



# Newsletter

28th September 2018

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**This week, Maple Class were joined for a day by the History Man! He talked to them about the stone age and they had a chance to join in with lots of stone age activities. Make sure you see the report of the day by Abi Want and Megan Martin.**

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## **Macmillan World's Biggest Afternoon Tea**

By the time you read this, we will have had our Macmillan fundraiser. Hopefully we will have eaten lots of yummy cake and raised lots of money! We'll bring you the total raised next week.



# Important information



## **PARKING**

Further to last week's parking reminder, cars are still being parked on the bend which is causing a serious hazard to children, parents and other road users.

We have been advised that there is parking available for 10-12 cars in Bell Close, off Bell Lane which combined with the layby and village hall spaces **should enable no cars to be parked on the corner**. If you are unsure of where you can park, please ask in the office.

**Please keep off the grass!**



## **School Photos**

Our individual school photos will be taken on

Tuesday 9th October at 1pm.

If you would like younger siblings to have theirs taken, please bring them to the office at 1pm and we will try and make sure they have theirs done first. If you could let Emily know in advance that you are bringing them, that would be very helpful.

## **Harvest festival contributions**

Every year, our harvest festival contributions are given to the church to distribute. This year they are supporting the North Oxfordshire Community Food Bank. On Wednesday, there will be someone from the food bank coming to school to talk to the children during collective worship. We are asking children to bring any donations to school next Thursday or Friday (4th & 5th October) before they are taken to the church for their Harvest celebration on Sunday 7th October. There is a list of suggested donations at the end of this newsletter, so please have a look through.





# Stone Age Day





# Maple Class' Stone Age Day!



*This term we have been learning about the Stoneage.*

On the 26th September a man came in and taught us some very interesting facts and did some fun things with us.

*He brought in some clay for us to make little clay pots and we could make little clay animals.*



We also did some painting with white, black and brown dried up stone. We made little wood paint-brushes by hitting the end of a stick with a stone. Lots of us painted animals.

*Most of us rubbed sticks against a big piece of wood to try and make fire. It was very tricky but we could smell and see smoke.*



The games were really fun because they were nicely made and there was snakes and ladders, noughts and crosses and some other games.

*Quite a lot of us did some archery. We had some foam arrows and shot them at drawn animals.*



We did some dressing up with funny clothes and passed some around.

*We got some corn and mashed it up in our hand. Then we smashed it to make flour.*



We did some building and had a really fun day.

By Abi Want and Megan Martin.





# Stone Age Day





# School Council



## Guide to the school council

The school council is an opportunity to make the school a better place and to help other people when they are having a hard time. To be in school council you must have courage to lead the way in any situation.

Let everyone share their ideas even if you want to say yours. We will always listen so please come and talk to any school council member

## School Council

**Joban Dey, Rain Ryan, Abi Want, Megan Chapman, Isla Edwards,  
Bradley Knight, Ffion Jones**

Today was our first school council meeting. We talked about what jobs we will each do. Joban is going to be the chairperson, Rain is the vice-chairperson, Abi is the secretary and Megan is the treasurer. Isla, Bradley and Ffion will help the KS2 children with these jobs. Next week we are going to do a class survey on behaviour. We want to find out what we can do to improve the school's behaviour and what the problems are. We are going to decide what treats we are going to have for the winning house point team and we will also be thinking about new school rules.

Other ideas included making signs for the bins so we know which one is the food waste and which one is the recycling. Rain wants to think about if we can have birthday cake. Joban wants to have lines on the football pitch. We will decide if this is possible.

Please tell your class councillor if you want them to mention anything in the meeting.

By Megan Chapman




# 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 9 o'clock in the school hall:

Class	Special Award Term Focus - Presentation	Star Award
	Ciara Boyne-Ryan	Poppy Taylor Sasha Forostovskaya
	Isla Edwards	Freddie Curtis Felix Kemp
	Huxley Lee	Bella Thomas-Clarke Frazer Derbyshire
	Joban Dey	James Martin Jack Daly
	Lola Madge	





# Important Dates

Monday 1st October -	Behaviour policy meeting - 6pm
Wednesday 3rd October -	Food bank visit in assembly
Thursday 4th October -	Ancient Greek day for Willow class
Friday 5th October -	Harvest contributions in by today, please
Sunday 7th October -	Harvest Celebration at St Peter's Church - 10am
Tuesday 9th October -	Individual School photos - 1pm
-	SPSA meeting - 8pm - Red Lion
Monday 15th October -	Nasal flu vaccinations - Reception through to Year 5
Tuesday 16th October -	Maple Class Multiskills Festival
Wednesday 17th October -	Great Fire of London Day for Oak class
Friday 19th October -	Stay and Play - 2-3pm - £2 per family
-	End of term Disco!!

## Half term

Monday 29th October -	INSET Day
Thursday 1st November -	Willow Class to Ashmolean - packed lunch needed
Wednesday 7th November -	Open evening for prospective school children - 6pm
Tuesday 13th November -	Parents Evening
-	Bags4schools collection
Wednesday 14th November -	Parents Evening

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

### **DON'T FORGET....**

**Parents are welcome to join Mr Jeffries in the hall at 6pm on Monday 1st October to share their views on behaviour in school and contribute to the new behaviour policy.**



# A message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to share with you some of the comments from the parent survey conducted in the summer term. The positive comments largely centred around the community feel of the school, the interaction between all ages and the school values. Points for improvement included communication, behaviour, trips, homework and sport. In seeking to address these concerns I wanted to give you an update on the progress we have made in these first four weeks of term.

The new-look newsletter is hopefully providing useful information and a go to place for key information. I am (whenever possible) available on the school gate – it has been a great pleasure getting to know so many of you, please keep coming to talk to me! Class teachers are available after school to discuss specific class issues.

I have had a lot of feedback about behaviour and am currently working on a new behaviour policy. The school council today surveyed their classes for their opinions and feelings on behaviour. We have staff training booked that will support the behaviour policy and next term we are going to be looking at learning behaviours which will help children help themselves make the right choices. This will be focussing on reflection, resilience, reciprocity and being resourceful. I am looking forward to seeing the positive change these actions will have.

Each class will have at least 3 trips/experiences this year. At least 2 will be a trip outside of school with the option of 1 workshop/visitor to the school. This has now largely been organised for the year.

The issue of inconsistency with homework should now be resolved and details of expectations discussed at the curriculum meeting. Please speak to the class teacher if you are unsure of any of the requirements.

PE in school is now a priority and we have invested heavily in staff training and buying into the 'RealPE' package. The aim of this is to make PE accessible and fun for all children allowing them to access activities at their own level with plenty of scope for challenge. Mrs Glass is developing a working wall in the hall to help facilitate this.

Finally, after school care and clubs is still high on the agenda. I am looking at possibilities previously identified by Mrs Millward and Mr Bird and also investigating fresh possibilities. I will keep you posted.

Have a lovely weekend,

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries



# Is your child starting school in 2019?

St Peter's Church of England Primary School

invite you to attend our Open Evening on

**November 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 6pm**

Come along and find out more about our Early Years Unit

We also have Nursery places available for children who are three and four years old.

For more details please call 01865 880443 or visit [www.st-peters.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-peters.oxon.sch.uk)



## HARVEST St Peter's School & St Peter's Church Cassington



The season of Harvest is approaching and it's the time of year when the Food Bank needs to replenish the dwindling stocks in their store.

The Food Bank makes up basic food parcels for individuals, couples and families who have been referred to them because they are in real need. They provide an array of basic food items to suit their situation and they value what they are provided with, but the store has many empty storage boxes in it.

Without the support of organisations including schools, churches and individuals throughout North Oxfordshire they cannot manage to provide the level of parcels that they do.

### **The following items are needed for the Food Bank:**

- Tins of FRUIT, CUSTARD OR PUDDING RICE**
- Tins of MEAT (all types including tinned pies)**
- Tins of FISH (Tuna)**
- Tins of VEGETABLES**  
(i.e. peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes, tomatoes)
- Tins of SOUP, BAKED BEANS, SPAGHETTI**
- RICE and PASTA (500g packets)**
- Pasta SAUCE**
- Breakfast cereals (NOT oats)**
- COFFEE, TEA and small packets of SUGAR**
- Long life semi-skimmed MILK**
- Long life FRUIT JUICE**
- BISCUITS, JAMS & SPREADS**

**Also welcome are: TOILET ROLLS, WASHING UP LIQUID  
WASHING MACHINE TABLETS**

*If you would prefer to make a monetary donation please make cheques payable to 'North Oxford Community Food Bank' and place in an envelope or go to the web site:  
[www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk)*

Items will be taken to St Peter's Church in time for the Harvest Celebrations.

**ST PETER'S TOGETHER AT ST PETER'S CHURCH  
HARVEST CELEBRATION  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10am  
with Duncan and Carmen Fraser  
*All are welcome***