

Newsletter



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Friday 27th November 2020



**There were some fantastic costumes in Apple Tree Class today for their Space-themed day!
(See inside for photos of their dance workshop)**



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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.

Apple Tree's Space Day Fun



SPSA Christmas Raffle Tickets and Prize Donations

A book of raffle tickets was given to each child earlier this week and it would be great if we could all buy / sell them so we can go some way in making up for the cancelled Christmas Fair.

Along with a range of super prizes, there will also be a small prize for the children in the class that sells the most tickets.

- Tickets cost £1, £5 a book
- **Money and ticket stubs in an envelope to be returned to the class teacher by FRIDAY DECEMBER 11**
- Raffle drawn on Facebook Live on Monday December 14
- If you need more tickets, please let your child's teacher know and Emily will pop more in their book bag.

You can also donate prizes if you wish to members of the SPSA who will be on the Green from 2.30pm today (27th) and next Friday (4th) in the run up to school pick-up.



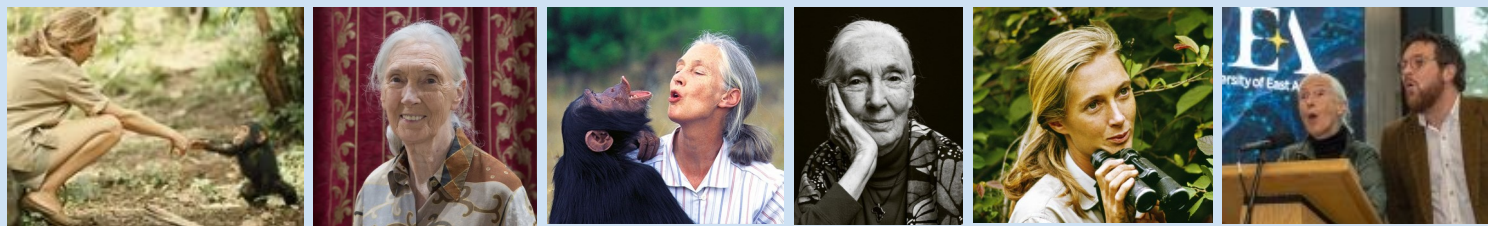
SPSA Portrait Tea towels

If you want to buy any tea towels, please order and pay through the shop area on ParentMail. (They will be given to you a few days after your order has been placed). If you have any problems, please email the office.

Please note - they are printed in Royal Blue!



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!

Dear parents

Maple has a very urgent matter that we need to tell you about.

We are disgusted that 90% of our ocean creatures are being affected by pollution, caused by the litter we leave.

Litter is a real problem on our beaches. When people enjoy picnics and games on the beach, they often forget to take their rubbish home with them. Unfortunately, the tide washes over the beach and takes the plastic out to sea.

This can cause devastating problems.

For example, plastic bags fill with water and float through the sea like jelly-fish. Hungry turtles mistake them for food and fill their stomachs with plastic instead of food.

Undoubtedly, we need to reuse, reduce and recycle our plastic rubbish to prevent further disaster.

In fact if you don't, sealife will become hard to find.

We only have one world, do you really want to damage it?

Yours hopefully

Maple class





Letters from Maple Class



Dear Parents

Maple would like to announce some very bad news. Would you like to hear it?

Unfortunately, something bad is happening to the environment. People are fishing way too much and there is an island that banned fishing because there were too little fish. Soon they had to fish because there were so many. We should take a page out of their book, as in the same way if we fish too much there won't be enough to eat for us or the next generation.

Please stop eating so much seafood so that when we get older there will be a higher percentage of fish in the sea.

Here is a quote from David Attenborough the famous naturalist

“It is one world and it is in our care”.

Therefore, **don't buy non-sustainable fish** and try to buy organic fish. Also, it is very dangerous because if the seas are empty we will not have enough to eat. We need to act fast!

Yours faithfully

Maple Class





Thinking of having a clear-out?

The SPSA is working with Bags2school to arrange a collection of unwanted clothing and textiles to help raise funds for the school. Each kilo of clothing collected is money for the school.

WHAT WE COLLECT

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)

We DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Please bag all unwanted items in a black sack and bring to the collection point on The Green at the front of the school **on Monday 30th November by 9am.**

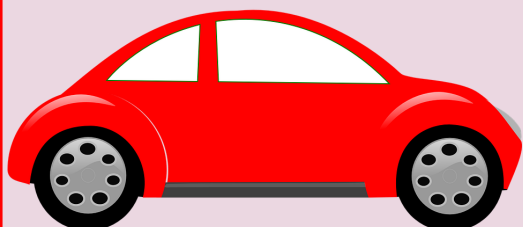
Every kilo = £££ for the school

The more we weigh, the more they pay!

Thank you for your continued Support

PARKING

If you need to drive to school, please do not park over hatchings. Please be considerate and do NOT block paths, as people need to be able to pass safely.



Virtual Talent Show

Please see the poster for the talent show. Sign-in sheets are already in the classes so please encourage your child to sign up!

Mystery at the Museum An online, interactive adventure with Steve Backshall

Friday 4 December, 7:00pm

[Register here](#)



A door creaks. The circle of torchlight swings around the exhibition hall, picking out ribs, a spine, rows of teeth in its beam... Hang on – what's this – an empty showcase...?

Join wildlife presenter and explorer Steve Backshall on a hunt for a missing exhibit in this unique live-streamed, interactive puzzle challenge!

Devised by Steve Backshall and escape room creators Agent November, *Mystery at the Museum* will take you on a virtual behind-the-scenes adventure through the spectacular building of the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. Help Steve solve a series of puzzles to save a missing museum specimen, learning about the natural world along the way.

Mystery at the Museum is an interactive online event for people of all ages with a passion for the natural world. The event is free to attend, with donations going towards the Museum's HOPE for the Future project.

Please note:

If you'd like anything put into the newsletter, I need it by Friday, 1pm at the latest. Thank you



If your child has an award below, you will be sent a link next week to join in with our virtual celebration assembly:

Class	Special Award Term Focus - Reflection	Star Award
	Ottilie Jones	Esmae Boyne-Ryan Oli Rees-Horsley
	Frankie Hutton	Ciara Boyne-Ryan Alice Cox
	Leila Lee	Oliver Eaton Hayden Jeeves
	Cadi Jones	Harry Lewis Bea Hutton
	Isla Edwards	



A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week is the start of December and with that of course brings the annual Christmas challenges! See the poster in the newsletter for details of what is happening each day. Because the children will not be able to see all the designs and creations in the hall as normal, we aim to be taking lots of pictures and will share on the website. Please encourage the children (as much as your patience/sanity will allow!) and the best efforts will receive daily prizes.

Our long-awaited Home School Agreement will be coming home with children next week. A big thank you to Anne Armitage (governor) who worked closely with me on this. We have had governor, parent, staff and of course child input into this. The children were very clear on what they thought expectations should be of themselves and also staff! Children will be reading and signing their copies in class on Wednesday which will then go home for you to sign. Please complete and return the slip on the back page to say that you agree to the principles and then the children will be given a small school magnet with our vision and values wheel on the front. The magnet idea came from our Vision and Values Pupil Leadership Group who are Charlie Cook, Bella Thomas-Clarke and Layla Black – a big thank you for coming up with the idea of how we could share our values more— we hope you are pleased with what you have achieved! The Home School Agreement is now on the website, so if you want to have a look before Wednesday have a look under the Key Information section.

It was wonderful to see Apple Tree class this morning dressed in their space costumes – they looked absolutely BRILLIANT!! Thank you for all the effort you went to for this and thank you staff for organising such an action-packed day! The cookies tasted amazing and the dance workshop rounded off the day nicely.

Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

as advent begins...

A FESTIVE DISPLAY OF NATIVITY SCENES

from homes around the village, will be displayed in St.Peter's Church grounds the week commencing 28th November.



Bring your torch and set the scene for Advent and Christmas this year as you walk around the Crib Trail, remembering why we celebrate this season.

Christmas Activities



Dear Children,

On Monday 1st December we will be starting our Christmas Activities! There are all sorts of things to try, so hopefully everyone will try and enter a few. Some of you might enter every single one! (There will be small prizes.) Some of the challenges are set over the weekend so you'll have plenty of time for making and doing before judging takes place on the following dates:

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| Tuesday 1st December - | Make a Christmas card to send to other schools in the EPA |
| Wednesday 2nd December - | Make a Christmas Tree decoration to go on your class Christmas Tree. |
| Thursday 3rd December - | Recite a Christmas tongue-twister or tell a Christmas joke |
| Friday 4th December - | Draw / paint / collage a Christmas picture (the best from each class will go into the newsletter) |
| Monday 7th December - | Make a digital picture or animation of the nativity story . The best ones will be put on the website. (Please email to Emily) |
| Tuesday 8th December - | Apple Tree— perform a skill (The list is endless; judo, ball skills, card tricks, juggling, playing an instrument etc.) |
| Wednesday 9th December - | Make a Christmas hat . |
| Thursday 10th December - | Design a Christmas wordsearch / crossword / puzzle . |
| Friday 11th December - | Wear a Christmas jumper for the Save the Children. |
| Monday 14th December - | Make origami angels (there will be instructions for these in due course) and bring them in. |
| Tuesday 15th December - | Make a Christmas Table Decoration , which will be used to decorate the tables for our school Christmas dinner. |
| Wednesday 16th December - | TALENT SHOW! |
| Thursday 17th December - | Bring in a design (drawn onto a sheet of A4 paper) for a fabulous Christmas machine and explain what it is for. |
| Friday 18th December - | Bring your nearly completed Advent book into school to receive your prize. |

Please take all 'making' entries to your classroom.

Good luck!





St Peter's Talent Show!

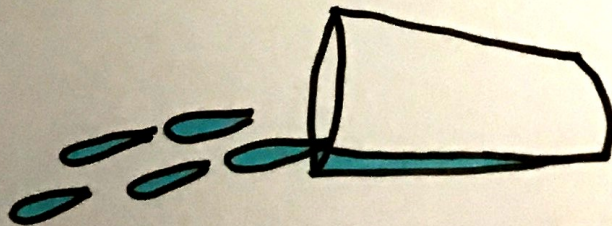
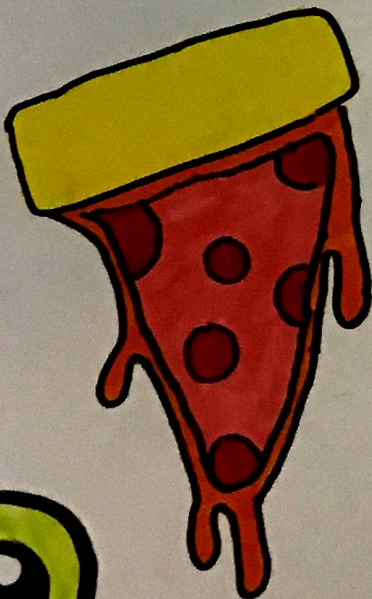
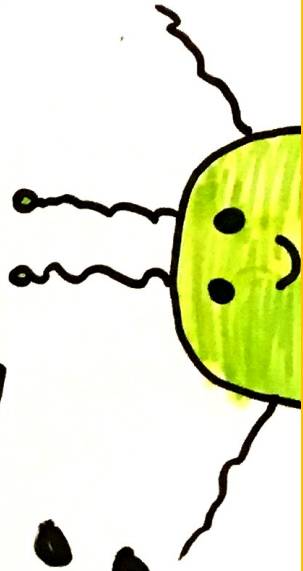
On the week before Christmas we are going to a talent show!

Each class will be linked up by google meet

Your stage is the classroom

What's your talent?
Gym, music, sport?

£1 per entry



Wellbeing Guide

Issue #21

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

The body is a lot like a clock, sometimes it gets wound up too tight and needs help relaxing. [Let's unwind](#) with this gentle and calming movement flow by GoNoodle.

You can use this technique anytime your mind and body feels a little tense.

KEY 2 / MOVE OUTSIDE

Looking for a fun challenge? Grab some chalk and invent your own [outdoor obstacle course](#) - you'll need to hop, skip and jump your way to the finish line!

Why not time yourself and see how long it takes you to finish the course!



KEY 3 / SHARE MORE

Try these [29 Big-Hearted Questions](#) from Doing Good Together to help you have deep and meaningful conversations with your friends and family.

Did you learn anything new about the people you asked?



KEY 4 / BE CURIOUS

It's the 20th year of astronauts living and working at the International Space Station. Why not head to [Nasa Kids' Club](#) to see who's there right now!

Did you know that the Space Station is the 3rd brightest object in the sky?



KEY 5 / BE KIND

Eco-Schools have teamed up with Frugi to create [10 eco-challenges](#) to encourage you to be kind to the planet and learn more about protecting the environment.

Complete all 10 activities to become an eco-warrior!



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

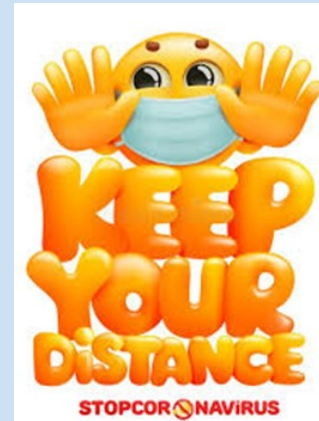
Support an attitude of
caring for oneself, others
and the environment

What you can do

Keep 2 metres distance



Give other parents plenty of space when dropping off / picking up



Wherever possible, don't allow children from different class bubbles to mix



What School is doing

Staggered start/finish times



Washing Hands



Social Bubbles (in class and outside play areas)



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