

Newsletter



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Friday 24th June 2022

Look at those excited faces! Maple Class enjoyed learning about and making volcanoes.



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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.



Important



HELP NEEDED—THIS SATURDAY!!!!

The wildlife hedge that was planted around the perimeter of the majority of the school boundary is heavily overgrown with weedy species which need to be cleared in order to give the hedge the best chance of establishing itself. With that in mind we are asking for help in clearing the hedge for a few hours on **Saturday 25th June from 09.00 - 12.00.**

Stew Thompson will be on hand to provide advice if needed, although this is a very straight forward process. We would ask you to **bring a pair of garden shears and a pair of gloves.** In addition, we need a couple of you to bring **rakes** if you have them.



If you are able to help out, please let Emily know in advance. Many thanks!

Cassington Bike Night – Monday 27th June

Just a reminder that next Monday is Cassington Bike Night and there is a road closure in place from **1.00pm to 11.00pm.** However, **if you drive to pick up, the marshals will let you in to the village** but please get a yellow pass from the School Office or a green residents pass from the back of the June CAWN to aid them in getting you through quickly.

The Village Hall car park will be closed but you will be permitted to park on the road for a brief time. Longer-stay parking is available on Bell Lane.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Garry Peasley, on behalf of Cassington Bike Night Committee

Willow Class

For swimming next week (1st July) please bring your costume, hat, goggles, etc, as usual AND a pair of pyjamas!



St Peter's Day - Thursday 30th June

Please join us next Thursday afternoon in the playground from 1:15 to join in our **St Peter's Day celebrations**, and then afterwards from 2pm have fun with some activities in the classrooms.



Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 3rd July 2022.** Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any help ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555

World Ocean Day

Thank you for all your donations for World Ocean day.

We have managed to raise a fantastic **£106.30** for the Marine Conservation Society.

If you want more information on MCS, or for activities you can do, please visit

<https://www.mcsuk.org/what-you-can-do/fun-learning/>



Thank you to everyone who had a go at Oliver's teddy tombola last term. He raised £50 which he added to the money that he raised by doing the 5k Race for Life with friends.

Between them they have raised over £1400! What an incredible amount!

Well done, Oliver!

Sports Days this year are on Monday 11th July for Oak, Maple & Willow classes, and Tuesday 12th July for Apple class.



On Monday at 9:15, the children will be taking part in running races at the Elms Road playing field. In the afternoon at 1:15pm they will be taking part in different activities on the school field. Parents are welcome to attend both of them if they would like to.

On Tuesday morning the younger children will be taking part in activities on the school field, followed by a picnic. Again, parents are welcome to attend.

Mrs Houghton and Mrs Bradley will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 12th July at 3:15pm in the school hall for the children who will be in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in September.

There will be some important information about phonics & reading, and it's also a chance to meet your child's teacher!
Please come!



Please note—there will be
NO After School or Football Club
on 27th June due to **Bike Night**.



Information



CAR PARKING

As a reminder, please do not park on the grass or on the bend by the chequers pub when dropping off or collecting your children. If there is no space in the village hall car park or in the layby on the road, there is usually lots of space in Bell lane. This is just down the footpath by the school. If you aren't sure where, please ask Emily.



Mrs Leggett is looking for donations of puppets/teddies and boardgames. If you have any of these that you are looking to re-home that are still in good condition, please bring them along to the office.

School photos

Please order online and **DO NOT** bring the order form back into school!

Thank you

*Now summer has arrived, please make sure your child has
a **bottle of water** and a **sun hat EVERY DAY.***

*They also need to have **suncream** put on at home.*

Thank you.

Fresh eggs

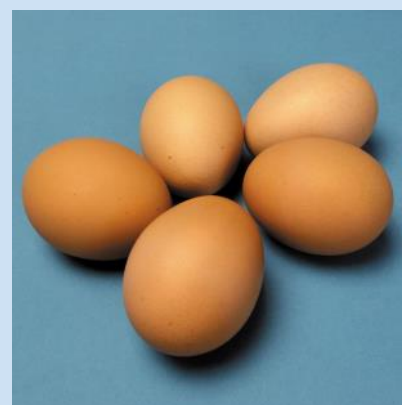
We are now getting 4 or 5 delicious eggs a day from our lovely rescue chickens.
(Mrs Cluckington is now back to full health and is happily laying again!)

If you would like some of our delicious eggs, we are asking for a
contribution of

£1 for 4, or £1.50 for 6

which we put towards the cost of their food.

If you would like some, please email me in the office and I'll pop
your name on the waiting list, or just call in!





SPSA—BIKE NIGHT



June 27th: Your chance to be part of one of the most incredible fundraising events...Ever!

After three years, it's amazing that we finally have a Bike Night, but that's exactly the case, and we can't wait!

Bike Night isn't only the biggest fundraiser for the school, but the perfect excuse for parents to come together to make it a success, get to know each other better and be reminded of the school's special sense of community. This year's Bike Night is also a celebration of (hopefully) the end of some tough fundraising challenges and the return of some kind of normality where we can begin to do more together.

For parents who've not experienced it before, it's a see-it-to-believe-it kind of thing. For the past thirty years or so (minus The Covid Years) thousands of bikers from all over the country have descended on the village on the last Monday of June. There are motorbikes everywhere, and there's a real festival feel with both pubs open, burgers, ice-creams, snacks and refreshments as bikers catch up with familiar faces, and the village and school come together to make it all work and have fun too.

Each Bike Night raises around £5000 for the school, often depending on the weather, and is the SPSA's biggest fundraiser, helping us to subsidise school trips (like Oak class's Warwick Castle trip and Willow class's swimming lessons this term), buy chrome books (vital for so many during home-schooling), take the children to pantos, buy the picnic tables in the playground and so on.

So, please think about how you can help after school on Monday June 27. Over the next few weeks, there'll be parents asking if you can help with the helmet store in Apple Tree class, flip burgers at the BBQ (our biggest money-earner), shake buckets for donations, help run the cake stall or donate cakes. The school staff will be helping to get motorbikes parked in the school field, so it's a real school effort – and a wonderful 'Making Memories' experience for the children.



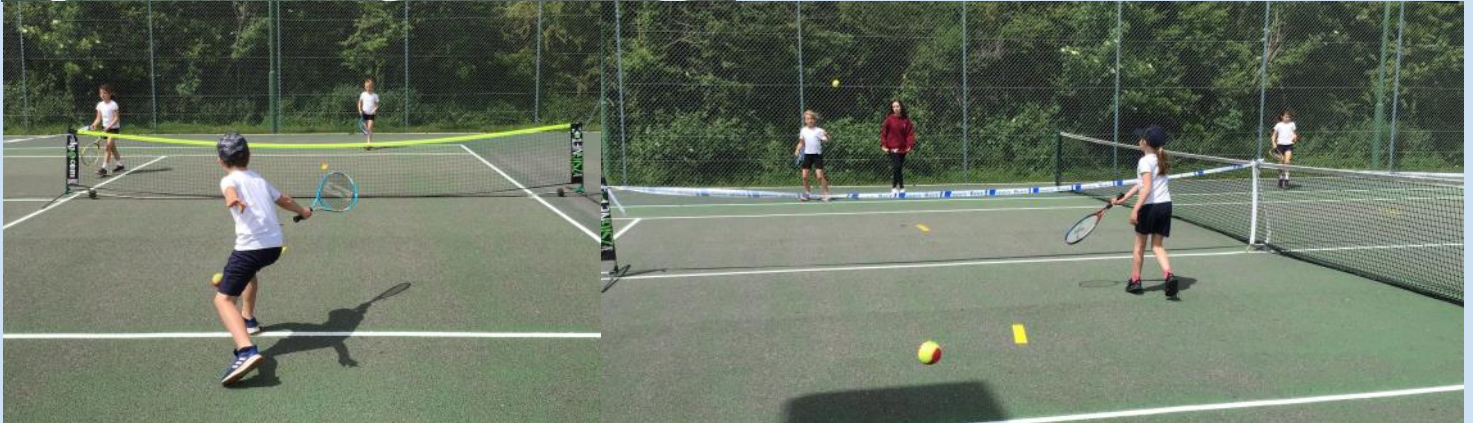
Thanks very much!

Louise Judd and Garry Peasley, Co-chairs of the SPSA





Our children always enjoy the many sports festivals and tournaments that Bartholomew School put on for all the partnership schools. This month, Maple Class have enjoyed taking part in both rugby and tennis.



Awards of the Week

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 - Responsibility	Star Award
	Phoebe Knight	Madison Winstone- Wagerfield Reagan Skinner
	Esmae Boyne-Ryan	Julia Dixon Teddy Metcalf
	Isla Chapman	Tom Morton Oliver Eaton
	Haydn Phillips	Oliver Rees Lorelai Taylor
	Annie Baxter	

If your child is away for any reason and not able to collect their award, we will present it to them the following week.



Book Reviews



Our Book Review winners for this fortnight!

Please encourage your child to submit a book review (or as many as they want!) When they bring in a book review, their name goes into a hat and each week Mr Jeffries will draw names to win a book.

If they would like to join in, please see www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/reading/ where you can download book review forms. We also have some printed out in our Reception.

We have special book review forms for Apple Tree, however, their review could also be a picture or a short video uploaded to tapestry.



Value of the term

Courage

Child quote of the term

You cannot be brave without being scared first.

- Megan

This Week's Big Question

This is the big question that we talked about in collective worship this week.

How about having a discussion about it at home?

Are things ever as bad as we fear?

'R' of the Term

Responsibility

Responsibility



I can **choose** to help others



I can **show** care for the school and equipment



I can **demonstrate** good choices



Responsibility



I can **demonstrate** care for the world around me



I can **choose** to put others' needs before my own



I can **explain** the importance of playing my part



Responsibility



- I can **build** awareness of myself
- I can **show** I own my actions
- I can **demonstrate** maturity and take initiative
- I can **discuss** the importance of playing my part
- I can **imagine** others' feelings
- I can **influence** by creating positive ripples

Your children will recognise these posters from their class. You may find these useful to use at home and to help reinforce what we are doing in school.



A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another packed week with lots going on! On Thursday evening, Willow class went to Dorchester Abbey for Festival of Voices. The children had been rehearsing with Duncan Fraser, Mr Miles and Mrs Partridge in school and they sounded absolutely wonderful singing on the night with the other schools. A truly memorable experience for all the children and thank you to Mr Miles and Mrs Partridge who accompanied the children on the night. Willow class have also been hard at work practising their play and I can't wait to see the finished 'Joseph' spectacular in the penultimate week of term.

On Wednesday we had a special guest as part of our People Who Inspire Us project. Anne Armitage kindly organised for Dr Alan Gray to talk to us about his work as a Clinical Neuropsychologist. The children had lots of questions about how the brain works and also gave some of their own personal stories of where family members have had dementia, for example. The children, as always, were extremely respectful and Dr Gray enjoyed his time here with us. Please have a look at the poster in the newsletter for more details and as ever, if you know somebody who has an interesting story to tell/life experience/unusual job that could inspire the children, then please let us know.

Over the last couple of weeks, the year 4 children have completed their statutory Multiplication Timestable Checks. This was a simple test, completed on a laptop, where the children answer 25 random times table questions and have 6 seconds to answer each. As ever, the children were cool, calm and collected and took this in their stride. I am really proud of how all the children in the school have completed their assessments from phonics in year 1 to KS2 SATs – as ever the staff prepared the children thoroughly and all the children can be proud of their efforts.

The end of term is fast approaching with a huge amount going on – Bike Night on Monday, St Peter's Day on Thursday, sports days, Willow's play, iRock concert, and the whole school trip to name just a few. As ever, thank you all for your understanding and patience as this is a very busy time for us.

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Jon Jeffries



Important Dates



Please see the website for more information - <https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/diary>

JUNE

Saturday 25th - **HELP NEEDED TOMORROW!!!** 9am to 12pm in the school field.

Please bring shears, gloves & rake!

Monday 27th - **BIKE NIGHT (No After School or Football Club on this day)**

Tuesday 28th - STEM day for year 1-4

Wednesday 29th - STEM day for year 5-6

Thursday 30th - KS2 Forest School day - Long sleeves, trousers and wellies needed

Thursday 30th - St Peter's Day pm

JULY

Friday 1st - Stay & Play for 0-4yrs in Apple Tree. £3 per family.

Monday 4th - In lieu of extra Bank Holiday - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 11th - KS1 & KS2 Sports Day **9:15 - 10:30** at Elms Road playing field & **1:15 - 3** in the school field

Tuesday 12th - Apple Tree Sports Day & picnic - **10:30am-12pm**

Wednesday 13th - Willow Class play **6pm**

Thursday 14th - Willow Class play **6pm**

Thursday 14th - Apple Tree Class to Cotswold Wildlife Park DATE CORRECTION!

Friday 15th - iRock Concert - **2:30pm**

Monday 18th - Yr 6 treat - **5:30-7:30pm**

Tuesday 19th - End of term trip for Oak, Maple & Willow. **Please be in school by 8:15am**

Wednesday 20th - Year 6 leavers service - 9:30am at Church - **Year 6 parents welcome**

- End of term at **1:15pm**



Drinking water

Please remember that the children shouldn't be having juice in their bottles. Juice is fine in their packed lunch, but they should only have water in their water bottles.

Thank you.

BIODIVERSITY UPDATE

Summer 2022



Leading our biodiversity actions within our eight schools are our nature recovery champions; self selected teachers from each school who are working together to improve biodiversity within the Trust.

Between January and March 2022, we held four workshops for our champions and their community volunteers. These were developed with the aid of a Natural England grant. We also benefit from generous support from Eynsham NRN – led by Catriona Bass.

The four workshops focused on the following: creating meadows and wetlands within school grounds; growing trees and hedges; supporting urban wildlife; and the creation and restoration of ponds

Each workshop began with an introductory talk from our specialists, followed by the opportunity for our school champions to get involved in the activity themselves and learn some key ways these topics can be incorporated into schools through fun games and interactive activities.

Our school champions are now working hard to devise a specific plan for their schools NRN. Their recent and upcoming projects are shared on the right.



Hedgerow Planting

We have seen a brilliant number of community volunteers and students come together to plant Hedgerows within our school sites. Species planted include: Hornbeam, Hazel, Rowan, Small-leaved Lime, Wild Cherry, Beech, Whitebeam, Crab Apple, Downy Birch and Blackthorn.

Meadow Seed Planting

Eynsham Community Primary were first to plant our wildflower meadow seeds. Their seedlings will be added to the flower beds of their new welfare garden in the early Autumn. St. Peter's school will be next to plant, with their planting day taking place later this month.



Heyford Park School

With a converted US airbase as their school site, Heyford's school champion has had to be creative with their planning. They are currently working towards adding a tree lined walkway at the school entrance, increasing the existing planting by growing cuttings with the students and planning a pollinator border in front of the school.

Eynsham Community Primary

Eynsham Community Primary has made excellent progress at developing the nature surrounding their new welfare garden. This term their school council will be deciding their new plant purchases and students will be creating bug hotels to support the newly attracted insects.



Freeland Primary

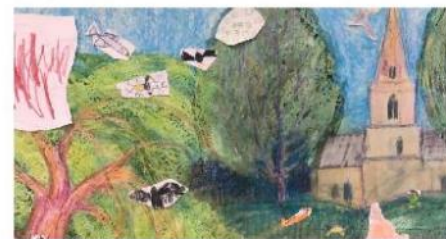
Freeland Primary have started to develop their existing pond into a wider wetland area. They are complementing this work by also planting hedgerow.

Stanton Harcourt Primary

The school has developed a number of new areas in school – a pollinator friendly border, meadow seed planting, hedgerow planting and developing their school pond.

St. Peter's Primary

Stewart Thompson's excellent recent restoration of the wildlife pond means it is now ready for the students to explore with their new pond dipping kits. This term they hope to also restore their vegetable patch and plant their year group trees. A snippet from their recent "Year in Nature" art project is shown below.



Bartholomew School

To accompany their earlier hedgerow planting, Bartholomew has recently planted three apple trees along the back of the science department. Their recent pond restorations have also been warmly welcomed by the local wildlife, with plenty of frogs and newts visiting the site.

Hanborough Manor Primary

After major building works their school grounds became a 'blank canvas' for nature friendly actions. Already a meadow area, 20+ trees and a hedgerow have been planted. The school has just received a grant from Blenheim Estate to support the next steps of their biodiversity actions.

Standlake Primary

In addition to their earlier hedgerow planting, the school are working on developing a propagating space with a new greenhouse. This is ahead of acting on recent surveying to identify their next nature actions.

DR. ALAN GRAY



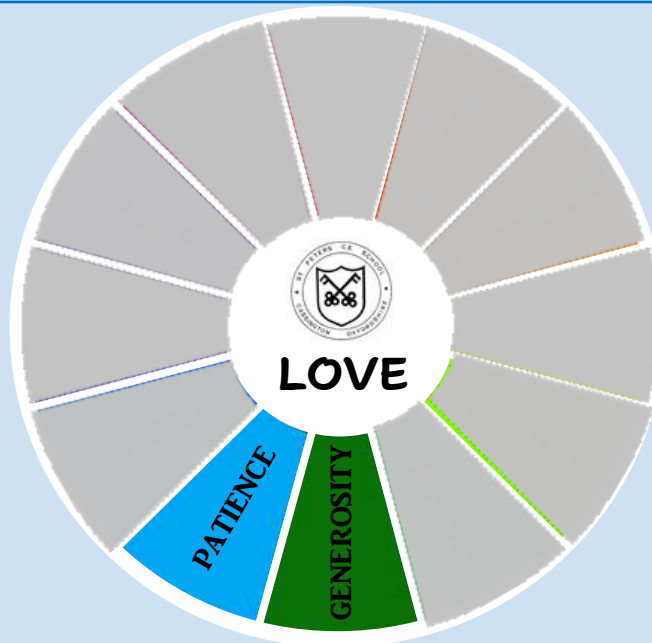
Dr Gray is a clinical neuropsychologist which means he works in healthcare studying the brain and looking at how we think, feel & behave. Dr Gray works with people who have either brain injuries or brain illnesses and helps them to lead a better and more fulfilling life. It took a lot of commitment and sacrifice to do the ten years of study required to become qualified. He had a lot of support and inspiration from others to help him. His school motto was 'To Distribute Cheerfully' and he thinks this helped him to develop into a generous person.

PATIENCE

Dr Gray has to be very patient with his patients as some of them might be tricky to work with.

Dr Gray has to listen very carefully to his patients to make sure he gets everything right.

Dr Gray has to be patient for results—he can't mend things in a



GENEROSITY

Dr Gray has dedicated his life to helping others.

Dr Gray made lots of sacrifices in spending so much time studying and missing out on fun things with his friends.

MESSAGE TO US

If you approach life with openness, the courage of your convictions and a willingness to work hard, then you will be rewarded.

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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



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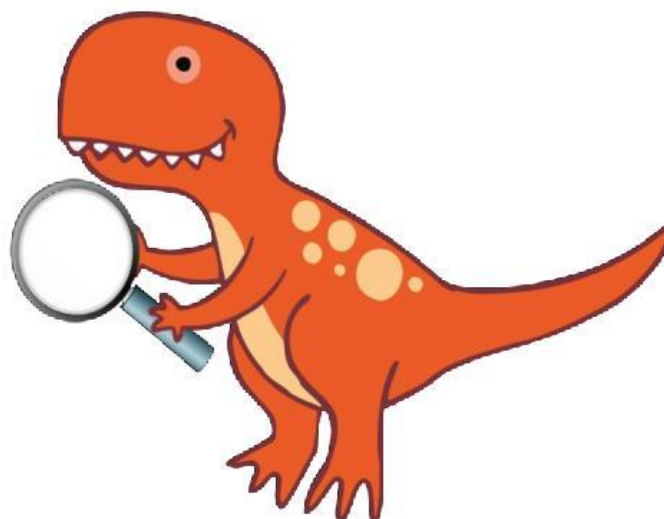
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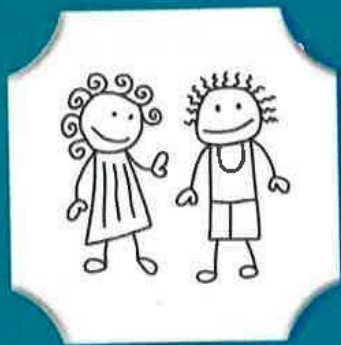
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Unlocking....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives



St. Peter's Church Tinies Cafe



Parents, Grandparents & Carers of Toddlers

We run a toddler style cafe each Tuesday afternoon of term time at Cassington Village Hall, 1.30 - 3pm

Join us for company, coffee, craft, toys & song

find us on Facebook @ Walkie Talkies + Tinies & Toddlers (St. Leonards & St. Peters)

Or email slpfamilies@gmail.com for more details

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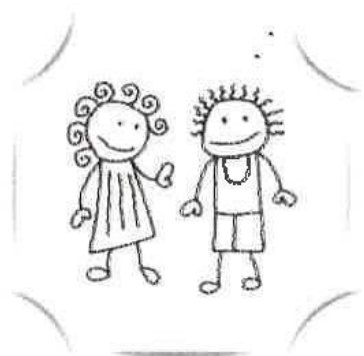
Tinies Cafe Dates

April 26th,

May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

June 7th 14th, 21st, 28th

July 5th, 12th, 19th,



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Stay and Play

Friday 4th March, Friday 1st April, Friday 6th May, Friday 10th June,
Friday 1st July



A Stay and Play session in Apple tree for 0-4 year olds



1.45pm-2.45pm



£3 per family

No need to book - just turn up

We look forward to seeing you





Minds That Learn



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We would love for you take part in this project!

1. Talk to your child about **what hobby/activity in their life teaches them the most.**
2. Choose a picture of your child doing something outside of school that really captures a bit of their personality/hobby etc. This can be non-identifiable if you wish i.e. can be with your child's back to the camera.
3. Find a quote from a famous person (or make up your own!) that fits the picture and gives the appropriate message (just google 'famous inspirational quotes', for example)
4. **OR** you could find a quote first that resonates with them then find a picture that shows this
5. Send this to: mindsthatlearn@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk

We will feature these in the newsletter (once a fortnight), add it to our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook pages and also update the 'Minds that Learn' section on the website.

Example quotes you could use:

The time is always right to do what is right (Dr Martin Luther King, Jr)

I attribute my success to this; I never gave or took any excuse (Florence Nightingale)

The most effective way to do it, is to do it (Amelia Earhart)

He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life (Muhammed Ali)

Whatever fear I have inside me, my desire to win is always stronger (Serena Williams)