



Newsletter

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Friday 3rd May 2019



Mr Howe (STEM Ambassador) came in to talk about space.

Make sure you read the reports inside!



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PEANUT/NUT FREE SCHOOL

We currently have three children who have serious nut allergies. Please remember that we don't allow any nuts or nut products in school. **This includes Nutella.** Thank you for helping us to keep St Peter's School a safe place.



News



SPSA News

Pool

Thank you to all who helped with the annual pool clean up last Sunday – it's amazing what many hands can do and over this week the pool has turned from green to blue again! Plans are progressing well to get the pool open this year – look out for news in next weeks newsletter and via ParentMail.

Other upcoming events

As many of you know Cassington Bike Night is at the end of June. The SPSA run a BBQ, helmet store and Cafe which raises a good majority of the funds that the SPSA donate to the school for trips and equipment. We are also planning to have the usual end of year fun afternoon on the last day of the summer term, do something at the Sports & Social Playing Fields 65 Year celebration and hope to squeeze a bingo event in before the summer too. Details of all of these to come soon.

Get involved

Aside from needing help and support to run the events, we are always looking for new members to join us. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4 June in the Red Lion at 8pm. We would love to see you and we also welcome any fundraising ideas.

Garry Peasley
SPSA Chair

Cycling Proficiency

It's already that time of year when I'm looking for volunteers for helping with our cycling proficiency course for the year 6s. It's so beneficial as it teaches the children not only how to ride on the road but how to be aware of potential danger, the rules of the road, how to stay safe, etc.

However, we can't run it unless we have volunteers! **I need at least two helpers each day otherwise I'm not allowed to take the children on the road.** If you can give any time to help between 9am and 12pm from Tuesday 4th June each day to Friday 7th June, that would be brilliant. You don't need to be a year 6 parent and you don't need to ride a bike! Please come and speak to Emily in the office if you can help. Thank you.

Please note—the year 6s will need to have their bikes at school every day, as well as on the Friday before half term (24th May)





Poet James Carter



St. Peter's Poetry Day

On the 30th of April St. Peter's had a visit from professional poet; James Carter. Year 1 and 2 wrote some wonderful kennings about aliens and had an enjoyable experience. Year 3 and 4 were writing cinquains and they had great vocal projection as well as a neat piece of work. Year 5 and 6 got to choose the structure which let their creativity run free. Mr. Carter was a really funny person and I'm sure everyone can agree it was overall really fun!

Here is one of the examples of the poems Mr. Carter helped the children write:

Black holes

Black holes might not be what they seem...

Not a frightening tornado in different lands
Not a terrifying whirlpool in a deep, blue sea
Not a horrifying vacuum in a modern house.
Not a hated asylum, an absorbing sponge.

No. black holes are black holes.
A swirling mass of black matter.
Gravity, Hydrogen, Helium.

By James, Joban and Eva
From Willow Class



On Wednesday a man called James Carter came to our school to talk to us about space poetry. We wrote space poems and read them out in assembly to the rest of the school. He wrote books and signed them for us.

By Tara, Lola and Carla



Poet James Carter





STEM Space Day



On Thursday Mr Howe came in to talk about space. We made land yachts out of knex and made sails out of paper. Some travelled further than others!

Other classes found out what a payload on a rocket has to be able to cope. Shake testing a spaghetti tower was also great fun.

By Tara, Lola and Carla

On Thursday, we were making spaghetti rockets. First we drew a picture of what they would look like, then we were given a base to build our rocket on. We watched as Mr Howe stuck a piece of spaghetti onto a little shaking machine with a bulldog clip. The spaghetti was very bendy! Then we went back to our table. Each group chose the best picture for them to copy, then we had to copy the chosen picture and together build it on the base. Then the buildings were put onto the shaking machine. The winners got a prize. There was a prize for the tallest and a prize for the ones that didn't fall over. The prize was a blue pom-pom with googly eyes and sticky feet. It was really fun.

By Thomas

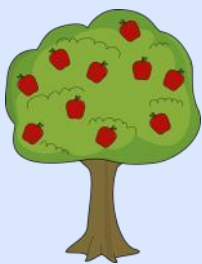


Apple Tree Forest School



Apple Tree parents

For this half term our PE session will be on a Friday morning instead of a Tuesday afternoon. This is because we have a fantastic opportunity to work with one of the PE teachers from Bartholomew School to assist with practising Sports Day activities.



Also, please can parents clearly label their child's school clothes and forest school clothes. This is extremely important as we are assisting lots of children getting dressed at the same time and things become mixed up.

Many thanks
Caroline Gardner



iRock 2





Information



Please make sure that your children are being supervised if they are using the adventure trail after school. The football pitch is out of bounds after school and is not to be used – the children are using this unsupervised which creates obvious safety concerns.

Thank you.

Information from Eynsham Medical Centre

The Blandford Fly season has started over the last few days and to help you avoid severe irritation, pain, swelling and blistering please follow a few simple steps over the next 4-6 weeks:

- 1. Wear long sleeves**
- 2. Use insect repellent**
- 3. Read the leaflet at the end of this newsletter**



Thank you in advance. Your Eynsham Medical Team

Chicken Pox!

Please be aware that we have had a few cases of chicken pox in school.

For more information please check the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Children can come back to school after 5-7 days, as long as the spots are scabbed over and there is no weeping. If you are at all worried, please speak to a member of staff or your GP.



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 - Independence	Star Award
	Teddy Cooke	Islay Jameson Ffion Jones
	Oliver Rees	Ameer Khokhar Stella Brandon
	Freddie Osgathorp	Carla Pollard Alice Armitage
	Luca Osgathorp	Hannah Buckner Tomi Homoki
	Olly Hollis	

ST PETER'S TOGETHER

**St Peter's Church – Sunday 5th May at 10am
with Revd Duncan Fraser**

You are warmly invited to 'St Peter's Together' with St Peter's Church, St Peter's School and choir, and the local community.

Do come along and bring family and friends.

Children of all ages are very welcome.



A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

In school we have been looking in detail at our school values and vision. A part of this is developing a sense of identity in who we are as a school, what we stand for and where we are going.

This journey will culminate in a celebration day at the end of June (St Peter's Day) where we look forward to the children sharing with you our school song, art work and drama.

It is important that parents/community are involved with this and we would like you to think about what makes St Peter's special and ideas for a charity that we could support that is **truly meaningful** for the school. In gauging a response to this, I have spoken to a few parents already and ideas so far include:

- Supporting a children's welfare charity in response to the increasingly national issue of children's mental health/anxiety
- Supporting a small village community in a less affluent country (in contrast to Cassington being more affluent)
- Water safety charity – building on the history of why we have the school pool.

The children will be generating their own ideas in class in the coming weeks and it would be great if you could talk about this as families and complete the charity ideas form at the end of the newsletter – either by email/handing in to the office or to your child's class teacher.

We will then collate all the ideas on posters and share with the community on **May 23rd between 6.30 – 7.30pm**. It would be wonderful for you to attend and add notes/comments to the posters, so we can get a sense of which ideas have the most support. It will also be an opportunity for us to share with you the work the children have been doing on our vision, values and stories of St Peter.

I am hoping that as many of you as possible can get involved with this; we have a chance to make a big difference to people's lives somewhere in the world and also to increase the children's understanding of the charity/need that we identify.

Please save the date – there will be more details to follow!

Best wishes,

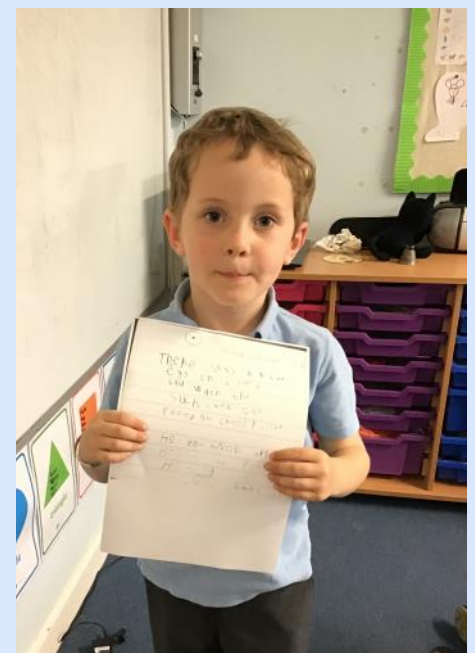
Jon Jeffries

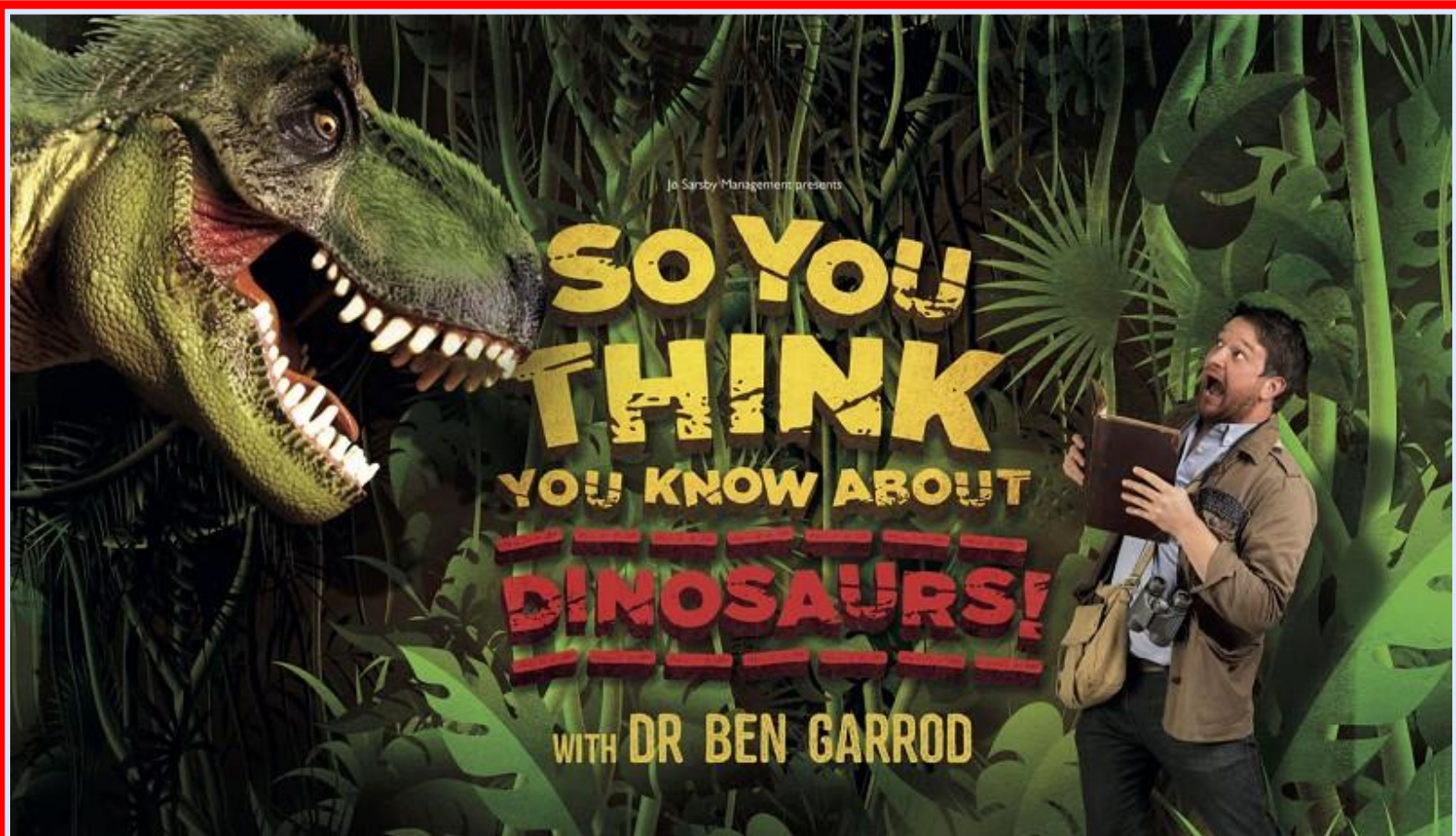


Important Dates



Sunday 5th May -	St Peter's Together - 10am
Monday 6th May -	Bank Holiday
Friday 17th May -	Yoga for Willow Class
Wednesday 22nd May -	Oak Class to Whipsnade Zoo
Friday 24th May -	Cycling Proficiency for Year 6
-	Stay and Play in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £2 per family
Monday 27th May -	Half term
Sunday 2nd May -	St Peter's Together
Monday 3rd June -	Inset Day
Tuesday 4th June -	Cycling Proficiency for Year 6 - until Thursday 6th June
-	SPSA meeting - 8pm in Red Lion
Tuesday 11th June -	Maple / Willow EPA Sports Day - Tilsley Park, Abingdon





SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW ABOUT DINOSAURS! WITH DR BEN GARROD

Saturday 11 May 2019 3pm Amey Theatre, Abingdon

So You Think You Know About Dinosaurs is the hit stage show starring dinosaur aficionado Dr Ben Garrod. Get ready to go on an exciting pre-historic adventure as Ben explores the biggest, deadliest and weirdest predators that ever roamed the planet. Yes dinosaurs such as Tyrannosaurus Rex, Allosaurus and Spinosaurus would have walked or swam right where you are now!

Pitting the knowledge of unwitting adults against their all-knowing kids, Dr Ben presents an interactive, educational and highly entertaining show using film footage from the BBC's '**Planet Dinosaur**'. So come and test your knowledge against Dr Ben in this hit live interactive show - Now bigger and better than ever.

Book tickets here—http://abingdonschool.savoyssystems.co.uk/AbingdonSchool.dll/TSelectItems.waSelectItemsPrompt.TcsWebMenuItem_1428.TcsWebTab_1429.TcsPerformance_596796.TcsSection_59749

Watch the trailer here—https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmLV7r_ShEQ

If you haven't seen Ben Garrod's Dinosaur show—it's brilliant! I can't recommend it enough. Ben is awesome and he'll answer absolutely any dinosaur or evolution question you can throw at him!

If your children (or you) love dinosaurs (or just love learning new stuff) then this is for you.

(Tell him Emily recommended it!)

Eynsham Medical Group



Blandford Fly Bites

The Blandford Fly (sometimes called blackfly) is a small 2-3mm insect usually found in East Anglia, Oxfordshire and Dorset. Blandford Fly bites are most common during May and June. They often occur on the legs and can be very painful. The effects of the bites on humans range from small blisters to large (up to 22cm diameter) haemorrhagic lesions, which can produce intensely painful stabbing sensations. The saliva of the fly, which passes into the wound, often causes severe irritation, pain, swelling and blistering.

What to do if you get bitten by the Blandford Fly

An insect bite often causes a small lump to develop, which is usually very itchy. A small hole (the actual bite) may also be visible. The lump may have an inflamed (red & swollen) area around it that may be filled with fluid; this is called a weal. Insect bites usually clear up within several hours and they can be safely treated at home.

For example, you may develop an itchy papule (lump) or an itchy weal (an inflamed, fluid-filled area). This may last for several days and the severity of the reaction will depend on your level of sensitivity.

It is important to know the symptoms of a severe allergic reaction. If you or someone you know is bitten or stung by an insect and experiences a severe reaction, emergency medical treatment will be required.

Treatment for Blandford Fly Bites

- Clean the bite wound with soap and water and dry gently
- Creams that contain camomile lotion, steroid cream or anaesthetic can soothe the pain of a bite, as can an antihistamine tablet. Do not apply cream or ointment to broken skin and always follow the instructions on the packet. Even though it may be itchy, try to avoid scratching the bite because you may damage the skin which may allow bacteria to get in
- Redness and irritation are common and should settle within a few days with these measures
- Secondary infection is less common. If you notice red lines appearing on the skin or enlarged lymph nodes (swelling) in your armpit or groin, seek medical advice

Simple precautions like wearing long sleeved shirts and trousers will act as a deterrent to getting bitten by the Blandford Fly. Stay away from clouds of flies on river banks because they can bite.



Cassington After School Tennis Club

- ☺ Mondays after school 3:00 - 4:00pm
 - ☺ Ages 7 - 11 years old
 - ☺ 29th April - 15th July
 - ☺ Cost £35 for 10 weeks
- ☺ Enhanced DBS - Qualified Tennis Coaches



These classes aim to teach everyone the core skills to play tennis successfully. Taught by our experienced coaches the sessions are fun and pupils will not only learn how to play tennis they will also benefit from increased confidence, social skills and learn more about team work.

To sign up to the course please use our online application form using this link:

www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/cassingtonprimaryschool

07734 059769 | info@exceltennis.co.uk
www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk

Vicky's After School Club

Vicky's after school club will be opening on **Tuesday 23rd April** at St Peter's Primary School, Cassington.

The club will be open from **3pm-6pm Monday-Friday**.
Bookings will work on a termly basis.

Call or email Vicky to book your space now on **0788 7711454** or vickyhickman1@gmail.com

Only £5/hr including food and all activities!



We offer a safe, secure and relaxed environment, offering a range of activities to reflect the interests of the children in our care.

www.vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk

All staff
are CRB
checked and
first aid
trained!



As part of looking at the vision/values of the school, we want to align ourselves with a charity that would have specific meaning and relevance to the school and form a core part of who we are.

We will have an event later in the term to share and consider further but to get the ball rolling can you help by suggesting:

a) What makes St Peter's unique/special

b) Is there a specific charity or type of charity that has relevance to us that we could support?

EXAMPLE

A school where a child had a degenerative eye disease decided to support an eyesight charity working in impoverished parts of the world.

The school became experts on eyes/eyesight and they went further than just raising money; the children wrote letters/gave advice on how to look after the eyes etc and it became a core part of who the school were.