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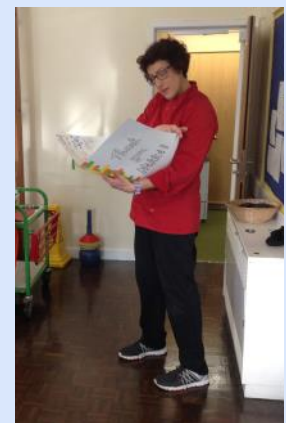
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Friday 11th January 2019



Our lovely cook, Nikki, had her last day with us today. She was given a card from each of the classes, as well as some flowers.

We have a new lady called Emily who will be starting on Monday, initially working alongside an experienced member of the School Lunch Company who will be training her up.



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IMPORTANT

Please remember that if your child arrives late at school for whatever reason, you need to come to the reception and let the office know. We now have 'late slips' for you to complete.



Important News



Clubs

This term we have a variety of clubs. Unfortunately there is no Choir this term, but it will be back after February half-term.

Mr Long and Mrs Roberts are running yr 6 Maths boosters, which are back next week on **Tuesday 3-4pm**.

Mrs Glass will be running Netball club again, although it will now be on **Wednesday lunchtime**, rather than Monday after school.

On **Thursdays** from **3—4pm** Mrs Howe will be running lace club.

Fridays are busy—we have Jonathan Gerrans at **8am** who runs the Judo club, and then Premier Soccer who run football club at **lunchtime**. We also have Art Club after School **3-4pm** which is run by Jess Jones.

Message from Mrs Bushnell

All children who want to play on the field **NEED WELLIES**. It's just too muddy now for trainers. Trainers are perfect for the playground and climbing equipment!

Also, there are lots of little hands getting very cold so please consider sending your child in with gloves.



Ice Hockey

James Clarke, (Oxford City Stars Club Ambassador and Bella's Dad!) has kindly offered St Peter's Primary School the opportunity to see the Oxford City Stars in action on Sunday 13th January at the Oxford Ice Rink, Oxpens Road @ 6:15 vs Lee Valley Lions.

Using the flyer that's attached to this newsletter means that you can get in at a reduced price. Adults only pay £5 (usual price £8) and children only pay £3 (usual price £5)

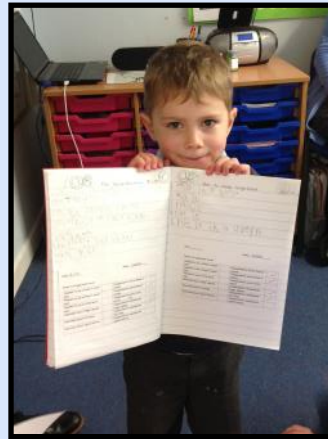


There is also a 'Stick and Puck' session, which is a chance for your child to get onto the ice and have a go at ice hockey! This starts at 4:30, but please be there for 4pm to get kitted up in plenty of time.

See you there!



Class news



Willow class enjoyed performing the Haka in their PE lesson!





Important Information



Parents of Sparrowhawks

Your child's team treat for getting the most team points last term, is next Friday, between 1 & 2pm. Please make sure that they come to school with some spare / extra clothes, including wellies, waterproofs and lots of layers!



Nursery parents -

Please make sure that Apple Tree class is accessed via the footpath, and not through the car park. The car park is a dangerous place and there are cars driving in and out all day. If you aren't sure which way to go, please ask a member of staff. Thank you.

Important Dates

Tuesday 15th January -	SPSA meeting - 8pm - Red Lion
Friday 18th January -	Teampoints treat for Sparrowhawks - 1 -2pm
Wednesday 23rd January -	Apple Tree to The Story Museum - 9:30-11:30
Friday 25th January -	Stay and Play in Apple Class - 2-3pm - £2 per family
Tuesday 29th January -	Oak Class dance festival - 9:30-11am
Wednesday 6th February -	Oak Class to the Ashmolean
Monday 11th February -	Yr 6s to Witney hospital - IMPS - 10am
Friday 15th February -	Stay and Play in Apple Class - 2-3pm - £2 per family
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd Feb -	Half term
February 25th February -	Inset day
	YENWORTHY until Friday 1st March

Keep the date:

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





Stray socks, dust, and St Peter's Governing Board



If you come over to my house for a play date and notice an increasing layer of dust, a pile of unironed laundry and a number of stray socks, then, instead of apologising, I might mention that I recently joined our school Local Governing Board. It's the most perfect excuse for leaving the ironing and getting out of the house to make a real difference!

As we start the year with high hopes and new resolutions, can I invite you to think about whether you, too, could help our governing board here at school? Governors have a vital role in ensuring the best possible education for each child, taking them as far as their talents allow. That's what we all want, surely? The best possible education for each child. And by volunteering to be a governor, you can play a vital part ensuring the best for all children.

Governing boards are responsible for ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction, holding leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils. With the school head, governors are responsible for the performance management of staff, the finance and resources - making sure its money is well spent. Sounds pretty purposeful to me!

Since starting in September, my 'governor' pre-conceptions have been well and truly buried...I have enjoyed a meeting aided by wine and cheese, discovered that 'Foundation Governor' isn't to do with Reception but the Christian foundation, and have felt able to freely contribute, despite my pre-conception that being a governor was only for go-getter executive types!! Diversity is key and we need people from all walks of life.

Killer question alert! What's the time commitment? The group meets around eight times a year (there is reading to do before the meetings), with an initial course for new governors and other opportunities for training. You also go into school once a full term to meet with teachers and get a feel for the school in full swing. So, not such a huge commitment, and I can't really blame it for the dust in my house, but if you're not a great fan of ironing, you might like it as an excuse!

If you would like to know more about joining us on the local governing board, do let me know. Facebook Messenger always works well for me – or I'm happy to chat any time.

Catherine Chapman



There will be a letter from the Governors giving more information about parent governor appointments next week. Please do consider whether you might put yourself forward for nomination.





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 - Being Independent	Star Award
	Wolfie Lee	Teddy Metcalf Isla Chapman
	Osian Jones	Emily Dixon Thomas Andrews
	Megan Chapman	Joseph Iftimie-Taylor Freddie Osgathorp
	Laura Newton	Rain Ryan Poppy Vernon
	Cadi Jones	

St. Peter's School and SPSA have signed up to a fundraising website!

Help us raise FREE money when buying things online by using #easyfundraising. You'll raise money for St Peter's CE Primary School PTA - Witney with every online purchase and it won't cost you a thing!

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A message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the spring term. I hope you all had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and are full of energy and enthusiasm for the coming term!

What an exciting end to the week with an article in the Oxford Mail! Our new play equipment is due to be installed at the end of the month and as the article says, this is the culmination of a tireless fundraising project which the children will be able to enjoy for many years to come. A special thanks to Mrs Vernon who has spent a lot of time and effort in securing the funding for the project from several sources. Check the display cabinet outside Willow/ Maple next week for more details of exactly how the fundraising came about and drawings of what the children can look forward to.

Today was a slightly unusual day in the fact that we were without power for much of the morning. I was really impressed that the children did not make any fuss whatsoever and went about their learning as normal. We also say goodbye today to Nikki in the kitchen who has been feeding us ever so well since September – my personal favourite was the home-made cottage pie!

Last term's focus of presentation worked incredibly well with the children producing carefully crafted work they can be very proud of. The walls in the hall looked very bare for the first few weeks in September but I am really pleased with the beautiful pieces of work we now have on display. It is a high point for me to show this to prospective parents and illustrates what we are all about and what we can achieve. This term we will continue with our high levels of presentation but shift our focus to independence and the 5Bs. I won't tell you what those 5Bs represent here but if you ask the children, hopefully they'll be able to remember and tell you!

Have a lovely weekend,

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

STAND UP COMEDY
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FLOCK COMEDY

A FUNDRAISER FOR
St PETER'S SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION



Saturday 2 March 2019 8:00pm (doors 7:30pm)

HARRY STACHINI

CHRISTIAN RUSSELL-POLLOCK

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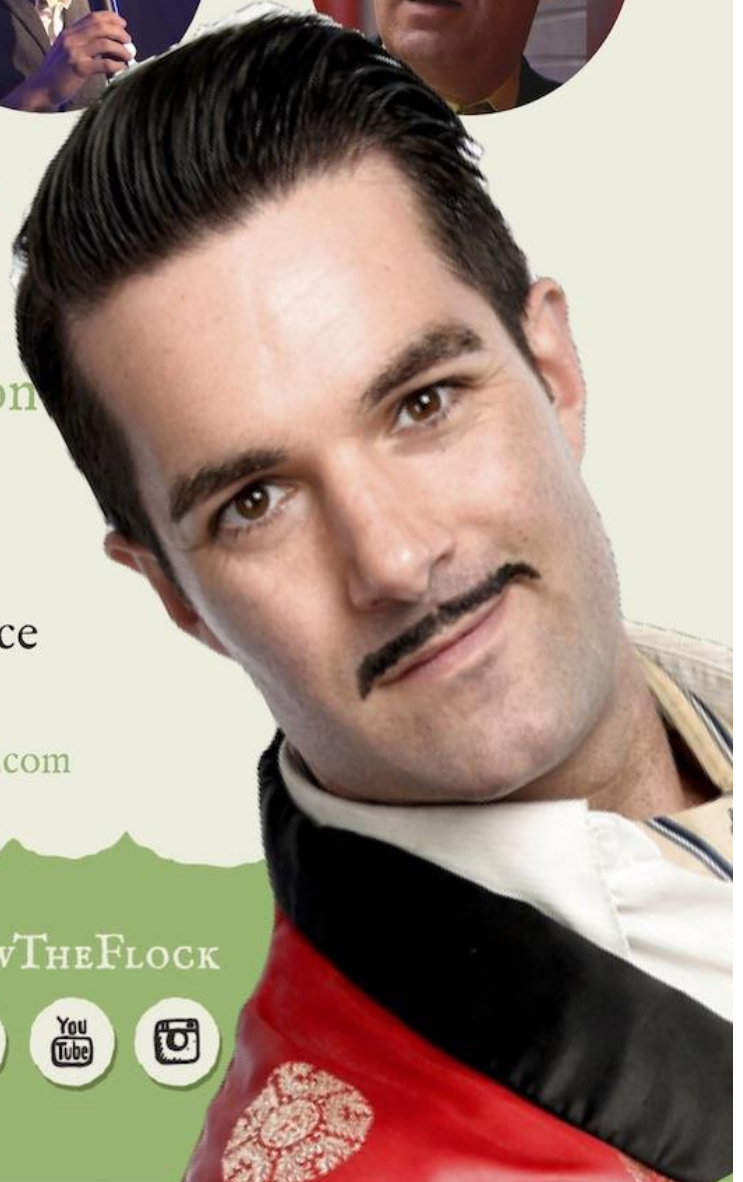
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