



# Newsletter

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## Team points treat

Kestrels had a fantastic time in Forest School for their team points treat today. Make sure you see the photos inside. (If possible, zoom in and have a good look!)



# Important News



## Apple Tree News

Apple Tree would really appreciate a volunteer reader one afternoon a week. This could be a parent , grandparent, etc.

### Apple Tree trip to the Story Museum

Please could children be in school at 8:30 on Wednesday 23rd January so that the bus can leave as soon as possible.

In the past, children have become upset when parents wait to wave the bus off, so we are politely asking that you don't hang around to see them go! Thank you.



## 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 **Tuesdays 3-4pm**.

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

On **Thursdays** from **3—4pm** Mrs Howe is 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.

If you are interested in any of these clubs, please speak to the teacher involved, or Emily in the office.

## 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

Saturday 19th January at the Oxford Ice Rink, Oxpens Road @ 5:15 vs Bristol Pitbulls.



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)



# SPSA news



Happy New Year – I hope you all had a lovely Christmas Break. Before Christmas we had our annual Christmas Fayre which was a great success – raising £1200 along with the other Christmas events.

Coming up this year we have the traditional **Valentines disco** – on the **Friday** before Half Term **15 February**. Usual format with hot dogs at 6!

Also coming up is the **Comedy Night – Saturday 2 March** in the Village Hall. There has been a bit of confusion over this event as the publicity has been produced by Flock who are hosting, but this is an SPSA event and **all profits will benefit the Children of our school**. Please support this event – we've heard great reviews about the hosts and we are providing a bar and snacks so it looks to be a great social event – and a night out without the children! Tickets are £15 each and you can buy them from the School Office or via Facebook (booking fee applies via Facebook).

We have just agreed to fund some more Chromebooks (so a whole class can benefit when using them) and the school has asked if we can help restock now it has cleared out a lot of old non-fiction books – so that will be the next focus alongside funding the trips.

We are always interested to hear new ideas or welcome new members – just grab one of the committee or email [spsacassington@gmail.com](mailto:spsacassington@gmail.com)

Garry Peasley

SPSA Chair





# Team Points Treat





# Important Information



## 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

Monday 21st January -	Yr 6 Hockey Tournament - Bartholomew - 3:30-4:30
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
Tuesday 5th February -	SPSA - Red Lion - 8pm
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
-	School disco - 5pm
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd Feb -	Half term
February 25th February -	Inset day
	YENWORTHY (yrs3-6) until Friday 1st March
Saturday 2nd March -	Comedy Night (see flyer)

### Keep the date:

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





**SPSA**

St Peter's School  
Association

CASSINGTON

WELCOMES YOU TO

# An evening of Stand-up Comedy

HOSTED BY



**FLOCK**  
COMEDY



**Saturday 2 March**

**7.30pm – 10.30pm**

**Cassington Village Hall**

**Bar and snacks**

£15 per ticket

Available on Facebook or from the School office

Profits will go to the SPSA





## 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



## 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 - Being Independent	Star Award
	Ffion Jones	Tobias Woolley Hania Koper
	Leila Lee	Oliver Eaton Flora van der Hoorn
	Alice Armitage	Huxley Lee Beau Vernon
	Jacob Miller	Luca Osgathorp Holly Mills
	Rosie Madge & James Martin	

**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!

To find out more, visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/EX39DM/4ISA6L>



# A message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a fantastic week for independent learning in class and also for children showing initiative in bringing ideas to me for how they want to make the school a better place - amazing! James and Rosie have been thinking carefully about how they could provide a lunchtime art club. After several meetings and many hours of organising on their part they are ready to launch next week. I was particularly impressed with their advertising poster and eloquent speech in collective worship to raise awareness of the idea; the response has been phenomenal!

Hopefully your children will have brought home a slip from Evie this week. She had the brilliant idea of a children's quote for the term based around our value. This will be displayed in the school, talked about in collective worship and will appear in the newsletter. Please encourage your children and help them to take part in this; it will help them think about our value of creativity and what it means to them. Perhaps use a dictionary or thesaurus to find synonyms, play with the words and see what you come up with! An example could be: There is no such thing as a mistake when you are being creative! Please return entries to the class teacher on Monday and the winner will be announced on Wednesday.

The team point treat was a huge success today - you will see from the photos how much the children enjoyed it. Hopefully this will motivate all the teams to earn even more points this term and be the winners of the next treat. Good luck to all! A big thank you to Kathryn Humphris who facilitated the session. I will be looking at how we can use the forest school more for the benefit of all the children. Watch this space.

Finally, the SPSA are currently putting a lot of effort into organising the comedy night and it would be great to get as much support for this as possible. The whole school is grateful for the money they raise, and it makes a big difference to the children's school experience - our next gift from them will be another 15 Chromebooks which will allow every child to have one in a class session! A huge thank you to the SPSA for all your hard work as always! If you would like to know more about the work they do or want to know how you can help, they would love to hear from you. Contact [spsacassington@gmail.com](mailto:spsacassington@gmail.com)

Have a lovely weekend,

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

STAND UP COMEDY  
Four Pro Comedians

# FLOCK COMEDY

A FUNDRAISER FOR  
St PETER'S SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION



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

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CHRISTIAN RUSSELL-POLLOCK

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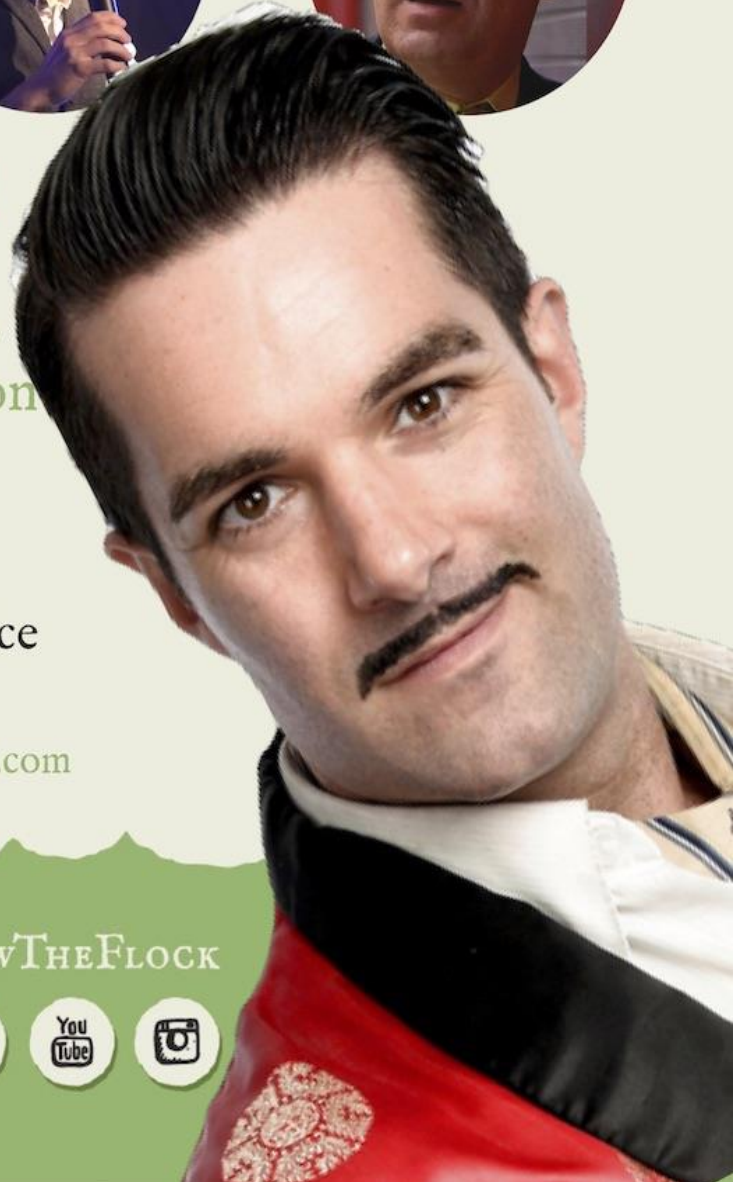
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