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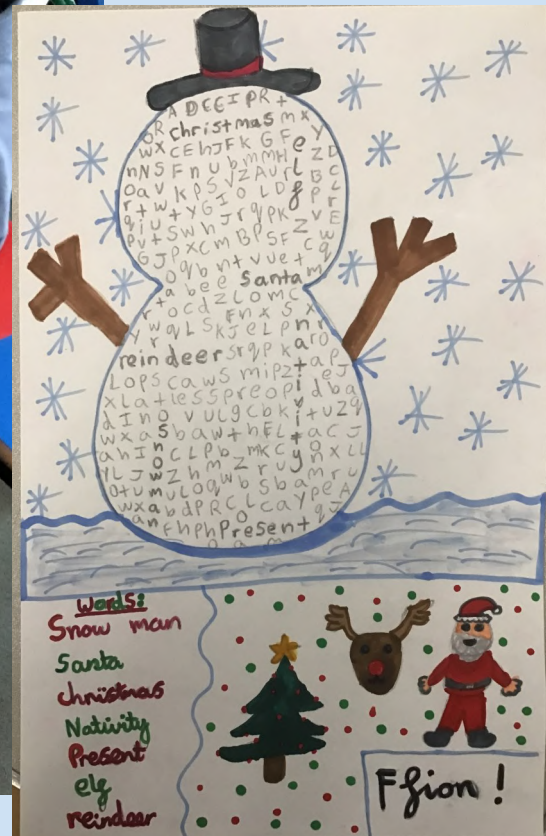


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Friday 6th December 2024



Oak class enjoyed making use of our new Kapla blocks, and one of our amazing Christmas challenge entries!



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING THIS IS A



PEANUT/NUT FREE SCHOOL

We currently have 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.



Next week, Emily is in Yenworthy with Willow class, along with Miss Williams-Sharkey and Mrs Humphris. Although she will still be dealing with emails during the evenings, she won't be as quick as usual to get back to you! Mrs Forest will be covering the office at drop-off and pickup times, and will be monitoring the phones and Parentmail for absences, and other messages.

Outside those times, if you need to get a message to school about something that is happening that day, please phone and leave a message on the answerphone (OPTION 2) and it will be picked up before the end of the day. If it can wait until Emily is back, that would be helpful!

LAST MINUTE REMINDERS FOR YENWORTHY

On Monday morning:

- Please arrive at school on Monday at 7:30am! We will leave at 8am but there is a lot to do first.
- Please leave the main bag/suitcase by the car park gates.
- Please make sure your child has a rucksack, with a snack, a water bottle, and packed lunch and any NON-ELECTRICAL entertainment—this will be with them on the bus.
- Please give any medication to Emily. It will need to be clearly labelled with name & dose, and you will also need to complete a consent form.
- Please give any mints for the journey to Mrs Humphris. (Please make sure the mints are labelled with your child's name). The children should have no other sweets.
- Please remember that it is normal for a child to be a bit wobbly before we leave. They will have an amazing time so please keep telling them this, and try not to get upset yourself!

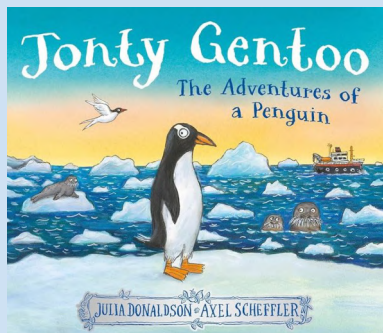
Communication:

- We will let school know when we arrive on Monday afternoon and they will send out a message.
- There is very little service at the lodge but we will try and put a few photos onto the Willow class webpage.
- We will let school know once we have left on Friday with an ETA. For home.

General reminders:

- Yenworthy have waterproof jackets and trousers, welly boots and day rucksacks all available to borrow.
- Prohibited items! Please do not send your child with any snacks / sweets or electronic devices. We also can't take any aerosol tins, so if your child uses deodorant they will need a stick deodorant instead of spray.
- Please remember a Christmas jumper or t-shirt for our Christmas Dinner on Thursday!

The theme for Oak Class's topic this term is taken from the Oliver Jeffers book 'Lost and Found'. Oak Class have enjoyed reading the story of the little boy and the penguin, who make a journey to the South Pole, which links in with the children's learning about Antarctica. Whilst learning about the location of Antarctica, children loved singing the continents and oceans songs as they learnt more about the geography of our world. In English lessons,



children wrote from the point of view of the boy and the penguin in Lost and Found. We also read a new Julia Donaldson book called 'Jonty Gentoo' which describes the story of a Gentoo penguin who sets off on a journey to find his extended Gentoo family. From this story, the children did some superb writing in a range of genres. Whilst reading books by two familiar authors, children were keen to spot similarities with other Oliver Jeffers or Julia Donaldson books which we'd read previously – a key skill to be developing in Reading!

In Art, the penguin theme was continued. Children did careful observational sketches of different species of penguins, taking time to revisit their sketch and consider how it could be improved. The Rockhopper and Macaroni turned out to be a particular favourite species of penguin to sketch!

During Busy Time, the children have enjoyed making use of the Kapla blocks which is a new resource that we have purchased. They have been creative and imaginative with their constructions, balancing the blocks carefully to build towers as tall as each other or mazes for wind up penguins or a cozy home with a roof for Jonty Gentoo the penguin.

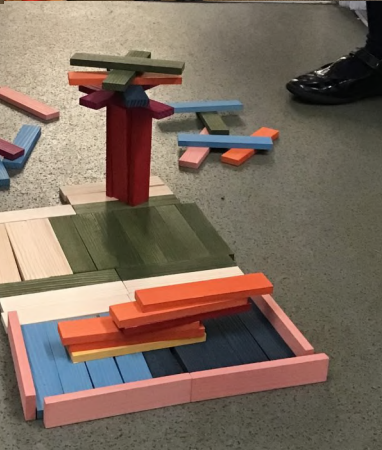


In our RE lessons this term, we have been considering why Christmas is important to Christians. The key Christian concept is incarnation, which the children have done a superb job at explaining the meaning of. We've learnt about how the Christmas story is told in the gospel of Luke in the Bible and have considered what was extraordinary about the birth of Jesus. When learning about the season of Advent and what it means to Christians, the children created some lovely Advent wreaths, thinking about how, for Christians, each Sunday of Advent, and each candle on the wreath has a different significance.



In Computing, the children are becoming ever more confident at logging onto the chromebooks, remembering their login details and navigating their way to tasks set on Google Classroom. In order to develop their familiarity with the keyboard and use of the mousepad, children have used a web-based program to create pictures which have required them to select image stamps and change the size and orientation of their selected image. Children selected an iceberg background and then selected appropriate images to create a scene from Antarctica. They have been able to create different effects with a paint tool and have also learnt how to 'undo' if they have made a marvellous mistake!

In amongst all of the busy learning that has been going on this term, we have been so impressed with how well all of Oak Class have done at learning the songs and their lines for our Nativity play. Everyone is really enjoying perfecting the play so that it's ready for you to see in the last week of term. We are certain you will enjoy the performance – there's a great deal of excitement about it in Oak Class!



Christmas Dinner!

Christmas lunch is on Thursday 19th December. Unfortunately, it WAS going to be on Wednesday 18th, but Oak, Maple & Willow are at the Pantomime in Oxford and won't be back in time. We have asked Dolce a few times to swap it over, so hopefully that will happen soon! Please keep an eye on the orders, because they won't just be swapped over—I'm afraid you will need to order both the Wednesday and Thursday again.



Blue fabric required please!

As part of the new reflection area at St. Peter's C.E. Primary School we need to create a sea! This will be achieved with a hooked fabric technique on canvas (a rag rug). Heather, our EPA chaplain, will be showing groups of children how to create it.

If you have any blue yarn or fabrics that can be cut into thin strips, we would be really grateful if you could bring them in for us. We would then be able to use them to make a textured sea area around the boat. Old school uniform that is beyond being worn would work, we can cut around holes or stains. Thank you if you have already brought some in for us!



Willow Class Science experiments

This week Willow class devised and carried out their own scientific experiments. One group of children set an experiment to see how many push-ups and sit-ups members of staff could do. Mr Jeffries, Miss Williams-Sharkey and the EPA handyman, Steve, all took part. We haven't seen the conclusion of the experiment yet, but it was lots of fun.





A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! A big thanks to the SPSA for putting up the decorations at school – they look absolutely amazing! The Christmas tree has also arrived from Cassington Nurseries so we are all set for the Christmas Fair. A huge amount of work has gone into this from the SPSA and also Willow class in particular who have made their games and stalls ready for a busy evening.

The Christmas challenges are in full swing and we have had some brilliant entries making it very difficult to pick winners! Thank you for encouraging and supporting the children with this – it puts a smile on everyone's faces!

Next week we have the Yenworthy trip with Miss Williams-Sharkey, Emily and Mrs Humphris accompanying the children. I know everyone will have a great time, and I'm told that there will be some seasonal games and activities to enjoy. It really is the most memorable time for the children and I'm sure we can all recall the magic of our first experience away from home and especially a school residential. We want to share the experience with you, so staff will do the best they can to upload photos onto the website. Staff will be incredibly busy with very little down time so they will do the best they can.

With Emily away next week, Mrs Forest will be covering some office duties like picking up emails alongside her TA work, but there won't always be someone at the hatch. In this event, please phone and leave a message and we will be back to you as quickly as possible. Likewise, if your enquiry isn't urgent and it can wait until Emily is back the following week, it would be much appreciated holding off until then.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Understanding the effects of smartphone and social media use

Governors and staff have been discussing the impact smartphones, social media, and the internet has on young people, both positive and negative. In the parent survey last term we asked for your thoughts on some of these issues, and this was the response:

	school has a pivotal role in helping equip your child with the skills needed to thrive in the digital age?		16. Do the benefits of interacting with technology outweigh the potential for harm?		17. Have you/your child experienced an incident that concerned you?		18. Do you personally use AI and do you share your learnings with your children?		19. Does your child have restrictions on the amount of screen time they have per day/per week?		20. Does your child have a smart phone or regular access to yours or another family member?		21. Do you feel there is pressure to buy/use devices because friends have them?	
YES, to a large extent	28	59.6%	25	53.2%	13	27.7%	7	14.9%	42	89.0%	12	25.5%	11	23.4%
Yes, somewhat / a little	15	31.9%					7	14.9%					15	31.9%
Don't know	4	8.5%	16	34.0%	0	0.0%			1	2.1%	0	0.0%	2	4.3%
NO	0	0.0%	6	12.8%	34	72.3%	33	70.2%	4	8.5%	35	74.5%	19	40.4%
22. Would you support a home/school initiative to encourage a reduction in the use of smart phones and social media for young people?														
YES	44	93.6%												
Don't know	2	4.3%												
NO	1	2.1%												

A significant number of parents indicated they would like to be a part of a home/school initiative on reduction of smart phone and social media use for young people. With this in mind, we would like to find a way to support families in understanding the effects this technology has, and together what our next steps could be.

As we learn more about this area, we would like to make you aware of a upcoming Channel 4 programme called 'Swiped' <https://www.channel4.com/press/news/channel-4-orders-two-part-special-swiped-school-banned-smartphones-boldprint-studios> The first part will be aired on Weds 11th December at 8pm.

Please note that school staff do not have any further information about the content (other than that contained in the link above) and have not watched the programme, so please do make your own decision on whether to watch and if it's applicable to the age of your children.

We would also like to draw you to your attention an informative book that we have been discussing in governor meetings called 'The Anxious Generation' by Jonathan Haidt which follows similar themes.

In the New Year we would like to bring parents, staff and governors together to discuss our understanding and together plan our next steps.



After School Club



3:10pm School finishes

3:15pm—3:40pm Registration/Snack

3:40pm—4:15pm Activities









4:15pm—5:00pm Activities

5:00pm—5:15pm Tidy up

5:15pm After School Club finishes

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Miss Akers	Miss Akers	Miss Akers	Miss Akers	Miss Akers
Mrs Partridge	Mrs Humphris	Mrs Forest	Mrs Forest	

Week 6 WC: 9th of December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40	Snack (yoghurts and cereal bars)	Snack (Spaghetti or <u>beans</u> on toast)	Snack (Nacho's with cheese and salsa)	Snack (Jelly and ice cream)	Snack/ (Bagels with a selection of toppings)
3:40-5:15	<p>SEWING CLUB ANGELS</p>  	<p>Junk modelling (Christmas machine)</p>  <p>Outside – Adventure playground</p>  <p>Looking after and feeding the fish</p>	<p>Making Christmas cards</p>  <p>Making jelly (for snack on Thursday)</p> 	<p>Making Christmas decorations</p>  <p>PAPER CHAIN CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN FOR KIDS!</p> 	<p>3:10-4:15</p> <p>Christmas Colouring</p> 

Week 7 WC: 16th of December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3:10-3:40	Snack (Fresh Fruit and yoghurt)	Snack (toast with different spreads on)	Snack (Popcorn and little chocolates)	Snack (Party food)
3:40-5:15	<p>SEWING CLUB ANGELS</p>  	<p>Christmas Cookies</p>  <p>Looking after and feeding the fish</p>	<p>Children's Christmas film</p>	<p>Christmas Party</p> 



Value of the term

Peace

Child quote of the term

Fly like a dove and spread Peace —

Abigail Andrews

Question of the Week

What examples of Peace are there from the Christmas story?

'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.



CASSINGTON TINIES & TODDLERS (Tinies Café) Autumn 2024

A Parent/Carer & Toddler group

Cassington Village Hall 1.30 –3.00 on Tuesday (other than where stated, term-time only)

September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,

October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, NO SESSION on 29th (Half Term),

November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th,

December 3rd, 10th (Last session 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



Christmas Feast Draw

Saturday 21st Dec, After the quiz

1st Prize, Chicken, Stuffing and pigs in blankets

2nd Prize, Cheeses, Crackers and chutney

3rd Prize, Xmas pudding, Brandy cream and after eights

£1 a strip, all proceeds to Cassington Sports and Social Club

Tickets available in the Red Lion from the 1st December and on the night



Free Entry

Christmas Fayre 24

Saturday 7th Dec 2024
10am - 4pm
Benson Village Hall

Santas Grotto | Christmas Gifts
Tombola | Raffle | Cafe | Craft Stalls
Childrens Games & Activities

Santas Grotto pre-bookings
online via our website !

CASSINGTON PLAYERS PRESENT ...



by Mandy Constance
2024

CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 12th Dec ~ 7.00 pm
Friday 13th Dec ~ 7.00 pm
Saturday 14th Dec ~ 2.00 pm + 7.30 pm
Tickets £12/£6 from Lorna Mills - 07711 489463



CHRISTMAS STAY AND PLAY

Friday 13th December
2-3pm

Please come and join us at St Peter's
Primary School in Cassington for
some Christmas fun!
OX29 4DN

Suitable for 0-4yr olds and their families
£3 per family

<https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/nursery-children/>

Join us for our



Christmas Market

Annual community event
organized by Churchfields
Care Home

SAT. 14 DEC 2-5 PM

CHURCHFIELDS CARE HOME
OX29 4BN

- Raffle
- Mulled wine
- Santas grotto
- Stalls
- Entertainment

For more info please email
activities@churchfieldscarehome.co.uk





Calendar



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

DECEMBER 2024

(Saturday 7th - **Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue Christmas Fayre** - Benson V. H. - 10am-4pm)

Monday 9th to Friday 13th - Residential trip to **Yenworthy** (Some of yr 4,5,6)

Friday 13th - **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree - Christmas theme - 2-3pm

Tuesday 17th - Apple Tree **panto** in Oxford - 9:15—11:30am

Tuesday 17th - **Oak play** at 1:30pm

Wednesday 18th - **Panto** in Oxford for KS1 & 2 - 9:15—12:30am

Wednesday 18th - **Apple Tree play** at 2pm

Wednesday 18th - **Oak play** at 6pm

Thursday 19th - **Christmas service** in St Peter's Church - 9:15am

Thursday 19th - **Christmas dinner**

Friday 20th - **Term ends** at 1:15pm

END OF TERM!

JANUARY 2025

Monday 6th - **INSET DAY** (School closed)

Tuesday 7th - **New term**

Friday 10th - Maple class trip to **Ashmolean**

Thursday 16th - Year 6 out for **IMPS** 10am-12:30pm

Friday 17th - **Dance festival** - yr 3&4 - Bartholomew School - 9am—10:30am

FEBRUARY 2025

Tuesday 11th - Oak class trip to **Ashmolean**

Monday 17th — Friday 21st **HALF TERM**

Monday 24th - **Term starts** back

Thursday 27th - Willow trip to **Compton Verney**

MARCH 2025

Tuesday 4th - Netball - yr 5&6 - Bartholomew School - 3:45pm—5:00pm

Thursday 6th - World Book day

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

