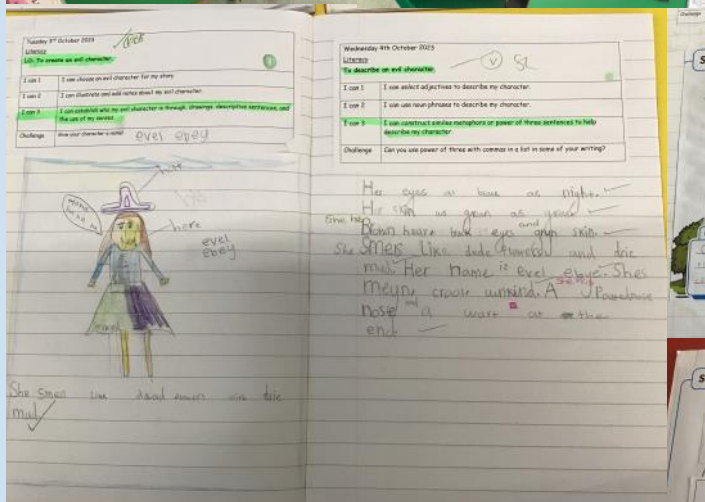
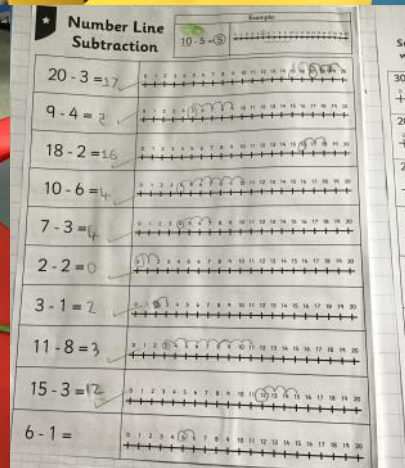


In R.E, we have been learning about the story of Moses, thinking about how he led the Israelite people. I've been impressed with how much of the story the children have remembered and the questions that they have been asking. Having made pictures of Moses and the Israelites being led by a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud, the children considered how Moses and the Israelites must have felt at this point in the story.

On Friday afternoons, Mrs Jordan, a specialist Music teacher comes into Oak Class (along with her ukulele) to teach a Music lesson. The children are loving these sessions which end with the whole class singing in full voice accompanied by Mrs Jordan and her ukulele. This bodes well for the forthcoming Christmas nativity which Oak will be performing next term!



It has been a busy start to the year in Oak. We are very proud of all that the children have achieved in their first few weeks!



St Peter's Church & Cassington Village Hall

Back by popular demand

HARVEST

BARN DANCE & SUPPER

7th OCTOBER 2023

Doors open 6pm - late



*Tickets also available
from Emily in the office!*

*Tickets also available
from Emily in the office!*

*Live music in the Village Hall with
The Larkrise Ranters Ceilidh Band
Ploughman's supper included in ticket.*

Drinks at pay bar.

Advance tickets only

*Family tickets available!
(2 adults & 2 children)
£25*

Adults £10 Under 16s £5

*Family tickets available!
(2 adults & 2 children)
£25*

Contact:

Adie Gregory 07940 533614 gregory1955@hotmail.co.uk

Jan Macdonald 07941 419219 janmacdonald78@aol.com

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). Have a look at some of the children at the Oxfordshire clubs doing a training session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3121RgFYng>



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

OCTOBER

- Tuesday 10th - 9am - Apple Tree visitor
- Tuesday 10th - SPSA AGM - in the Red Lion at 7:30pm. All welcome!
- Monday 16th - **Parents Evenings** for Maple & Willow
- Wednesday 18th - Oak class - Fairy Tale 'WOW' day
- Wednesday 18th - **Parents Evenings** for Apple, Oak & Maple
- Thursday 19th - Autumn Stay & Play in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm (DATE CHANGE)
- Thursday 19th - **Parents Evenings** for Apple, Oak & Willow

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)
- Wednesday 8th - **School photos** - younger siblings welcome—please let Emily know.
- Thursday 9th - Year 6 **transition day** to Bartholomew School



Information



HARVEST CELEBRATION AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

Sunday 8th October at 3pm

followed by afternoon tea

For all ages - everyone welcome

Contributions of non-perishable items will be gratefully received for local Food Banks. A list of items can be found on the North Oxford Food Bank web site.

Financial donations can also be made directly to:

North Oxfordshire Food Bank

<https://www.givefood.org.uk/needs/at/north-oxfordshire/>

Eynsham Food Bank

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/eynsham-heroes-community-support-fund>

North Oxfordshire Food Bank is currently requesting the following items to be donated:

Tins Or Packets Of Soup
Bottled Or Tinned Sauces
Tins Of Meat
Tins Of Vegetables
Tins Of Fish
Tinned Vegetarian Meals
Tins Of Baked Beans
Tins/cartons Of Tomatoes
Tinned Potatoes Or Instant Mash
Pasta, Rice, Noodles
Breakfast Cereals
Tins Of Fruit
Tins Of Sponge And Milk Puddings
Tins Or Packets Of Custard
Tea Or Coffee
Other Hot Beverages
Small Packets Of Sugar
UHT/powdered Milk
Long-life Fruit Juice
Biscuits, Jams Etc
Treats
Toilet Rolls
Cleaning Materials
Washing-up Liquid Etc
Liquid Or Table "Soap Powder"

Fresh eggs

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

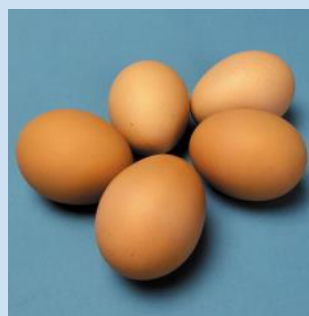
If you would like some of our delicious eggs, we ask for a contribution of

£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!)





A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week in assembly, Mr Miles explored more Growth Mindset principles with the children. They looked at Clare Balding's book 'Fall Off, Get Back On, Keep Going' and went through examples of sportspeople who overcame great challenges and obstacles by employing these principles. By regularly referring to others' accomplishments where they have shown great resilience and a 'never give up' attitude, we hope this mindset in the children will become natural. Later in the term we are going to link this with a book competition where children can win books (like the book reviews last year) by finding characters in books that show a growth mindset. We hope this will be a lot of fun and further develop the children's love of books. We will give you more details of this before half term.

In other news, Apple Tree class had a fire engine visit which is part of the children's 'Superheroes' topic this term. The children had the chance to operate a hose, get in the fire engine and dress up in some of the gear! Later in the term, the class will also have PCSO Helen Keen, and a dentist visiting to share their experiences as a superhero!

Emily is very excited that most of her new Chicken Leader recruits are now fully trained up! It is a big commitment which often includes weekends. Duties include feeding them, changing their water, egg collecting, poo picking, and showering them with love! Thank you to all the families who support us in doing this.

Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries



Mrs Cluckington



Information



Dear Parent/Carers,

Please find this terms Primary Newsletter from the School Health Nursing Team.

<https://sway.office.com/m5mnQfF9soyh9RbE?ref=email&loc=play>

Many Thanks

*School Health Nurses,
Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust*

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.

Please note:

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



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

Childcare Vouchers Accepted!

info@exceltennis.co.uk

www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk



Value of the term

Friendship

Child quote of the term

Friendship is a rope that cannot be cut
—Teddy Metcalf

Question of the Week

Is it easy to be friends again after
falling out?

'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.



Awards of the Week



Awards of the Week

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>Friendship</i>	'R' Award— <i>Reciprocity</i>
 Apple	<i>Eli Beesley</i>	<i>Albie Ashworth</i>	<i>George Fisher</i>
 Oak	<i>Zeraphina Muir</i>	<i>Maeve Forest</i>	<i>Peter Woolley & Elsa Mushava</i>
 Maple	<i>Leo Seidel</i>	<i>Esmae Overmire</i>	<i>Finley Britton</i>
 Willow	<i>Lukas Troup</i>	<i>Hayden Jeeves</i>	<i>Wolfie Lee</i>
 Headteacher's Award	<i>Alicia Seidel</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.

BE SMART ONLINE



S

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.



M

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

THINK
U
KNOW
CO.UK

A

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.



R

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.



T

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

