

Newsletter

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Welcome
to
our **new look** school newsletter
(and our new look school!) 

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Welcome to our new look school newsletter! It will look better over the coming weeks as it starts to take more shape (and I remember what I've missed out!) If there's anything that you think should be in here, get in touch and let me know. We're hoping that there will be a lot of photos included.

Some of you will have noticed that a lot of new dinner forms went up on ParentMail today. I apologise for not doing them sooner because the first one needs to be back on Wednesday 12th, which is next week! If you have any problems, please let me know. Remember, I only update the meals that have been 'used' by your child on Fridays, so your balance sometimes looks different.



SPSA news



Welcome back – I hope you all had a nice summer.

If you are new to the school, the SPSA (St Peter's School Association) is our PTA and we run events through the year to raise funds to benefit the children, parents and teachers of our school.

Last year, our funds helped with various new balls and floats for the school pool through to the new Chromebooks and charging cabinet, new picnic tables (that the children made great use of this year) and a new projector. We also subsidise most of the school trips – to ease the burden on you as parents and guardians.

The events we run range from two big annual ones – Bike Night (more on that another time!) and the Christmas Fayre – but we are also at many school events (plays etc) selling teas and the wonderful cakes this village can conjure up! We also run two popular discos each year and the pool also generates an income.

We meet once a month for around an hour and a half and are always looking for new members to help us.

Our first meeting of this academic year includes our AGM and is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 September in the Red Lion, Cassington.

I look forward to seeing some of you there.

Garry Peasley

SPSA Chair




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 9 o'clock in the school hall:

Class	Special Award Term Focus - Presentation	Star Award
	Frankie Hutton	Ffion Jones Alice Cox
	Leila Lee	George Hatwell Mae Oliver
	Abi Want	Samuel Claridge Megan Chapman
	Poppy Vernon	Joban Dey James Martin
	Tom Morton	





Important Dates

Tuesday 18th September -	SPSA AGM - 7:30pm - Red Lion, Cassington
Friday 21st September -	Jeans for Genes day
Monday 24th September -	Yoga for Apple Tree class
Wednesday 26th September -	Stone Age Day for Maple class
	Stay and Play - Apple Tree - 10:50-11:50 - £2
Monday 15th October -	Nasal flu vaccinations - Reception through to Year 5
Wednesday 17th October -	Great Fire of London Day for Oak class
Friday 19th October -	End of term!

Half term

Monday 29th October -	INSET Day
Tuesday 13th November -	Parents Evening
Wednesday 14th November -	Parents Evening
Thursday 23rd November -	Vision screening for Reception

More dates and details will follow soon—please keep your eye on the list!



Friday next week is the return of **Judo at 8am**

and **Football at 12:20.**



If your child is interested in either of these, let me know. They are both run by outside companies so I can give you details. Mr Jeffries is working on arranging more clubs, but at the moment it's only these two.



A message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break to the new, fresh look of St Peter's! Many of you will have already noticed some of the changes as you enter the school reception including comfy seats and a more open feel in our new reflection area and prayer space (to be developed). The classrooms have been repainted and the children have been excited by all the changes. A big thank you to Emily who gave up a lot of her time during the summer to help facilitate these!

As part of an assembly this week, we watched and discussed Austin's Butterfly. Please ask your children about it as it is very powerful in its message of what we can achieve when we try our best. If you would like to watch it for yourselves the link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqh1MRWZjms>

Today we discussed the role of the school council and the skills they will develop. Each year group will have one representative and the elections will be held in class next Thursday (13th). If your child is interested in being a school councillor, they will need to prepare a manifesto of what they can bring to the role and share that with the class on Thursday; a promise of no homework is always a popular one however the children do need to have a realistic chance of delivering on their promises!

The award system will have a slightly different feel with the addition of an award for the particular term's focus – this term is presentation. Teachers will select a piece of work from the week where they feel the child has made a significant effort with their presentation and this will be displayed on the boards in the hall. Please see the Awards of the Week table for this week's winners. If your child is mentioned in this table, please join us in assembly next Friday.

KS2 parents will have no doubt noticed slightly (or very) inky hands this week! Continuing the theme of presentation, all KS2 children will now be writing in pen - this will take a little getting used to but is well worth the effort!

Finally, I know for many of you after school provision is an issue. As I settle in at St Peter's, I will be looking into this as a priority and aim to provide long-term, sustainable solutions.

Thank you all for your warm welcome to the school. I have really enjoyed meeting you on the playground in the mornings and look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming weeks and months.

Have a lovely weekend,

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

