



Newsletter

5th October 2018

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**Willow Class enjoyed a visit from an Ancient Greek on Wednesday!
Please make sure you see the report
by Jacob and Ella.**



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**St Peter's C of E Primary School
Cassington** (info only)

Macmillan World's Biggest Afternoon Tea

We managed to raise an amazing **£224.54**

at our Macmillan afternoon tea. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, and to everyone who came along to eat cake! Thank you also to SPSA for running the afternoon, and Mrs Beecher for donating the delicious looking cake for the raffle!



Important information



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 celebration.

Thank you for your kind 'Harvest' donations for the North Oxfordshire Community Food Bank.

We were able to pass lots of items on to the church, who will forward them after the Harvest celebration on Sunday.



Ice Hockey tickets



James Clarke, (Oxford City Stars Club Ambassador and Bella's Dad!) would like to offer St Peter's Primary School the opportunity to see the Oxford City Stars in action on Sunday 21st October at the Oxford Ice Rink, Oxpens Road @ 6:15 vs Guildford. This is the start of half term, so no need to worry about a late night!

James can kindly make sure the children/siblings and staff of the school go free and parents/carers pay £5 per adult on entry. He needs the names of the adults and numbers of children for the guest list in advance.

Please email me at office.3651@st-peter.oxon.sch.uk before the start of half-term and I'll pass a list on to James.



Important information



Earlier this term, there was a collection for Clare Want and Martin Ritchie who were presented with some vouchers.

For many years, Martin has ensured that our pool achieved its required health and safety standards for water quality and cleanliness by personally dedicating numerous hours over weekends and in the evenings. He has also been instrumental in teaching the daily maintenance team the importance of their daily checks and how to act on their findings to ensure the pool remains open for all to use.

Clare is still very much a member of the SPSA, but she has almost single-handedly manned the school pool this year. She has been our lifeguard almost every day throughout the summer, giving up an awful lot of her own time. Without her, the pool would not have been able to open.

'Big thanks to everyone for the Decathlon (my favourite shop) gift card. It really wasn't expected, which made it a super surprise and I will be sure to spend it well. Helping to look after the school pool has been my privilege. Good luck for next year's swimming season and please look after Henry the Hoover for me.

Martin'

'Dear all,

Many thanks for your kind donations, very much appreciated.

Best wishes,

Clare'



Unfortunately, I didn't proof-check the newsletter last week correctly and I accidentally left a child's name in the star of the week table from the week before. I also didn't put the actual star of the week's name in!

So, well done **Bella Thomas-Clarke**, who was one of the stars from LAST week. I promise I'll try harder!

(Both sets of parents have had a full confession from me!)





Ancient Greek Day



On Thursday the fourth of October, Willow Class had a very special visitor! It was Tom, who came to talk to us about Ancient Greece. We did many activities, including bartering for goods, acting in a Greek theatre and sending secret messages. Tom taught us about medicines which were very peculiar (there was a lot of blood).

Democracy was also an interesting topic, although lots of people were not eligible! This included children (nothing changes apparently), women, men under thirty, slaves, prisoners and anyone who wasn't born or accepted into Athens. We played quite a lot of games about food and a standing still contest. We thought that was to elect a leader, but the winners just had to hold up the box! The box was used to fairly select a council who would decide a lot of "important" decisions. One of the highlights of the day was that we got to handle many authentic replicas that shows a little of the Ancient Greek civilisation.

We ended the day with a bit of realistic role-play, based on the story of Helen of Troy. A few freeze-frames later, we had told the whole story through our expressions and body language. All in all, it was an amazing day and we learned loads! Thanks Tom for giving us such a treat!

By Jacob and Ella





Ancient Greece visits Willow!





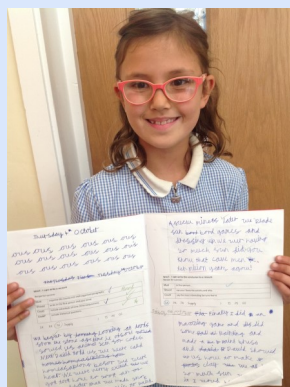
Awards of the Week



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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
	Layla Black	Tobias Woolley Ivy Paulin
	Lorelai Taylor	Charlie Robertson Oliver Eaton
	Bea Hutton	Jessica Delafield Alice Armitage
	Tomi Homoki	Evie Farley Kate Lees
	Thomas Andrews & Osian Jones	





Important Dates

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
Monday 5th November -	Apple Tree Class Parents Evening
Wednesday 7th November -	Apple Tree Class Parents Evening
-	Open evening for prospective school children - 6pm
Tuesday 13th November -	Parents Evening
-	Bags4schools collection
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!

DON'T FORGET....

SPSA Meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 9th October in the Red Lion.
All welcome!



A message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, a big thank you to those of you who came to the behaviour meeting on Monday. It was good to get a range of views on what has happened historically and I also appreciated your contributions as we look towards the future. Staff are now working together to make a final policy that will give clear guidelines for everyone in the school. Children have had their input through a class survey on behaviour and this led us to talking in collective worship about how it is ok to make mistakes so long as we learn from them and try hard not to make the same mistake again. Listening and taking on board advice can also help steer us on the right path – ask your child about my own story that I shared with them!

On the website under ‘School Information’ there is now an SDP for parents which enables us to share with you our school targets. These are the main focus points taken from the School Development Plan for the year which the whole school will now be working towards. It is going to be an exciting year and I look forward to you sharing in your child’s successes.

I was particularly impressed with Willow class this week where they produced a piece of artwork using the principles in Austin’s Butterfly (see Newsletter 1 and click on the link if you still haven’t seen this inspirational video). The persistence the children showed and the attention to detail was very impressive. The children were clearly pleased with their efforts and in a few cases surprised themselves at just what can be achieved with resilience.

Incredibly, it is only two more weeks until half term! There has been some illness going around so I hope you all stay as well as possible to enjoy the break.

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 7th 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



Autumn Fair

University of Oxford
Harcourt Arboretum

13 October

11am-4pm

Enjoy beautiful autumn colour, meet British birds of prey, listen to traditional English folk music or taste delicious local food and drink. Children can have a go at spinning wool, seasonal craft activities or weaving willow.

Harcourt Arboretum is made up of 130 acres, including stunning autumn colour and some of the oldest redwoods in the UK.

FREE with entry ticket (£6 adults, children free with a paying family member). Buy your tickets in advance from obga.ox.ac.uk or pay on the day

Harcourt Arboretum, Nuneham Courtenay, OX44 9PX

