

Newsletter



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Friday 23rd October 2020

Our 3D, Mondrian inspired art project is now in the school reception.



See the Willow Class page on the website for more photos.



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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.



Thinking of having a clear-out over half term?

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 hope everyone has a lovely half term!

Don't forget, we are back on TUESDAY 3rd November

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

SPSA

Birthday treats and allergies



After half term we are going to ask that no cakes / biscuits / treats get brought in to celebrate birthdays. Because of the amount of children in each class, there could be a birthday every week, which means that we are giving the children a lot of food which isn't really any good for them.

Apart from that, we have children who are allergic to nuts (including traces of nuts) milk, eggs and soya. Finding something which doesn't contain any of these will be incredibly hard, and we can't have homemade goods because of the risk of passing on Covid.

STARTING TOMORROW



This is one of the BEST science festivals in the UK!
This October half-term sees 'Norwich Science Festival At Home' take place 24–28 October.

There are some brilliant events, from family friendly topics such as lunchtime lava, dinosaurs, underwater creatures, and space, to events for adults on COVID-19, the climate crisis, serial killers and a science quiz, and even a live animal dissection!

See norwichsciencefestival.co.uk for all Norwich Science Festival At Home events.



School Parents Wellbeing Promotion

Claim your half price Kids Pass now!

<https://info.kidspass.co.uk/school-fundraising>

Kids Pass are the UK's number 1 App for parents and is used by over 1 Million Parents

For each pass sold Kids Pass will donate £5 back to the school!

Membership includes:

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SAVE £100'S OFF HOLIDAYS ALL YEAR ROUND!

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Apple Tree Class have enjoyed some harvest themed activities this week. They made scarecrows and some bread roll hedgehogs. We also had some personalised bread roll hedgehogs brought to the office from the children. They were delicious! Thank you!



Raise FREE donations for

St Peter's School Cassington PTA

every time you **shop online**

Find us on [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterscassington/>

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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
	<p>Finley Britton</p>	<p>Fynnley Boyne-Ryan Alex Judd</p>
	<p>Ciara Boyne-Ryan</p>	<p>Florence Oliver Rose Armitage</p>
	<p>Bradley Knight</p>	<p>Freddie Peasley Martha Paulin</p>
	<p>Joseph Baxter</p>	<p>Charlie Cook Megan Chapman</p>
	<p>Frazer Derbyshire</p>	



Back to school: how do I keep my children safe online?

For a lot of children, going back to school can mean new and exciting ways of going online. Whether it's making new friends and keeping in touch with them over apps, playing the latest game, getting a new phone or spending more time online doing school work. We've got tips on how to help your child stay safe when school starts again.

1. Think about online routines

When school starts, routines might change, whether it's the time your child wakes up or how much schoolwork they do online.

A new school year is a great time to have another conversation with your child about online safety and agree some rules to help keep them safe. We've created an online guide so you and your child can decide together what's good to do online and what you should look out for.

Once you're both happy, why not stick on the wall in a place you'll both see it regularly? You can then come back to it every month or two to see if it's working and update it as routines change.

2. Have a conversation about online pressures and cyberbullying

Going back to school means kids will be seeing friends again or making new ones, especially when they move from primary to secondary. This could mean your child uses new apps to keep in touch with their friends or feel more pressure to stay connected.

Remember to talk to your child about what they're doing online and who they're talking to. Check in with them regularly and remind them they can talk to you, another trusted adult, like a teacher, or a [Childline counsellor](#) about anything that happens online.

Some parents might also be worried about bullying and cyberbullying. Especially because falling out with friends and changing behaviours and moods are a natural part of growing up. But it can make it difficult to know if your child is being bullied or not.

Some of the signs of cyberbullying include:

- a change in how they use devices, like their mobile or computer
- becoming withdrawn or shy
- changes in mood or signs of stress, anxiety or depression
- not wanting to go school
- not speaking to or seeing friends.

The NSPCC has helpful [advice on bullying and cyberbullying](#) for parents and carers.

[Childline](#) also has lots of advice for young people on [bullying and cyberbullying](#) and [bullying on social media](#), which we recommend sharing with them.

If your child comes across something upsetting online, they might want to report or block it. Use [our reviews](#) to show them how to do this on different apps, sites and games.

3. Set up devices safely

Going back to school is a common time to give kids new devices, particularly mobile phones, to help them keep in touch with family and friends. A new device for your child might well be a hand-me-down but it's still important to set it up from scratch. Make sure you:

Set it up together

Take the time to set up the device with your child. Explore the different features and make sure you both know what they do and how to use them, especially any safety features.

Read the manual

A lot of us can forget to read the manual when we're setting up a device but it's always useful to follow the guidance given by the manufacturers. If you can't find the original manual, product information can often be found online after a simple search.

Use parental controls

Setting up parental controls can help keep your kid safe on their new device. They might differ depending on the individual device, but you can often block inappropriate content, manage which apps can be downloaded and turn off location sharing.

4. Keep children safe on conferencing apps

Over lockdown, learning has increasingly moved out of the classroom and into the home, with children using conferencing apps more and more to help them learn and stay connected. Even with your child returning to school, there might still be times when they need to use conferencing apps. We recommend reading our advice on [keeping kids safe on conferencing apps](#), which has lots of helpful tips for parents and carers.

We also have specific advice on some of the most popular apps, including [Zoom](#), [Microsoft Teams](#), [Skype](#), [Google Hangouts](#) and [Google Meet](#). If your child is using any of these apps, read our reviews and check out our safety tips.

St. Peter's School Year Book 2019



We still have a few of our lovely 2018/2019 yearbooks left - now only £5! If you'd like one, please pay on Parentmail and then email Emily and she'll pass one on to you.

Please note:

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





A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

In what has been an incredibly long term, I am sure you are as happy as we are by reaching week 8 without Covid incident. Furthermore, the children have done some fantastic learning in what has of course been the most unusual of circumstances. The whole staff have appreciated your ongoing support and positivity towards the school and I think our community bonds grow ever closer.

As we look towards next term and Christmas, things will again look a little different, but we aim to keep the same level of festive spirit alive! Without the Christmas fair this year, the SPSA have been in overdrive to provide alternative ways of fundraising. We have also had our Events Pupil Leadership Group consisting of Abbie M, Izzy and Tara, hot on the money-making trail. They asked children for ideas and the Covid compliant ones have been passed over to the SPSA. The children will also be running their own 'Name the Teddy' competition and virtual talent show. We look forward to some festive fun!

Speaking of Christmas, it came early this week when we took delivery of 30 new Chromebooks! The SPSA are kindly paying for 10 of these which enabled us to get another full class set. This means we are now covered for all Covid eventualities, whether that be children learning on Chromebooks in class or borrowing them to work on at home. The SPSA have also agreed to fund 3 iPad Minis for Apple Tree class which will help them enormously with the work they do on Tapestry to observe children's progress. So please support the upcoming SPSA activities and events as it really does bring in vital money and translates to what we can do for the children in school.

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd November (Yes, there is an extra day's holiday!)

Warmest wishes,

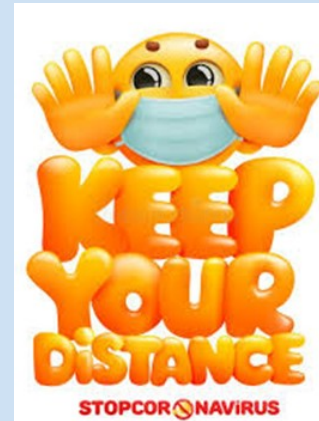
Jon Jeffries

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)



Wellbeing Guide

Issue #20

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

Try this [activity](#) by British Red Cross to help you explore your own stress patterns and discover ways to feel better and manage stress effectively.

Remember, everyone feels stress in different ways so focus on what helps you!

KEY 2 / MOVE OUTSIDE

Head to the woods for a leaf-crunching, nature-spotting adventure using The National Trust's [Autumn Woodland Walk Checklist](#).

Did you find everything on the list? Which was your favourite?



KEY 3 / SHARE MORE

Learn more about your peers and share your own likes and dislikes by creating a Get-to-Know-Me Caterpillar - simply follow this [video](#) for instructions.

You could include your favourite food, craziest dream or funniest joke!

KEY 4 / BE CURIOUS

Ever wondered why cats hate water, who invented cars or what the sun is made of? [Colossal Questions](#) on YouTube has the answer to these questions and more.

With nearly 200 videos, you're bound to learn something new and interesting!



KEY 5 / BE KIND

Sometimes we all need a little reminder to be kind to ourselves. These [Positive Mirror Messages](#) are a great way to promote positive self-talk!

Try writing your own or use these [positive affirmations](#) for some inspiration.

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