Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023



Apple Tree harvesting tomatoes

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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

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 diarrheoa, 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.

SPSA News

We hope you all had a nice summer – we are looking forward to planning for the new school year and welcome to any parents reading this. Our AGM is planned for Tuesday 10 October in the 7.30pm in the Red Lion, and afterwards we will start looking at our plans for Christmas!

Free school meals



There is a form coming home today about Free School Meals. Often people don't realise they are eligible for free school meals, so we ask everyone to complete the form, and this way we are able to check for you. Not only will your child receive free school meals, but school could be eligible for some top-up funding.

Please complete it regardless of what year your child is in, even if your child is in Reception, yr 1 or yr 2 and already receives free school meals. (That is 'Universal free school meals' and a completely different system!)

Apple Tree

We have had such a wonderful start to the new school year, seeing lots of familiar faces and meeting new ones. It is so lovely to hear everyone's summer news and to see everyone building and forming friendships with each other.



Our topic this term is Superheroes, so we have begun by getting to know each other and learning all about ourselves and our families. We will be thinking about what makes us unique and how we are super! Of course, we have had the capes outside and have been running around like a superhero but have also discovered that some superpowers are inside us, which can't be seen, like kindness.

We will be looking at real life superheroes within our community and have some exciting visitors coming into Apple Tree to talk to us about their careers. Children will be thinking about themselves as an individual and how they can stay healthy, develop good hygiene routines and be their best self!

There has been lots of collaging and painting happening, learning how to stick different materials and learning how to mix colours to create new ones. Have a look at your child's artwork frame when you are next in Apple Tree!





The children have loved harvesting the food from the garden and Forest School, looking for when the food is ready to pick and then trying some at snack. They have harvested tomatoes, beans, cucumber, potatoes and raspberries!

With an unusually hot start to the term we enjoyed lots of water play and some hose pipe fun to cool down!













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!

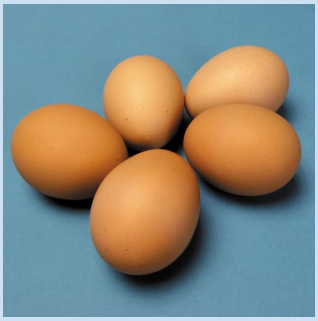
If you would like some of our delicious eggs, we ask for a contribution of

£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!)



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— ***Friendship***	'R' Award— ***Reciprocity***
 **Apple**	*John Joe Allen*	*Rowan Johnson*	*Reuben Walker*
 **Oak**	*Henry Dixon*	*Molly Rees-Horsley*	*Phoebe Knight*
 **Maple**	*Alex Judd*	*Zoe Thomson*	*Tomas Troup*
 **Willow**	*Rueben Faulkner*	*Isla Chapman*	*Teddy Cooke*
 **Headteacher's Award**	*Bradley Knight* & *Lucas Cox*		

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

Child-led football training



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

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 23rd - 10:30am - Training for some of Chicken pupil leadership group

Tuesday 26th - Yr 3 & 4 EPA **Tennis** event - 9:30-11:30 at Bartholomew

Friday 29th - Superhero **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm

Saturday 30th - 3pm - Training for some of Chicken pupil leadership group

OCTOBER

Monday 2nd - 10am - Apple Tree visitors

Tuesday 10th - 9am - Apple Tree visitor

Tuesday 10th - SPSA AGM - in the Red Lion, Cassington at 7:30pm. All welcome!

Thursday 12th - 8:45am - Willow visitor

W/C Monday 16th - Parents Evenings for all classes

Wednesday 18th - 1pm - Oak visitor

Friday 20th - Autumn **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm

Monday 23rd—Friday 27 HALF TERM

Monday 30th - INSET DAY

A Message From Mr Jeffries

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we had the first celebration assembly of the new academic year. It was fantastic to hear about all the children's hard work and there were lots of comments from teachers about seeing the vision and values in action. It was especially heartwarming to hear examples of friendship and the positive ripples children are sending throughout the school.

The strong support from home has really been noticed by staff; there has been regular reading with children and lots of encouragement with homework. The uniform has also generally been very smart indeed. Thank you for all your efforts with helping us set out and maintain these high standards.

Year six children have now completed the 'Bikeability' course where they learned about bike and road safety. These are such important life skills and we are extremely thankful to Windrush Bike Project who came in to facilitate this for us.

A key focus this year for the children is developing a growth mindset. This is about helping the children to develop skills that they can use when encountering problems. It is going from a fixed mindset of 'I can't do this' to the growth mindset of 'I'm determined to succeed'. We will share more on this during the year, but this short clip gives the general idea. This is nothing new and you may well be aware of these terms. It is how we have always thought about our learning during the school day, but this year we have decided it will be useful for the children to refer to these terms explicitly.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1CHPnZfFmU

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

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

When do you need good friends the most?

'R' of the Term

Reciprocity

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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.

St Peter's Church & Cassington Village Hall

Back by popular demand

HARVEST

BARN DANCE & SUPPER

7th OCTOBER 2023

Doors open 6pm – late



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

Adults £10 Under 16s £5

Tickets also available from Emily in the office!

Contact:

Adie Gregory 07940 533614 gregory1955@hotmail.co.uk

Jan Macdonald 07941 419219 janmacdonald78@aol.com



YOUR CHILD CAN NOW JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND!

Enrol today!
Visit www.irockschool.com/enrol

Dear Parent / Guardian,

September bookings are now open for rock and pop band lessons at your child's school! This letter will tell you how your child could experience being in their own iRock band every week.

Our band lessons are not only fun but they can massively help develop your child's life skills: boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing, developing social skills and even helping to improve their academic performance.

How it works:

- There is no experience necessary to join and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their band mates in 30 minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will guide your child through every session.
- Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6 with children grouped by age. Children choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- The band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, a great way to show you just how far they have come.
- ***NEW*** Your child can achieve a brand new music qualification, regulated by RSL awards. More information about our new qualification coming soon!
- ***NEW*** Access the iRock parent portal to see your child's band memories, song choice, manage your subscription and much more!

The highlight of your child's week for £38.95 per month (no payment in August). Our iRock subscription is designed to give parents full flexibility rather than having to commit to an entire year or term. The subscription guarantees a minimum lesson quota of 33 lessons in each academic year.

You can register your child's interest today by visiting **www.irockschool.com**, email **info@irockschool.com** or call **0330 174 2655**. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Founder
iRock School of Music

"I haven't seen our child this inspired for a long time. His dad and I are very impressed and this is really helping his confidence!"

PROUD PARENT

REGISTER NOW!

GOSFORD ALL BLACKS
OPEN WEEKEND



Sunday 24 September

Try out our free session. Free hotdog afterwards for all children taking part!

9.30am From age 4 to school year 6 (boys) and year 7 (girls)

10:00am SEND friendly-family session. Age 4 - 17

11.00am School year 7 and year 8 to 13 (boys)

2.00pm - 3.30pm School year 8 to 13 (girls)

Stratfield Brake Sports Ground - OX5 1UP

Book your spot:
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WWW.GOSFORDRUGBY.COM

Gosford All Blacks
Rugby Football Club

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BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATIONS

AND MUCH MORE!



14 OCTOBER 2023 | FROM 10AM

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OR SCAN THE CODE TO BUY ONLINE

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Design your own Mous-terpiece

and see it brought to life by BAFTA award-winning prop maker

Blenheim Palace is calling out to budding young artists and designers to win a fantastic competition which will guarantee a Christmas to remember for all the family.

The diminutive, costumed characters have been a "mice" feature in Blenheim Palace's indoor Christmas trails for many years – and this year is no exception as they will appear as part of the reimagining of Sleeping Beauty. To celebrate, the Palace is giving children aged ten and under the chance to design a Sleeping Beauty-inspired costume, which will be worn by one of the mice in the beautifully-themed State Rooms. The mouse could be wearing a hat, glasses, ballgown, suit of armour or even a onesie! Children can use felt tips, pencils, crayons, paint, or any other medium they choose.

A winner will be selected in early October and their fabulous costume will be handmade by award-winning TV and film prop maker Clare Elliott, who has made models for family favourites such as Postman Pat and Wind in the Willows. The carefully costumed mous-terpiece will be displayed for thousands of visitors to enjoy during the six-week season inside the Palace, after which the winning child will be sent their mouse model to treasure forever.

The fantastic prize does not end there – with the winner receiving six tickets for their family and friends to the exclusive preview evening of Christmas at Blenheim Palace, on Thursday, November 16. The preview will include a walk around the mesmerising outdoor illuminated trail, which meanders around the glorious grounds of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. The mous-tonishing prize also includes a festive Afternoon Tea for six at The Orangery and a special goody bag filled with treats from Hotel Chocolat. Finally, the winner will receive a short break for up to six people at Blenheim Palace Lodge Retreat, brought to you by Darwin Escapes, to be taken any time between Monday 13th November and Thursday 21st December 2023 (subject to availability).

It's not a case of winner takes all either – there are four runners-up prizes for a family ticket to the exclusive preview on November 16 in each age group – 4 and under, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10.

How to Enter:

1. Download the mouse template sheet from our competition website page and print it off – you can choose to print either the colour version or the black and white version. https://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/christmas/christmas-competition/

2. Your child (between the ages of 2 – 10) can draw a costume on to the mouse using their own choice of artistic medium, whether this be felt tips, pencils, crayons or paint

3. Take a photo of / scan in the finished sheet and save as a digital file

4. Complete the entry form on our competition website page with the digital file entry sheet included. (This part must be done by an adult aged 18 or over).

Issued by Destination Marketing on behalf of Sony Music and Blenheim Palace. Contact matt.dixon@wearedestination.com or call 07884 938305 for more information.

COMPETITION DETAILS:

- Launch Friday 15th September
- Closing date for entries Monday 2nd October
- Calling all young artists, budding designers and costume creators…it's your chance to win a very special Blenheim Palace Christmas prize for you and your family….
- We would like you to imagine and design an amazing costume for one of the tiny mice who appear in the themed State rooms at the Palace this Christmas. This year, the theme is Sleeping Beauty, so we would like your mouse's costume to be inspired by the Sleeping Beauty story. Use felt tips, pencils, crayons, paint or whatever other artistic medium you choose!

WINNER'S PRIZE

The winner's mouse and their fabulous costume will be handmade into a perfectly crafted model by award-winning TV and film prop maker Clare Elliot (who has made models for Postman Pat, Wind in the Willows, Mars Attacks! and more) and go on display in the Palace for the festive season along with all of the other exquisite Sleeping Beauty themed decorations. In the New Year, the winner will then be sent their mouse model to treasure and keep forever.

And that's not all – the winner will also receive six tickets for their family and friends to the Exclusive Preview of Christmas at Blenheim Palace on Thursday 16th November, with entry to Sleeping Beauty inside the Palace from 4pm where they can spot their 'mousterpiece' proudly on display! They will also receive six tickets for the Illuminated Trail within the Blenheim Palace grounds, running from 6pm on Thursday 16th November, as well as a Christmas themed afternoon tea for six at The Orangery and a special goody bag filled with treats from Hotel Chocolat to be picked up on the day. Last but certainly not least they will receive a short break for up to 4 people at Blenheim Palace Lodge Retreat, brought to you by Darwin Escapes (A short break for 6 people in a 3 bed lodge, to be taken any time between Monday 13th November – Thursday 21st December 2023, subject to availability).

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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**

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.

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Potential harmful activity detected	
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Action	
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Unlocking….

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives

