

Newsletter



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Wednesday 21st July 2021



It wasn't just the children who enjoyed Oak Class's Beach Party!



Have an exciting, happy and safe summer.

We'll see you all back here on

Thursday 2nd September!



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING
THIS IS A



**PEANUT/NUT FREE
SCHOOL**

We currently have two 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.

We had a fabulous time on Monday at our Beach Party.

The children really enjoyed themselves, from making their own picnic lunch to building their very own sand sculptures. We played lighthouse skittles, shell water relay, pin the fin on the shark, built sand sculptures, paddled in the pool and had ice pops to cool us down.

Not forgetting that we had two special guests in the form of Mrs Bradley and the lovely Rafferty who sat beautifully on the children's knees for cuddles!

Have a wonderful summer holiday,

From Mrs Franklin, Mrs Carter and Mrs Cooke.





Information



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!

From September, we will have a new After School Club!

This will run from 3-5pm from Monday to Friday and will be led by Mrs Judd. We have tried for a long time to find a permanent solution to so many of you requesting after-school care, and hopefully this will be it!

You will need to book after school club sessions (and breakfast club sessions if required) and pay for them in advance (at a discounted price), through a new system on ParentMail.

It will be in the 'accounts' section where you then choose the days you want and click on the sessions required. There is the option to repeat the selection onto further weeks so it shouldn't take too long to complete! You'll then be taken to the payment page.

If you need an emergency or ad hoc session at either after school club or breakfast club, that should be possible (but at standard price). Please make sure you email the office to check if we have space - you will then be invoiced separately.

You will need to sign the terms & conditions / registration form before your child can use either after school club or breakfast club. These have been emailed to everyone and are available on the website. There will also be some printed out in the office if required. Please return these to the office, either by email or in person.

If you have any queries, or want to book a place but it is showing unavailable, please let me know as soon as possible by emailing me on office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk

Because we are moving to this new system for breakfast club, it is vital that ALL arrears on accounts are cleared before the end of term. Thank you.

St Peter's After School Club

We currently sourcing games, toys and equipment such as dressing up, small world toys, lego, board games anything crafty, children's magazines and outdoor games from ages 4 up to 11.

If you are having a sort out over the summer, please let Louise Judd know, who will collect any items.

ljud3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk



Churchfields

Some of the children took a card to Churchfields, our local care home, today.

The card is wishing them a lovely summer and to remind them that we think about them often.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to say a HUGE thank you for all the kind messages, donations and presents that I have received- It really is much appreciated. Additionally, I would like to say thank you to all the staff at St.Peter's, who have been wonderful to work with, over the last nine years. I have loved working at the school- this is partly due to the wonderful community that Cassington is and the many supportive parents linked to the school. Finally, thank you to the kids. They make the job so worthwhile and, sincerely, it has been an absolute pleasure to teach each and every one of them. The outgoing Year 6 embody everything that makes this school such a great place- they have just been fantastic.

Kind Regards

Mr Long

I am very humbled by the messages and best wishes that I have received today. The generosity of the St. Peter's Community has blown me away. Thank you so much for today and the gifts that I have received. My many years at St. Peter's have taught me as much as I have taught the children. I have never regretted my choice of career and will miss those 'light bulb' moments that make the job so amazing. Thank you once again.

Julie Howe



Thank you to everyone for all your donations! We managed to buy a huge amount of stuff for Mr Long and Mrs Howe. Mr Long received a £200 voucher for running gear, £50 book voucher, and a few more personalised bits and bobs still to arrive.

Mrs Howe received a £150 voucher for a new die-cut machine, some sewing kits and lots of plants!

JUDO SUMMER COURSE

Mon 16th-Wed 18th August

Hooray!! Judo is back!!

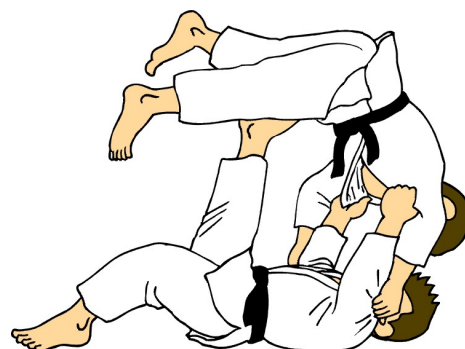
'Before School Judo' will hopefully be back at school on Friday mornings in September. However, why not get back into it (or try it for the first time) on the Summer Course?!

For more information, and to book a place on the course, please visit:

<https://www.oxfordshirejudo.com/summer-course>

If you have any questions, either email

jonathan.gerrans@hotmail.co.uk or speak to Emily in the office.



SUMMER FUN @ The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock



Join us for a summer of FREE fun @ The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock in collaboration with the Oxfordshire Library Service.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 27th July – 26th August.

Have a go at making some Anglo-Saxon grave-goods or your own fossil. Try one of our trails. Enjoy the Library Service's Summer Reading Challenge activities. Join our Finds Liaison Officer to take a close look at lots of small, rare and impressive archaeological finds from Oxfordshire.

Online booking is advised, but feel free to drop in!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

A free app has launched just in time for the summer. Parents and carers of under-fives in Oxfordshire can now access 50 low and no-cost local activities to help promote early language development. With information, guidance and supporting resources, build a memory bank of your child's special moments – from playing in the rain (#29 Pitter Patter), building dens (#33 Home from Home) to making potions (#17 Hocus Pocus Potions). Find out more:

<https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org>

Please watch this important video from the Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, and remember to talk to your children about the danger of water. <https://vimeo.com/577169767/8510cb1ebe>



A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

School's out for summer and what a year it has been! Together though, we (children, staff, parents, community) have faced every challenge that has been presented to us and come out on top. There is a lot to celebrate; the year 6 children achieved 100% combined pass rate for reading, writing and maths and there was a 100% phonics pass rate for year 1. As a school we have been keen to keep things as normal as possible and especially SATS week for year 6. They had their SATs breakfast in the morning and did their SATs papers as normal. It is unfortunate that the results will never be officially recognised but we can be really happy as a school with what we have provided, with how much energy the children have put in, and the support and commitment from home. It leaves the children in a really strong position going in to secondary school.

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to our Covid BounceBack fund. At the time of writing we are now at £4,190. The generosity of the village has been incredible. As I've previously mentioned, if there is anyone you know who might like to support us, please signpost them to: <https://www.givey.com/stpeterscovidbounceback>

On Monday we had the team points treat for Sparrowhawks who were this term's winners. They had various challenges to complete which tested their mental and physical abilities. The activities culminated with a building a den challenge which had to fit everyone in and also be as camouflaged as possible. They worked brilliantly well as a team and I think they especially enjoyed getting wet in the sprinkler!

On Thursday we had the year 6 leavers' service. As with so much of this year, we made the best of it with being in the hall instead of the church and also parents linking up through Google Meet instead of joining us in person. This cohort have been magnificent all the way through school and I took much pride in being able to talk about their contributions to St Peter's; they will certainly be missed and we wish them the very best! Goodbye to the year 6 families who are leaving us – you have been wonderful supporters of the school. Don't be a stranger – it will be great to see you at school events once life is back to normal!

Today we also said farewell to Mrs Howe and Mr Long. The children made a selection of lovely gifts for them and we also had poetry, dances and impressions! Thank you for all your contributions to leaving gifts; we were able to buy them lots of things that they love. Thank you to everyone who was able to join our service this morning.

We have been overwhelmed by the cards and gifts to staff— your messages have been truly touching and we really do appreciate you all!

Have a safe, happy and healthy summer and thank you all once again for your support; it makes St Peter's such a lovely place to be.

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries



ENROL ONLINE



NOW TAKING SEPTEMBER BOOKINGS

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The new school year is a great time for your child to start iRock lessons. Learning to play the drums, keyboard, guitar or vocals in a band can massively build a child's confidence while supporting their mental health and wellbeing along the way.

Key points

- Choose to play the drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals subject to your schools availability
- ½ hour weekly band lessons that take place **during school time** and are available to **all year groups**
- Children will learn their favourite songs and be taught by a visiting iRock teacher
- Weekly rehearsals build towards a live performance at the end of term organised by iRock
- Everything included for a flexible monthly subscription of **£32.49 per month** with **no payments in August**

Places are offered on **first come, first serve basis**. To book a place please visit www.irockschool.com, email info@irockschool.com or call 0330 174 2655.

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Head of School & Co-Founder
iRock School of Music

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD HEROES

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Go wild about your world this summer!

Oxfordshire children can join the Wild World Heroes in libraries this summer for a free, nature themed reading challenge.



10 July to 11 September



Collect stickers and rewards as you read. Complete the challenge to win a keyring, medal and certificate...and this year be entered into an exciting prize draw!



Under 4s can take part in a mini challenge with their own special card and stickers.

Visit wildworldheroes.org.uk for more fun!

Find out more:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge

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ST PETER'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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25th June 2021

Dear Resident,

Hello from all the children and staff at St Peter's!

You may already have close connections with the school, have children that have been through or about to go through the school or maybe you were even a former pupil yourself. Even if your knowledge of the school is limited to an occasional walk past the grounds, we would love for you to get to know us a little better and to help us if you can.

During these most unsettling times, St Peter's has been incredibly blessed to not have had any positive Covid cases in school so far. Our home learning provision, with the support of parents, has been highly effective and together, we have minimised the losses to the children's education. We believe that our school vision 'Minds that Learn, Hearts that Love, Faith that Gives' and our 12 school values have helped us through these toughest of times. We wanted to share our ethos with you in the form of our school fridge magnet – we hope you can put it to good use! We see so many of the values we work on with the children reflected in the community and we are incredibly lucky to be surrounded by such support. Recently we had a small army of village volunteers helping to plant saplings which will ultimately form a new hedge and increase our biodiversity; what a great legacy for the children, school and the wider surrounds.

Covid though has undoubtedly taken its toll. We want to start the next academic year in September with great excitement and to really hit the ground running; we have a wish list from the children and staff for how we can do this.

Can you help us by giving a donation?

This is what each class needs the most...

Apple Tree Class (Nursery and Reception)



Adventure play equipment

The youngest children have suffered with fewer opportunities to push their gross motor skills and to develop social skills such as taking turns. We desperately want to offer the children more and to maximise their fun in their environment.

We have designs and quotes to transform our outside space ranging between £8k - £12k

Could you donate money to help make this a reality?

Unlocking....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives



ST PETER'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Oak Class (Year 1 and 2)

For our Key Stage 1 children, we want to develop their outside undercover area. The children coming up from Reception have not had all the experiences they would usually have done – we want to ease them into year 1 with more child-initiated activities outside. We need to build a new fence for security and also purchase equipment.

Can you donate money towards the equipment, or can you build us a fence to section off the area?



The children said they would like:

Water play equipment

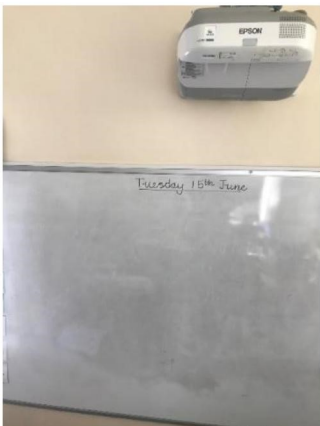
Mud kitchen

Sand table

Building blocks

Maple/Willow Classes (Years 3-6)

Children need their class projectors updating to SmartScreen (£2k each). The current setup can be hard to see – especially when it is sunny. This would improve the learning experience for the children.



The children also said they would like:

To make a peaceful/cosy area of the classroom for reading

Beanbags

Smaller play equipment/games for breaktimes

A budget for books that they could choose.

Can you donate to help us upgrade this equipment?

Raising £10k would go a very long way to addressing these needs within the school. Please pass this on to any individual, family or business who you think may like to help us in any small way.

You can give at: <https://www.givey.com/stpeterscovidbounceback>

Donations can also be dropped off at the school office if this is easier for you. If you are able to offer your services in some other way, please contact the school on office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of the children and staff of St Peter's CofE Primary School.

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Wellbeing Guide

Issue #37

Welcome to the Wellbeing Guide - practical activities to boost children's wellbeing.

INSIDE OUT is an innovative education charity created to improve the wellbeing of primary school children through our [5 Keys to Happiness](#). Our purpose is to inspire children to be happy, inside and out. You can find our 5 Keys poster to print out on the next page.

Have fun. Stay safe. Stay well.



KEY 1 / LOOK INSIDE

Help settle your body and mind before bed with this [Nighttime Meditation](#), specially created to help you have a more relaxing night's sleep.

If you enjoyed it, why not listen to the longer version for a deeper meditation.

KEY 2 / MOVE OUTSIDE

Enjoy your local park and discover a new hobby with these [Top 10 Park Activities](#) to help you have fun and get active at the same time!

Which activity was your favourite?



KEY 3 / SHARE MORE

Share your best memories this summer by designing your own [Postcard](#) and sending it to family and friends.

Don't forget to add a stamp if you want to post it!

KEY 4 / BE CURIOUS

Become an intergalactic expert by learning [The Planet Song](#), a catchy tune to help you memorise the entire solar system and learn some cool facts!

Feeling confident? Try teaching the song to a friend.



KEY 5 / BE KIND

Remind yourself to spread love and help others around you by making this [Kindness Spinner](#), a fun tool to inspire you to be kind each day.

Ask an adult to share a picture of your spinner with us on [Facebook](#)!

5 KEYS TO HAPPINESS

An evidence-based framework to improve wellbeing.



1 / LOOK INSIDE

Inspire self reflection,
focusing, being quiet, self calming



2 / MOVE OUTSIDE

Promote non-competitive
outdoor exercise



3 / SHARE MORE

Encourage connection,
teamwork and communication



4 / BE CURIOUS

Stimulate growth mindsets,
exploration, experimentation
and making



5 / BE KIND

Support an attitude of
caring for oneself, others
and the environment

FORGET 2020
MAKE 2021
SOMETHING

**Oxfordshire
Adult
Learning**

PROVIDED BY ABINGDON & WITNEY COLLEGE

NEW



“If I had my time again...”, “I wish I carried on learning that instrument...”, “It’d be great if I knew how to speak that language...”.

With hundreds of part-time courses available across Oxfordshire, there is no reason to regret not doing something you’ve always wanted to do!

Our new prospectus is out now for courses starting September 2021

<https://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/part-time-evening/>



To enrol on a course call: 01235 216 400



It's coming home to Eynsham Boys Under 5s Football



Every Saturday 10am-11am.
Starts 31st July 2021.
North Field, Eynsham.

Eynsham AFC are proud to announce Boys Under 5 football starting this Summer 2021. This is open to Boys who have their 5th birthday between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022. The team will be coached by a FA certified coach, with full first aid, DBS check and safeguarding training. The cost is £1 per training session and there will also be an opportunity to purchase an Eynsham AFC training top. **To sign up please contact James on eynsham72@gmail.com**