

# Newsletter



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Friday 12th November 2021



On Thursday, for Remembrance day, the classes congregated at the memorial. Mr Miles played the Last Post on his trumpet and it was a moment well respected and observed by the children.



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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.

## Weather appropriate clothing

Although the weather at the moment is lovely and mild, it probably won't be long until it's cold and wet again!

Mrs Bushnell tries to get the children out every day, so unless it's absolutely pouring, they will be going outside at lunchtime.



Therefore, please remember to send your child to school with a sensible, waterproof coat and wellies. Thank you.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER—CUTOFF DATE

This year the Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 15th December. We need to know if your child wants a Christmas dinner by Friday 26th November at the latest. Our cook will

be ordering the food on that day, so unfortunately if you haven't ordered it, they will need to have a packed lunch instead.



To order and pay for it, please use the SchoolGrid system as usual. If you have any problems, please let Emily know.

Thank you!

## FOOTBALL

It's that time of year again when, as well as coats and wellies, we ask you to send your child with *spare clothes* if they want to play football at breaktimes or lunchtimes. It doesn't matter what, just something that won't get ruined when it gets covered in mud! Please note—they will be *unable* to use their PE kit for this!

Thank you.



## *Viking Workshop with Hrothgar*

*Friday saw Willow class encounter Hrothgar the Viking, and what an introduction it was! Bursting in through the door, blowing his Viking horn and summoning the children to become part of his Viking hoard. The children responded whole-heartedly and the tone was set for the day. Hrothgar was impressed by the children's knowledge, behaviour and enthusiasm so a huge congratulations to all involved. Our pupils had an opportunity to try on Viking armour, see how the Vikings mourned their lost, act out Viking stories, play Viking board games and observe how the Vikings prepared meals. Hopefully the pictures below will give you a flavour of our day.*

*"We learned about how the Vikings would have fought and we re-enacted some of the sagas/myths. I liked doing the plays best. I also liked seeing the weapons because how they held them and what they did with them was cool!" Megan*

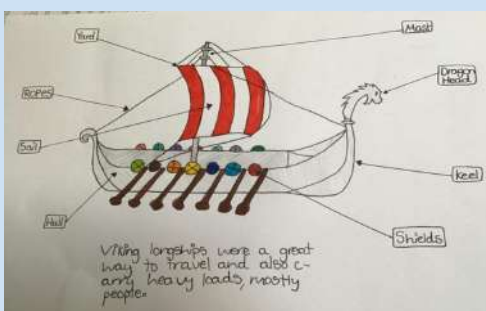
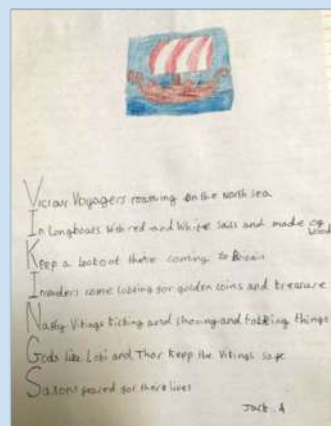
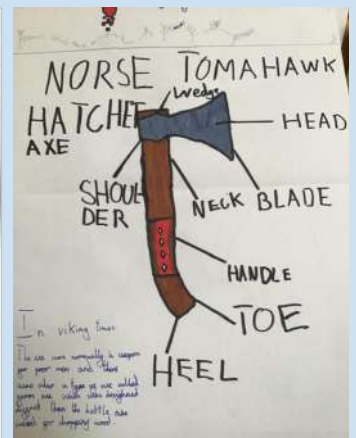
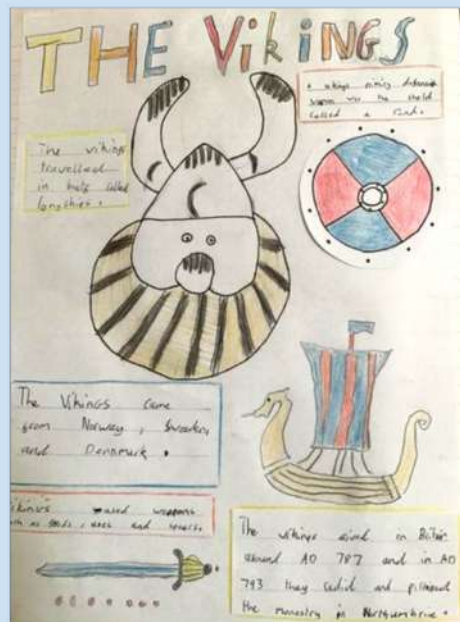
*"When we did the Viking day, I enjoyed getting up to act out the stories. I also learned lots about their weapons and the tools that they used. I found out lots about their beliefs and their gods. One fun fact that I found out was that the Vikings used to be called the Norse." Oliver*



This week, year 5 children from across the Eynsham Partnership Academy met with secondary pupils, climate change experts and school heads to discuss how the academy trust could reduce its carbon footprint and be a positive force for change regarding the climate. The children came back enthused about how they could begin to make a difference. Below, Lorelai explains what happened and what is going to happen next.

"On Thursday we went to Eynsham village hall to meet with children from across the Eynsham Partnership Academy for a climate conference, inspired by COP 26. There were some experts who came to speak to us on climate change, biodiversity, travel, food, waste and energy. After that we got into groups and had to write what we could do in schools to reduce our carbon footprint in those areas. Then we shared our ideas with the other groups and the experts. Later on we had a few more experts talk to us about what we needed to do next. We had to write what our plans were, for example to use the registers in school to help the chefs plan for numbers in school that day thinking about absences and to minimise food waste in school. All of the headteachers came along to hear our ideas. Now we will meet our headteachers later in the week to tour the school and identify where we can reduce our carbon footprint."

Please make sure you check out the [Willow Class webpage](#) for more photos throughout the term! Viking homework:





## Anti-bullying

This year, **Odd Socks Day** will be held on **Monday 15th November**. All we are asking is that your children come to school wearing odd socks (along with usual uniform!) and if possible, bring in a small donation which goes towards the Anti-bullying Alliance.

Odd Socks Day is designed to help us celebrate difference, as well as starting our Anti-bullying fortnight. This year's theme for Anti-Bullying is 'One Kind Word'.

Please see the information on the next page!



## Children In Need

This year, Children In Need is on **Friday 19th November**.

We are going to be asking all the children to come to school **spotty!** This could be wearing spotty clothes, sticking spots all over an old t-shirt, facepainting spots on their face, etc. They can be as creative as they wish!

We will be asking for a small donation towards Children In Need



Over half term, I did a sponsored 'Wild Walk' for the Wildlife Trusts to help support them on mission to restore at least 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030. I was aiming to walk 30km on beaches on the Norfolk Coast over 5 days and raise £30. I managed to walk further than I thought (41.7km) and raise £185!

*A HUGE 'thank you' to everyone who sponsored me. You're amazing!*

If you missed it - the link is - <https://thewildlifetrusts.enthuse.com/pf/emily-lemaire>



Dear Parents/Carers,

# WOOHOO... MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!

## WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

**Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!** To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (Cbeebies/cbbc) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, **One Kind Word**.

## WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



## WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy 😊 Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school
2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work
3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @AndyOddSock and @abaonline on Twitter. Or @andyandtheoddssocks and @antibullyingalliance on Instagram.

Monday  
**15**  
November

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November ...

If you have any questions please ask:

Mrs Houghton



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ORGANISER

**ONE  
KIND  
WORD**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

**Andy and  
the  
Odd Socks**

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# Information



## **Starting School—RECEPTION ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2022**

It's now time to apply for children to start in Reception for September 2022. Please apply online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) as this is the easiest and most secure way of applying. All the information needed to make your application is available on the admissions website.

The closing date of Reception applications is **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**, and the National offer date is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The 15<sup>th</sup> January closing date is extremely important, as late applications will not be considered until May 2022 after the first offers have been made. Parents who make a late application are less likely to be offered a place at their preferred school.

It is PARENTS responsibility to make an application. It is not something that we as a school can do for you, although we can obviously help if needed. Please speak to Emily if this is the case.

## **Inspirational people - Photographs**

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, we are really excited to welcome Rana Ibrahim to school where she will be doing some work with us on our 'People who Inspire Us' project. As part of this she will be doing some art work where we will be making a whole-school collage based around our values.

### **On Monday, could children please bring in:**

- **A photo of themselves**
- **2 other images - this could be a favourite author of theirs who they really connect with or a sportsperson for example and could also be a member of the family**

We want to use as many different types of media as possible so this could be from magazines and newspapers for example.

For the photos children bring in, we will photocopy them and use a sticky tape technique to lift the image from the photocopy. Please bring photos in a named envelope so that we can return them at the end of the day

*Ideally images will be no larger than 6cms x 4cms. Don't worry if your photos are bigger than this, we will reduce them on the photocopier.*

## **Toilets**

There have been a few occasions when people who are having meetings in the village hall have been interrupted by people using the toilets. If your child needs to use the toilet, please come into school and use ours—NOT the toilets in the village hall. Thank you!





***"If you fall down, get back up again"***

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Hearts that love  
Faith that gives

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Minds That Learn

## School photographs

You should by now have received your school photographs. If you think you are missing any, please let Emily in the office know.

Please make all orders online following the instructions on the sheet of paper. If they are made by 21st November, then they will be delivered to the school and P&P will be free.

Thank you.



## 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 - Resourcefulness | Star Award                                |
|---|--|---|
|    | Tommy Fleetwood                            | Olivia Ostridge<br>Zara Clarke-Montgomery |
|   | Isla Griffiths                             | Raymond Brown<br>Tyler Pollard            |
|  | Frankie Hutton                             | Oliver Eaton<br>Tobias Woolley            |
|  | Leila Lee                                  | Ameer Khokhar<br>Joseph Baxter            |
|  | Freddie Curtis                             |   |

## Child quote of the term

Hope for you, hope for your friends and hope for the world.

By Oliver P

## 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?

**What is your symbol of hope?**

## 'R' of the Term

EYFS Reciprocity



I can share what I did



I can share my ideas



I want to know more



KS1 Reciprocity



I can **listen** to others carefully



I can **discuss** ideas clearly and work together



I can **imagine** the thoughts and feelings of others



KS2 Reciprocity



- I can **recognise** when to work alone or with others
- I can **listen** to others carefully
- I can **demonstrate** understanding of other views
- I can **discuss** ideas clearly and help others learn
- I can **innovate** with others' ideas and ways of learning
- I can **evaluate** different points of view and adapt my methods

This is about collaboration and working together. 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.

# New Play Equipment



This is the first part of the new play equipment in Apple Tree Class. There is another piece to be installed early next year. This has only been possible due to the money donated to our 'Bounceback' campaign and we will share more photos of the children playing on it when it is ready to use next week!



# Making Bug Houses





# A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been quite the eventful start to the term! As many of you will know, a tornado caused considerable damage throughout the village and the school did not escape lightly, either. Many trees and fences were damaged along with part of the roofing. We were very fortunate to have a team of tree surgeons respond very quickly last week and they will be finishing the work this weekend.

As communicated last term, we as a school and the EPA are continually reviewing our Covid measures. As an update to this, the school received CO2 monitors which are now in every class. They show when the air quality is becoming poor and we can increase ventilation through further opening of doors and windows.

Next week is anti-bullying week. We will be doing various things throughout the week and it will start on Monday with Odd Socks Day. All children and staff will be encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks which will represent that we are all unique and individual and these differences are to be celebrated and not picked upon.

At the end of term, Mrs Gardner will be leaving to relocate to the Isle of Wight where she has taken up a position as a nursery manager. Mrs Gardner has been at St Peter's for 7 years and we thank her for her dedicated service during this time where she has been especially passionate about meeting SEN needs in the early years. We wish her well in her new life and hope she enjoys being so close to the beach! We will notify you in due course of teaching arrangements from January.

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Have a lovely weekend,

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries



# Important Dates



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

## **NOVEMBER**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Monday 15th   | 'People who inspire us' visitor                |
| Sunday 21st   | All photograph orders need to be done by today |
| Tuesday 23rd  | Firefighters visit to Apple Tree               |
| Friday 26th   | Apple Tree Stay & Play for under 5s            |
| Friday 26th   | Christmas Fayre <b>CANCELLED</b>               |
| Thursday 30th | KS1 & KS2 Christmas treat!                     |

**LOOK OUT FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGES SHEET—COMING SOON!**

## **DECEMBER**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Wednesday 1st  | Christmas challenges start!                              |
| Thursday 2nd   | Flu vaccinations - Reception to Year 6 - Forms to follow |
| Wednesday 8th  | Oak Class Nativity - 1:30pm                              |
| Thursday 9th   | Apple Tree Christmas treat!                              |
| Thursday 9th   | Oak Class Nativity - 6pm                                 |
| Friday 10th    | Apple Tree Stay & Play for under 5s                      |
| Friday 10th    | iRock Christmas concert - 1:30pm                         |
| Tuesday 14th   | Apple Tree Christmas singing - 9:30am                    |
| Wednesday 15th | Christmas Dinner   |
| Wednesday 15th | Christmas Service - 2pm                                  |
| Friday 17th    | 1:15pm finish - <b>Happy Christmas!</b>                  |

## Handwashing

There are lots of coughs and colds going around at the moment and with the prediction that the winter vomiting virus might be quite virulent this winter, please make sure that you continue to wash your hands and encourage the children to wash their hands frequently during the day and especially before lunchtime.

**Apparently, the sanitiser gels are not effective against norovirus so it is important that we are regularly using soap and water.**

Let's stay safe and well!



This is an introduction to our **5 Keys to Happiness and Wellbeing**.

The following pages have information about this week's focus key Look Inside.

## 5 KEYS TO HAPPINESS

This year we are working with an education charity called **INSIDE OUT** with a mission to improve the wellbeing of primary school children.

There is a strong public health message on 5 fruits and vegetables a day but what are the 5 things you can do every day to feel happier and look after your mental health?

This is where **INSIDE OUT** helps.

The charity has taken the '5 Ways to Wellbeing', an evidence-based approach to improve wellbeing recommended by the UK government, and made this child-friendly with what they call the '5 Keys to Happiness'.

Through the 5 Keys, children gain a 'toolkit' of fun and practical life skills that they can use in their daily lives to help them reduce stress, increase confidence and build resilience. **INSIDE OUT's** motto is: happy children learn better!

We understand that you want to help your children to be happy and healthy both inside and out. So over the next term, we will be introducing the 5 Keys in our newsletters and sharing fun and simple activities you can try at home with your children, to support our work in school.



This week's Key is **LOOK INSIDE** which inspires self reflection, focusing, being quiet and self-calming

The **LOOK INSIDE** Key helps children develop:

- A common language to discuss emotions
- An awareness that there is a range of emotions and accept it's ok to feel them
- A variety of strategies to focus the mind better, regulate emotions and reduce anxiety

Sometimes it can be hard for children to describe their feelings so **INSIDE OUT** has come up with using the weather to describe them. For example: sad = rainy; happy = sunny. It is important for children to realise that all weather is welcome, just as plants need all types of weather to grow, we need all feelings to be healthy.

This week at school we had a go at an **FBW** which stands for Feet, Breathe, Weather. The **FBW** is a simple breathing technique to help children calm their mind and body and improve their weather inside. It can be used **ANYWHERE** and **ANYTIME**.

If you want to have a go at an **FBW** at home, please follow these simple steps:

**F ...** Feel your **Feet** on the floor.

**B ...** Feel your **Breathing** - place one hand on your belly and one hand on your chest. Close your eyes. Take a few deep breaths. It's a bit like your belly is a balloon getting bigger and then getting smaller.

- Breathe in and feel your belly rise and breathe out and feel your belly fall.
- Breathe in 1...2...3... and breathe out 1...2...3...
- Breathe in and feel your belly rise and breathe out and feel your belly fall.
- Breathe in 1...2...3... and breathe out 1...2...3...

**W ...** Feel your **Weather** inside - you and your child could each share what your weather inside is now. Hopefully, it is calm and the weather inside is sunnier. Remember to emphasise that all weather is welcome.

If you are concerned your child is feeling stormy or unsettled a lot of the time, please come talk to your child's class teacher.

### Please note:

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



## Teeth

**Please make sure children only bring water to school to drink during the day.**

The following advice comes from the NHS website:

*It is recommended that the best drinks for children are plain water and milk.*

*Even unsweetened juices and smoothies contain sugars and acids, so although they can contribute towards their 5 A Day, restrict your child to no more than 1 small glass (about 150ml) of fruit juice or smoothie each day and only at mealtimes.*

*If your child is thirsty, it's better to give them water than to encourage a taste for sweet drinks.*

*Acidic drinks such as fruit juice and squash can harm teeth, too.*

*Don't fall into the trap of thinking that a fruit juice advertised as "organic", "natural" or with "no added sugar" is inherently healthy. A standard 330ml carton of orange juice can contain almost as much sugar (30.4g) as a can of coke (around 39g).*

If you want your child to have juice at lunch time as part of their 5 a day, please pack a juice in their lunch box.



## OSTMA LIONS

**Life and safety skill programme for 4 - 6 year old boys and girls.**

*This specialist programme teaches and develops children's self esteem, increased awareness of body and space, fundamental motor skills, respect, discipline, self control, initiative, stranger awareness and a love of learning.*



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Beginner**



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