



Newsletter



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Don't forget that the Christmas challenges continue next week!



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St Peter's CE Primary School Choir entertained people at the Cassington Café this week.

We would like to say a big thank you to Cassington Nurseries for our lovely Christmas Tree!





Important information




Urgent plea from SPSA

The SPSA (St. Peter's School Association) are asking for donations of wine, (as well as empty wine bottles), as a matter of urgency. They are needed for a stall at the Christmas Fayre, which is nearly upon us! (16th December 3-6pm)

They also need people to help on the day, so if you can offer any time at all, please get in touch with a member of the SPSA. If you aren't sure who they are, come and speak to Emily in the office.



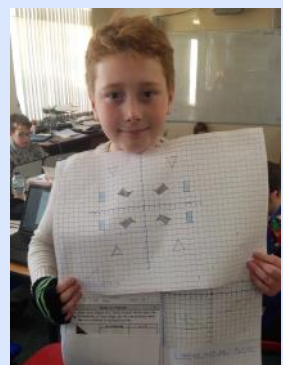
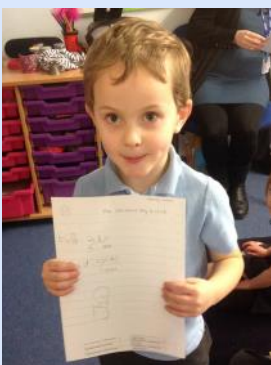
Theatre trip



Please note that on Wednesday 12th December yrs 1 - 6 are going into Oxford to see 'Nativity—the musical'. We will be leaving at about 1:15 and not returning until about 5pm. When we are leaving Oxford we will put an ETA up on Facebook, so keep an eye out for it.

Please make sure that you make arrangements for your child to be picked up at that time. If you haven't returned your permission slip for it yet, please bring it in on Monday.

Apple Tree (Reception and Nursery) will be having an entertainer come to school the same afternoon, but will be leaving school as usual at 3pm.





Important information



Don't forget next Friday is the Save the Children jumper day!



All the children looked lovely today in their fantastic Christmassy jumpers! We also collected lots of presents for the Salvation Army to distribute.

Next Friday is the official Save the Children Christmas jumper day. We hope to see just as many jumpers next week!

Yenworthy payments

If you haven't made last month's payment yet, please do so as soon as possible. I'll be sending out reminders for any amounts that are still outstanding next week. If you are having problems paying, please come and speak to Emily or Mrs Howe.

Thank you to those who have paid the instalments on time or who have paid the whole amount.

The final £100 needs to be paid before the end of January.



Football

Please make sure that from now on if your children play football at break or lunchtime, they need to have a change of clothes. It doesn't matter what—just old joggers or an old tracksuit is fine. Unfortunately the field is getting so muddy that they won't be allowed to play if they are still in their uniform.

Thank you

Clubs

Next week will be the last time this term for netball, rugby, football, lace and choir. There are no clubs during the last week.



SPSA News



Plans are now well advanced for the Christmas Fayre that takes place on Sunday 16th December – 3-6pm. Please do come along to support our efforts – all money raised benefits the children. We would also love to hear from anyone who is able to give just half an hour of their time to help on a stall to ease the burden on our committee members. Speak to a member of the SPSA or Emily in the office.

We also urgently need donations of bottles of wine – to make the water or wine stall viable – please drop them into Emily in the office. Empty bottles would also be appreciated but please make sure they still have their caps on – no corks.

We now have the Comedy Night booked for 2nd March – see Facebook for more details and posters/flyers will be circulated soon. Tickets are already available to buy from the School office (£15 per adult – not suitable for Children).

You will also find us selling refreshments at the Nativity next week and a few elves may appear at the School Christmas meal!

Garry Peasley

SPSA Chair

Important Dates

Tuesday 11th December -	Oak Class performance - 1:30pm
Wednesday 12th December -	Christmas Pantomime for Oak, Maple & Willow <u>(Please note the change of timings - We will be returning at about 5pm)</u> A Big Voice for Apple Tree—1:30-3pm
Thursday 13th December -	Oak Class performance - 6pm
Friday 14th December -	Stay and Pay in Apple Tree class - 2-3pm - £2
Sunday 16th December -	Christmas Fayre - 3-6pm
Wednesday 19th December -	Christingle service at St Peter's Church - 9:30am Christmas dinner - 12pm
Thursday 20th December -	Christmas parties
Friday 21st December -	End of term - 1:15pm



Apple Tree



Apple Tree class enjoying singing their Christmas songs for their families.

And posting a letter to Father Christmas!



Apple Tree



Apple Tree Class had great fun with Mr Howe who came in to talk about all things space. They made planets and a puzzle which showed the temperature of Earth. They also made and launched rockets 30 feet in the air outside on the playground.

Apple Tree would like to say a big thank you to Mr Howe!



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
	Teddy Cooke	Flo Oliver Alice Cox
	Flora van der Hoorn	Tom Morton Thomas Andrews
	Bea Hutton	Samuel Claridge Frazer Derbyshire
	Jake Bateman	Holly Mills Hattie Jennings
	Jacob Miller	

Keep the date:

Make sure you keep 2nd March 2019 free for an
SPSA Comedy Night!





A message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh what fun it's been to see the Christmas challenges this week! The effort and creativity the children put into the Christmas cards and decorations was really pleasing to see – and such a difficult choice to select the winners. The Christmas jokes and tongue twisters had the whole school in stitches.

A big thank you to Miss Watts for organising the Christmas jumper day for the Salvation Army. A representative will be visiting the school next Wednesday to talk to the children about where their contributions to the Christmas boxes will be going and who they will be helping.

Special thanks must also go to Reverend Duncan who organised the school choir and accompanied the children on the keyboard at Cassington Café on Monday. The singing was beautiful and the children were clearly buoyed by the appreciative audience. On a side note, the café generously donated £200 to the school at the start of the school year. The school Council will be putting this towards a special project in the new year; you will hear more in due course!

On Wednesday, Apple Class wowed their families with a fantastic nativity narration and sing-a-long. The costumes were fantastic and the children sang with such confidence and passion that we had to have an encore! It was lovely to meet and speak to so many parents and share in the achievements of the children. I am incredibly proud of the children and the work that Mrs Gardner, Mrs Jennings and Mrs Partridge do in nurturing these young children every day – they really do give the children an exceptional start to their education.

Next week, the festivities continue with the nativity play from Oak Class and the theatre trip to Oxford on Wednesday – a very cultured week at St Peter's!

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sunday 16th December 3-6pm

Festive Stalls including:

cards, books, gift wrap, decorations, wreaths, candles, knitted items, crafts and much more

Seasonal refreshments & Mulled Wine

Raffle with lots of great prizes!

For tickets, please contact the school office.

Secret present room • Games room

And an appearance by Santa in his grotto!





Christmas Challenges



Dear Children,

On Monday 3rd December we will be starting some Christmas Challenges! There are all sorts of things to try, so hopefully everyone will try and enter a few. Some of you might enter every single one! (There will be small prizes.) Some of the challenges are set over the weekend so you'll have plenty of time for making and doing before judging takes place on the following dates:

Monday 3rd December -

Make a Christmas card to send to other schools in the EPA.

Tuesday 4th December -

Bring in a design (drawn onto a sheet of A4 paper) for a fabulous Christmas machine and explain what it is for.

Wednesday 5th December -

Recite a Christmas tongue-twister or tell a Christmas joke.

Thursday 6th December -

Make a Christmas Tree decoration to go on your class Christmas Tree.

Friday 7th December -

Wear a Christmas jumper for the Salvation Army—donations of small unwrapped presents, please. (See newsletter for details)

Monday 10th December -

Make a mini nativity scene out of recycled materials. (No more than 30cm wide / high)

Tuesday 11th December -

Apple Tree and Oak classes—perform a skill (The list is endless; it could be judo, ball skills, card tricks, juggling, playing an instrument etc.)

Wednesday 12th December -

Draw or paint a Christmas picture (the best from each class will go into the newsletter)

Thursday 13th December -

Maple and Willow classes—perform a skill (The list is endless; it could be judo, ball skills, card tricks, juggling, playing an instrument etc.)

Friday 14th December -

Wear a Christmas jumper for the Save the Children.

Monday 17th December -

Sing a Christmas song or carol.

Tuesday 18th December -

Design a Christmas wordsearch / crossword / puzzle.

Wednesday 19th December -

Make a Christmas Table Decoration, which will be used to decorate the tables for our school Christmas dinner.

Thursday 20th December -

Make a Christmas hat for today's Christmas party.

Friday 21st December -

Bring your nearly completed Advent Book into school to receive your prize.

(Please bring all entries that you've made, to the hall in the morning)

Good Luck!

