

# Newsletter



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Friday 3rd March 2023



The Alice in Wonderland costumes for World Book Day were amazing and showed a huge amount of creativity! Congratulations to these children who each won a book for their costumes.



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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.



## Come and join us!

The SPSA is looking for a new treasurer from September as Nags sadly ends her time as a St Peter's mum. This is an exciting time to get involved with the SPSA as it grows following the Covid years, with lots of fundraising activities and events coming up.

Basic responsibilities would include arranging floats for events, counting money received from events, reimbursing event related spends and general management of the bank account.

To find out more, with a view to start earlier to learn more from Nags while she's still here, please speak to a member of the team (can be done via Emily) or contact [SPSAVOL@gmail.com](mailto:SPSAVOL@gmail.com)

## Easter

SPSA will be running an Easter egg hunt on the last day of term – a laminated egg will be hidden for each child which they can exchange for a real chocolate egg before they go home! We'll also be providing prizes for the Easter Bonnet competition – one per class!

We are meeting Tuesday 7 March at 8pm in the Red Lion if anyone fancies joining our team!

### *Invitation*

## MOTHERING SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday 19 March 2023

at 3pm

in St Peter's Church

followed by afternoon tea

in the Village Hall

*We're planning a celebration display of photos of weddings and baptisms held in St Peter's Church over the years.*

Everyone welcome



There is an **Easter Judo Course** being held at the Faringdon Judo Dojo.

Dates: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm each day.

More details and the sign up form can be found at <https://www.oxfordshirejudo.com/easter-course>

The children will learn some great Judo and there will be plenty of games.

Several of Jonathan's older students will be on hand to ensure everyone has a fantastic experience.

(Emily and her daughter Seren will be there!)





*Painting*



*Calligraphy Workshop*



*cherry blossom*



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*Our trip to the Ashmolean*



*Our trip to The Ashmolean*



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*Constructing The Great Wall of China*



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This term in Oak Class, our science topic is Living Things and Their Habitats. We started off by thinking about what makes something a living thing. Oak class were brilliant at suggesting things like breathing, moving, growing and sensing as the things that all living things do. We considered which things might have once been living but are now no longer alive, and which have never been alive. The children

developed their scientific skill of grouping and classifying, by sorting objects into groups based on whether they are alive or not. They did a really good job of justifying their groupings using the knowledge they had just acquired about life

processes. Later on this term, we are going to be entering into The Big Science competition. Oak are superb at thinking scientifically, so watch this space!

Just before the half term holiday, Oak class did some computing work. Working in small groups with Mrs Edwards, the children made a brilliant first attempt at using the Scratch program. They were working on using algorithms and were able to program a sequence of instructions needed to control the sprite on the screen. All the children were really pleased with the progress they had made in their first session using Scratch.

This week, Oak Class joined in with the World Book Day activities with great enthusiasm! They were all very excited about wearing their Alice in Wonderland costumes and they were keen to answer the register not as their own name but as the Cheshire Cat or the White Rabbit, or whoever they were dressed as, very much getting into role! The children's costumes were amazing – a lot of time and effort clearly went into those. A dance workshop, a music session and some creative writing were all entered into wholeheartedly. Everybody had great fun!





# World Book Day





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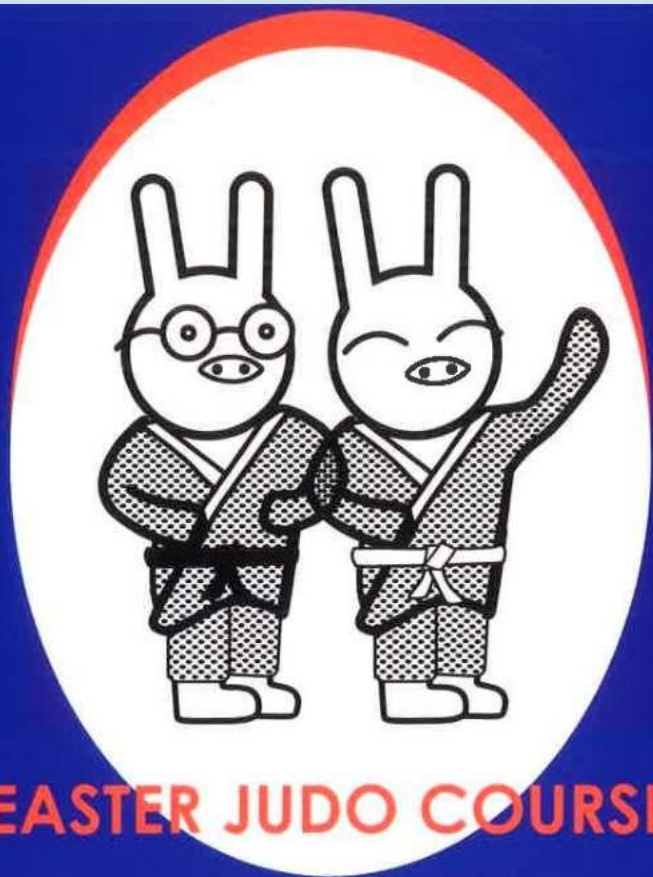
## IMPORTANT



**Please do not park on the bend by the Chequers pub**

when dropping off or collecting your children from school. It makes it incredibly hard for vehicles to pass safely and there have been a few 'near misses'. 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 in the office.

Like many other villages, Cassington now has a 20mph speed limit, so please drive slowly and carefully. Thank you.



## **EASTER JUDO COURSE**

**Mon 3rd April - Wed 5th April**

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

For 6 - 15 year olds

### **Where:**

**Faringdon Judo Club, Tuckers Park, Park Road, Faringdon SN7 7BP**

**£60 for the 3 days**

**or**

**£25 for one day**

### **Sign Up Here:**



[oxfordshirejudo.com/easter-course](http://oxfordshirejudo.com/easter-course)

**If you would like to put anything in the newsletter, please get it to Emily in the office, by Friday 11am at the latest!**



# A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

How wonderful it was for the school to disappear down a rabbit hole with Alice yesterday! The children looked fabulous in their costumes and the adults enjoyed taking on a different persona for the day too! A huge thank you to Mrs Bradley for organising the day and especially for putting together the dance workshop. Each class had a 50 minute session with Hannah (professional dancer and actress) from West End in Schools and we all gathered together at the end of the day to watch each other's performances. Thank you for your support and creativity with the costumes, it really helped make the day very special.

This week I met with Chris and Faye from Churchfields Care Home. Prior to Covid, we had lots of interaction between the children and residents, which was a purposeful and meaningful experience for everyone. We have been delighted to welcome residents to events at school in the first half of this academic year and we are now planning visits to Churchfields with the children as we head into spring and summer. We will keep you posted.

On Tuesday, Apple Tree class went to Crocodiles of the World. The children had a fantastic time and I enjoyed hearing all about it the following morning. A big thank you to the parents who accompanied the class as volunteers; we really appreciate your time in helping facilitate these trips. The children represented the school well, but despite their best persuasion tactics, they were not allowed to bring a crocodile home for Emily!

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

Jon Jeffries





# Awards of the Week



## Awards of the Week

If your child has an award below, you are invited to join us for our Celebration Assembly next Friday at 8:45am in the school hall:

Class	Vision Award	Values Award— <i>Patience</i>	'R' Award— <i>Resilience</i>
 <b>Apple</b>	<i>Libby Baxter</i>	<i>Emily Riding</i>	<i>Arthur Ashworth</i>
 <b>Oak</b>	<i>Alex Judd</i>	<i>Esmae Boyne-Ryan</i>	<i>Johnathan Hill</i>
 <b>Maple</b>	<i>Julia Dixon</i>	<i>Layla Black</i>	<i>Tobias Woolley</i>
 <b>Willow</b>	<i>Oliver Rees</i>	<i>Hayden Jeeves</i>	<i>Lexi Pollard</i>
 <b>Headteacher's Award</b>	<i>Wolfie Lee</i>		

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



# Calendar



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

- Tuesday 7th - SPSA get together - Red Lion at 8pm
- Wednesday 8th - Yr 6 NHS Dental survey
- Thursday 9th - Shang Dynasty Workshop for Willow Class
- Sunday 19th - Mothering Sunday celebration - 3pm (See below)
- Week beginning Monday 20th - Apple Tree Parents Evenings
- Tuesday 21st - Oak Class - Dance Workshop - **!CHANGE OF DATE!**
- Friday 24th - iRock concert 2:30pm
- Monday 27th - Maple Play - 1:30pm
- Tuesday 28th - Oak Class - Florence Nightingale Drama Workshop
- Tuesday 28th - Stay & Play in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £3 per family
- Tuesday 28th - Maple Play - 6pm
- Friday 31st - Easter Service at St Peter's Church at 9:15am
- Friday 31st - Easter bonnet parade at 10:15am
- Friday 31st - Finish Term at 1:15pm

## **APRIL**

- Monday 3rd—Friday 14th - Easter Holidays
- Week beginning Monday 17th - Oak / Maple / Willow Parents Evenings



## **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.



# 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, we will choose informative and well presented book reviews (age/ability appropriate!) to be winners that week.

If they would like to join in, please see [www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/reading/](http://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.

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## School Dinners

*PLEASE remember to cancel school dinners if your child is absent from school for any reason, or if your child brings in a packed lunch. Unfortunately, if the kitchen cooks your child a lunch, you (or the school if your child gets free school meals) will still get charged. Thank you.*



# Value of the term

## Patience

### Child quote of the term

If Jesus can wait 40 minutes for food, we can wait 4 minutes to talk - Karys




### 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?

**Which of our senses is the most important?**

### 'R' of the Term

## Resilience

Resilience	Resilience
	
I can <b>show</b> I am excited by a challenge	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I can <b>show</b> perseverance and keep going when times are tough</li><li>• I can <b>choose</b> to ignore distractions</li><li>• I can <b>demonstrate</b> enthusiasm for a challenge</li><li>• I can <b>identify</b> emerging patterns</li><li>• I can <b>apply</b> concentration for a long time</li><li>• I can <b>develop</b> and learn from my mistakes</li></ul>
I can <b>choose</b> to keep going when things are hard	
I can <b>focus</b> for a longer period of time	
I can <b>develop</b> and learn from my mistakes	

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.

At last the days are getting longer and the weather is beginning to improve, so hopefully in next week's half term, parents, carers and children will be able to spend some time outdoors. Half term would be a great chance for parents and carers to support their children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.

The good news is that Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called Footsteps, aimed at parents and carers:



You will know the importance of keeping your child safe when near traffic. This short leaflet, [Footsteps guide \(pdf format, 3MB\)](#), will give you some simple activities to use that will help you achieve this, whilst giving you some interesting things to do and talk about with your children.

As adults we know how to be safe pedestrians. But young children won't have learnt those skills yet.

By teaching your child road awareness, you are enabling your child to make their own choices and decisions with your help when walking and crossing the road.

- Ask questions rather than tell your child what to do.
- Involve your child in the decision making and explain why you are doing things.
- And remember your child will copy your behaviour so be consistent, even if you are in a hurry.
- Never do anything you wouldn't want your child to do when they are on their own.

Start Footsteps as soon as you feel your child is ready, the sooner the better. This is a learning journey and it may take a long time before your child can cope on their own.

Please don't expect quick results, take it at their pace. As your child shows you they can cope, move on to more challenging tasks. You know your child best, so you will know when they are ready to go out without you.

[Download our Footsteps guide \(pdf, 3MB\)](#) and start your child's road awareness journey.

From the Oxfordshire County Council website

# Easter Holidays Tennis Course

**Ages 4 - 16**



## **Week 1:**

**Mon 3rd - Fri 7th April**

 **Kingston Bagpuize with  
Southmoor Tennis Club**

## **Week 2:**

**Mon 10th - Fri 14th April**

 **Witney Tennis Club**

### **Half Day:**

**9:00 - 12:00 or 12:30 - 15:30**

### **Full Day:**

**09:00 - 15:30**

### **Short Course (kids 4 - 7):**

**9:00 - 11:00 or 12:30 - 14:30**

- Age appropriate groups
- Low Coach - Pupil Ratios
- Ofsted Registered
- Childcare Vouchers Accepted



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# PARENTS AND CARERS



Education from  
the National  
Crime Agency



- Talk regularly with your child about what they like to do online
- Find out what apps, games and sites they use or would like to use
- Use the social web framework to consider the benefits and dangers in each of the four areas
- Support your child to be safer on the apps, games or sites you decide are suitable for them to use



## Gaming: what's appropriate for your child? (PEGI ratings)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child)



## Personal information: a guide for parents and carers

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-personal-information2](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-personal-information2)



## Online contact and staying safe

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/online-contact-and-staying-safe](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/online-contact-and-staying-safe)



## In-game chat: what parents and carers need to know

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/in-game-chat)



## Is your child ready for social media

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media)



## What is sexual grooming

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-sexual-grooming](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-sexual-grooming)



## Social networks made for children

[www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids](http://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids)



## Age appropriate apps for children and young people

[www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/child-friendly-apps-your-children-will-enjoy](http://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/child-friendly-apps-your-children-will-enjoy)



## Social media top tips

[www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-top-tips-cards](http://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-top-tips-cards)



## Social media privacy guides

[www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media](http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media)

## Help for your child



Report concerns about online sexual abuse to the CEOP Safety Centre  
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre>

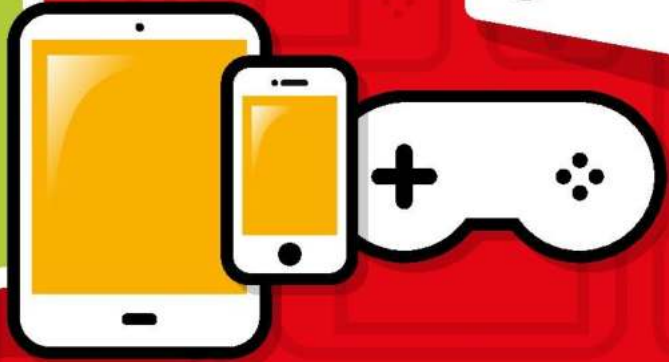
**childline**

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME  
[childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk) | 0800 1111

Call or message Childline if they are worried and want someone to talk to.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)

# BE SMART ONLINE



## S

### SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



## M

### 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](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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## A

### 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.



## R

### 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.



## T

### 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](http://www.childline.org.uk)



## BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.





# Dino Digital Detectives

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Class</b>	
<b>Potential harmful activity detected</b>	
<b>Date handed to office</b>	

<b>Action</b>	
<b>Review</b>	

Unlocking....

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# Primary School Health Nurse Team

## Term 4 March 2023 Newsletter

*This newsletter aims to provide families with some useful tips for keeping healthy...*

*Childhood is an important time to instil **healthy habits** and learn **crucial life skills**.*

*Establishing these habits early on will help to improve your child's future quality of life and enable them to reach their full potential in education and beyond.*

### Primary School Health Nurses

are based in localities, and work closely with parents and carers to meet the health needs of children. If you have any health concerns regarding your child please contact the school health nursing team details at end of this newsletter.

### Toothpaste Hacks Price, Peas and Pop it upside down!!!

Community  
Dental  
Services

Try swapping your branded toothpaste for a supermarket own one, which can be 7 x cheaper! As long as it contains at least 1350ppm, (parts per million Fluoride) everyone from babies, toddlers, teens and all the adults can use the same one! One size can fit all!

Check how much paste you are using, you could be using it 3 x quicker than you need to be! Everyone who can spit out should be using a small pea sized amount! Only babies, 0-3 yrs use a smear. Use less and make it last longer!

Simply turn your toothpaste upside down! Keep gravity on your side so you can get the most out of your tube. Keep squeezing the paste down to the cap with a roller or handle of a spoon! You've paid for it so use every last blob!

### Free NHS sight tests

are available at opticians for children under 16 and for young people under

19 in full-time education.

Speak to a GP or go to an opticians if you have any concerns about your child's vision at any stage (see [spotting signs of a vision problem](#)).

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**Oxfordshire Family information Service**  
<https://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/oxford-family-info-service> Provides free information and

guidance about childcare, play facilities and other services for children and young people throughout Oxfordshire. If you're looking for anything, from an afterschool club to a childminder, they'll provide a tailored report on what's on offer in your local area.



### No Smoking Day

is on 8th March 2023

This day occurs to spread awareness of the health dangers linked to smoking.

Click on the image below to find out more details on stop smoking services in your area, useful tips and aids for quitting, including the free [NHS Quit Smoking](#)



### 17th March National Sleep Day

Do you have difficulties getting your child to bed or to stay in bed?

Visit NHS website below for some top tips

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/health/sleep-problems-in-young-children/>

