

Newsletter



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Friday 18th December 2020



Please see inside for more details about our beautiful new artwork which you will start to see around the school!

**School starts again on Tuesday
5th January 2021**

*Wishing you all a peaceful
and happy Christmas.*

From all at St Peter's!



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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.

As you may know, we have done a lot of work as a school on our Vision & Values over the last two years. We are very pleased to be able to share with you a piece of artwork that Lily Harvey has kindly produced for us. It encapsulates our vision beautifully:

Everyone at St. Peter's is encouraged to embrace life with the boldness and hope of Peter, who stepped out of the boat, walked on water and achieved the impossible. Through Christian worship, values and love, helping hands are offered to support every member of our community to reach their potential.



The board which this was painted on was kindly donated by Mr Armitage (who runs Tooley's Boatyard in Banbury).

Day 10 winners—Origami Angels

Well done to Madison, Elijah, Tyler, Ameer & Carla.

The Talent Show raised **£21.40** for the Marine Conservation Society.

Day 11 winners—Table Decoration

Well done to Tommy, Teddy P, Abigail, Arthur, Rose, Lexi, Flora & Megan M.

Day 12 —Talent Show

Well done to all our Talent Show winners! Photos below.

Day 13 winners—Christmas Machine

Well done to Frankie, Ffion, Tobias, Thomas, Lila & Harry.

Talent Show winners



Natural History Museum links

Three ways to go eco-friendly at Christmas

Winter Wildlife in the UK

What a funny old term we've all had!

We, the SPSA started with our first Zoom meeting in September wondering what we should do; how do we fundraise virtually? Will it work?

We knew the reality of the Christmas Fayre was a distant dream but we still wanted to mark the occasion, whilst keeping up with our normal traditions.

We batted a few ideas about and we decided on School Tea Towels, Christmas Card order and The Raffle. And it's safe to say it all went down a treat!

We made approximately (figures confirmed in new year) :

The School Tea Towels - £550

Christmas Card Order - £297.40

Raffle - £811

Again this is approximate, but in total we raised **£1658.40!** Which is INCREDIBLE!

This term alone we have been able to help fund the purchase of more ChromeBooks, 3 new iPad Minis for Apple Tree and a Children's Entertainer for the whole school. Without your help and support none of this is possible.

Thank you so much for your ongoing help and support towards the SPSA.

Especially this year when it's been quite different, we really do appreciate you!

We welcome new members and we especially welcome new ideas for fundraising!

From all the SPSA Team, we wish you all a Safe and **Merry Christmas!**

Plea from Apple Tree Class

Apple Tree class would welcome donations of dressing up clothes, dolls & dolls pushchairs, or any toys in good condition your children have grown out of. Thank you.



“Let’s go to Bethlehem!”



A free family activity

**on The Green and in the Church
Yard for Christmas Eve**

**Start outside the village hall any
time between**

2.30 and 4.00pm 24th December.

**Find the characters and discover
their stories.**

Finish at the stable in

“Bethlehem”



A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents,

What an incredible term it has been! I feel truly fortunate that this term, as a school, we have not had any positive Covid cases and our learning has been kept in school. Thank you for all your efforts in supporting us. The children have worked incredibly hard and have made some fantastic progress – and all in the most strange of conditions. Nobody would have believed it if we had of said a year ago that the children would be sat in rows, eating lunch in their classrooms and not playing with other classes at lunchtime; yet here we are. I could not be more proud of the children and staff; the effort all round has been nothing short of exceptional.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope you get to spend some quality time - whatever Christmas looks like for you this year.

Rest well, recharge the batteries and together we will be ready to face the challenges of 2021!

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

A Message From Our Governors

Christmas greetings from the governors

The governors would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Mr Jeffries and all the staff for their incredible hard work this year. Despite the challenges brought by the pandemic, their passion and dedication to maintaining the ambition of the school and the progress of students has been impressive. And that is no less true of parents and students, too. Thank you for making St Peter's School a place where minds can learn, hearts can love, and faith can give.

We wish you lots of rest, peace, comfort and joy this Christmas!

Claire, Jan, Hannah, Duncan, Catherine, Anne, Elaine, David and Iain.



Christmas with St Peter's

at home or in church...

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



CHRISTINGLE AT HOME

Sunday 13th December – 4pm on video via web site followed by Zoom meet

Everything you need to make a Christingle in a bag and the video to watch on our web site as you make it. Sign up so you can collect a Christingle bag from the church porch in advance.



CANDLELIT CAROLS



Sunday 20th December - 5pm

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with carols and readings. Please use the QR code to book your place or phone the office.

There will also be a carol service online.



Christmas Eve Crib Hunt

Thursday 24th December 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Find the silhouettes of the nativity characters and the stories behind them around the Green and the Church. Come to the Green first and end up back at the Church for a Christmas Eve treat and warm up.

Midnight Communion

24th December 11.30pm

A quiet, reflective, candlelit service commencing in the final hours of Christmas Eve and ending with the first communion of Christmas Day.



Christmas Day

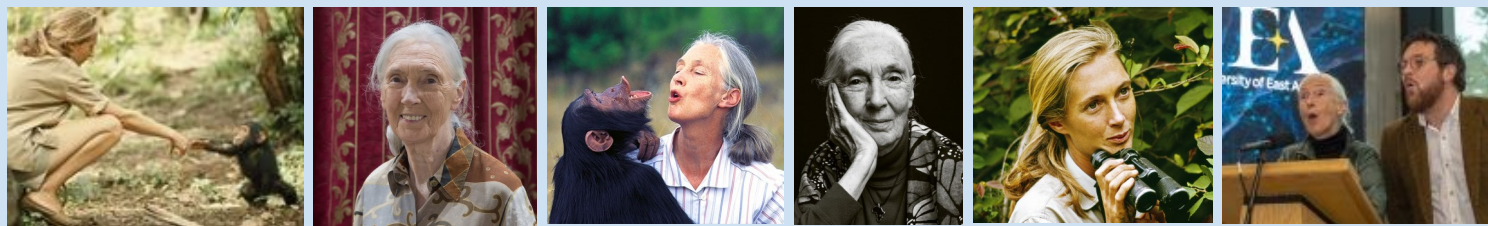
25th December 9.30am

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Please book your place. A service will also be available online for you to join into the celebration at home.





Jane Goodall Competition!



These competitions are from Jane Goodall's 'Roots & Shoots' programme which we have just signed up to. If your child would like to enter one of the competitions, please email me their entry to office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk, marked Roots and Shoots and I will submit them together.

Key Stage 1: students aged 5-7 (school years 1-2)

Task: Imagine and draw your own weird and wonderful creature!

Annotate your drawing.

Think about where your creature lives, what it eats and what adaptations it has and why? Is it camouflaged or does it display warning colours to scare off enemies?

The more imaginative your drawing, the better!

Key Stage 2: students aged 7-11 (school years 3-6)

Task: In 500 words: what was the most important invention of the 20th century, and what do you think the most important one of the 21st century might be, and why?

How did your chosen 20th century invention impact human society and the environment?

Did it bring any negative side effects?

What impacts could your 21st century invention bring?

Competition entries are to be submitted digitally.

This competitions have the following prize categories for winning students:

1st prize: £500 book vouchers / learning resources

2nd prize: £300 book vouchers / learning resources

3rd prize: £200 book vouchers / learning resources

PLUS the schools of ALL prize winners receive £1,000 each to use towards a trip or excursion.

This competitions close on December 31st 2020, winners will be announced in January 2021.

Good Luck!

Please go to <https://www.rootsnshoots.org.uk/> for more information!

You only have 1 more week to get these entries in to us!

Wellbeing Guide

Issue #22

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

Join Jaime from Cosmic Kids in a festive winter wonderland for some high energy, [arctic-themed super yoga](#).

Make sure you have plenty of space to practise these dynamic moves!

KEY 2 / MOVE OUTSIDE

This [frozen suncatcher activity](#) is the perfect way to get outside on crisp, winter days. You could collect supplies from the garden or on a walk in your area.

Ask an adult to share your creations with us on [Facebook](#)!



KEY 3 / SHARE MORE

Card games are a family favourite over the holidays and a wonderful way to spend quality time with your loved ones.

Grab a deck and try one of these [classics](#) or invent your own game!

KEY 4 / BE CURIOUS

Have you ever wondered how animals stay warm in cold places? Check out the [SciShow](#) YouTube channel to find out the secrets of living in the snow.

Want to try it for yourself? Try this polar bear [blubber experiment](#) or watch it [here](#)!



KEY 5 / BE KIND

Why not make this [kindness cloud](#) for a friend or family member to let them know what your favourite things are about them.

You could also make one as a gift for yourself to celebrate what makes you great!

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