

# Newsletter



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Friday 9th December 2022



We would like to say a BIG thank you to Cassington Nurseries who donated a Christmas Tree for our entrance hall.



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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.

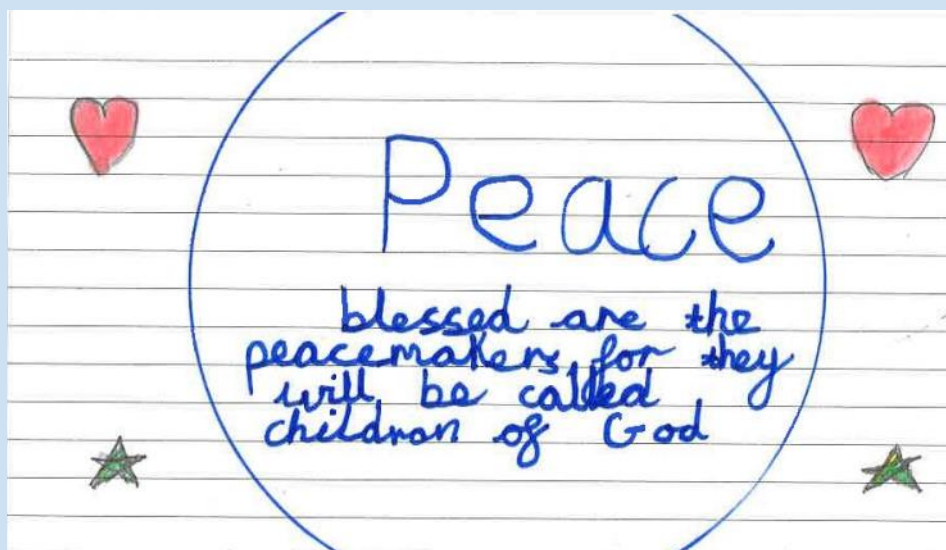
## Starting School—RECEPTION ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2023

It's now time to apply for children to start in Reception for September 2023. 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**, and the National offer date is 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The 15<sup>th</sup> January closing date is extremely important, as late applications will not be considered until May 2023 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.

## Vision & Values - Children's independent reflections

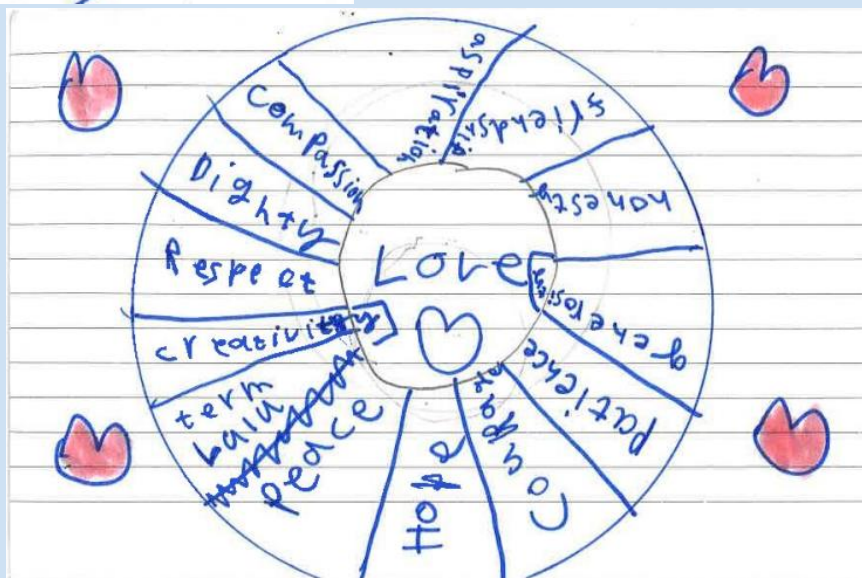
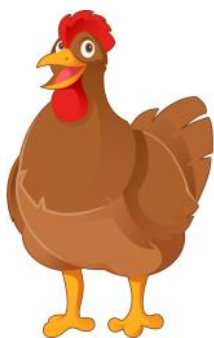


### Christmas Cards

If your child wants to send Christmas cards to their friends in school, the school Christmas post box is by the Christmas Tree outside the office.



If anybody has access to any more woodchip, the chickens would greatly appreciate them! With all of this heavy rain, their run has turned into a bit of a quagmire! Thank you





# Oak Class



Recently, in our Maths lessons we have been working on measuring the length and height of objects. We have had lots of practical opportunities to measure the things around us in our classroom. Year 1 have been measuring objects with cubes and bead strings and have been great at using the words longer, shorter, taller, smaller to compare the height and length of different objects. Year 2 have been refining their measuring skills, becoming much more accurate at using a ruler to measure to the nearest centimetre. They wrote some really good instructions for measuring accurately with a ruler.

We have now moved on to learn about telling the time. Year 1 are working on ordering events in chronological order using the words before, next, then. They will soon be moving onto thinking about the days of the week and months of the year. Year 2 have been getting stuck into the tricky task of telling the time on an analogue clock. I have been really impressed with how much they have remembered from last year. Currently, we are focusing on being really accurate when drawing the time at half past the hour. They are doing a great job at making sure the hour hand is halfway between the two numbers on the clock. Do grab any opportunities at home to keep practicing telling the time on an analogue clock. It is a tricky concept and becomes increasingly so as we move onto quarter past and quarter to the hour times. However, we are always up for a challenge in Oak Class!

In our Science lessons, we have been developing our knowledge of everyday materials whilst also considering some significant inventions by scientists in the past. We are currently learning about the invention of wind turbines. In class, we had a really interesting discussion about the things we use which require energy and where that energy comes from. We found out about the invention of wind turbines. Did you know that they date all the way back to an ancient Greek scientist? We considered the benefits and drawbacks of wind power. We have been trying to work like real scientists, thinking of questions that we could investigate about wind turbines. Initial discussions suggested that some might ask “what if the arms of the wind turbine are made of a different material?”. Others thought of ways in which the wind turbines could be designed so that they do not disturb any birds in the area.

In RE we have been working on our first Understanding Christianity unit. We spent a bit of time looking at the big frieze panels which tell the story of the Bible. The children gave some very insightful responses to the details that they could see in the frieze panels and links that they could make to stories in the Bible. Look out for the frieze panels on the wall in the school hall. The Christian concept that we have been thinking about this term is Incarnation. Although it’s a tricky concept, the children gave some amazing descriptions of what they thought incarnation means. Our big question has been “Why does Christmas matter to Christians?”. We looked at the details of the Christmas story from the gospel of Luke, in the Bible. The children were particularly good at picking out details from the story which showed how extraordinary Jesus. Some Year 2 children also looked for clues about Jesus in the words of the Christmas song – A Calypso Carol. As always, I’ve been bowled over by the ability of Oak Class to think deeply and respectfully through our RE lessons this term.

As ever it has been a busy term, but the children have been doing us proud with their hard work. The children are currently very much throwing themselves into rehearsals for the Oak class nativity. They have all been doing a superb job and are in fine voice! We can’t wait to perform it for you in just a few weeks!



**1- Christmas card winners (3 from each class) are:**

**Apple:** Jasper, Nellie, Elsie-Rose, **Oak:** Kai, Phoebe K, Masa, **Maple:** Teddy C, Sasha, Florence, **Willow:** Leila, Lorelai & Flora

**2 - Christmas decoration winners are:**

**Apple:** Esme G. **Oak:** Nika. **Maple:** Ffion. **Willow:** Lucas C

5 - Christmas machine winners are:

**Apple:** Emily **Oak:** Teddy M. **Maple:** Ivy

6 - Christmas hat winners are:

**Apple:** Nellie, Elsie-Rose **Oak:** Tommy **Maple:** Hania, Poppy **Willow:** Lexi

7 - Christmas joke / tongue-twister winners are:

**Apple:** Arthur, Zak B, Coco, Zara **Oak:** Isla, Beau, Arthur P **Maple:** Julia, Hania, Phoebe

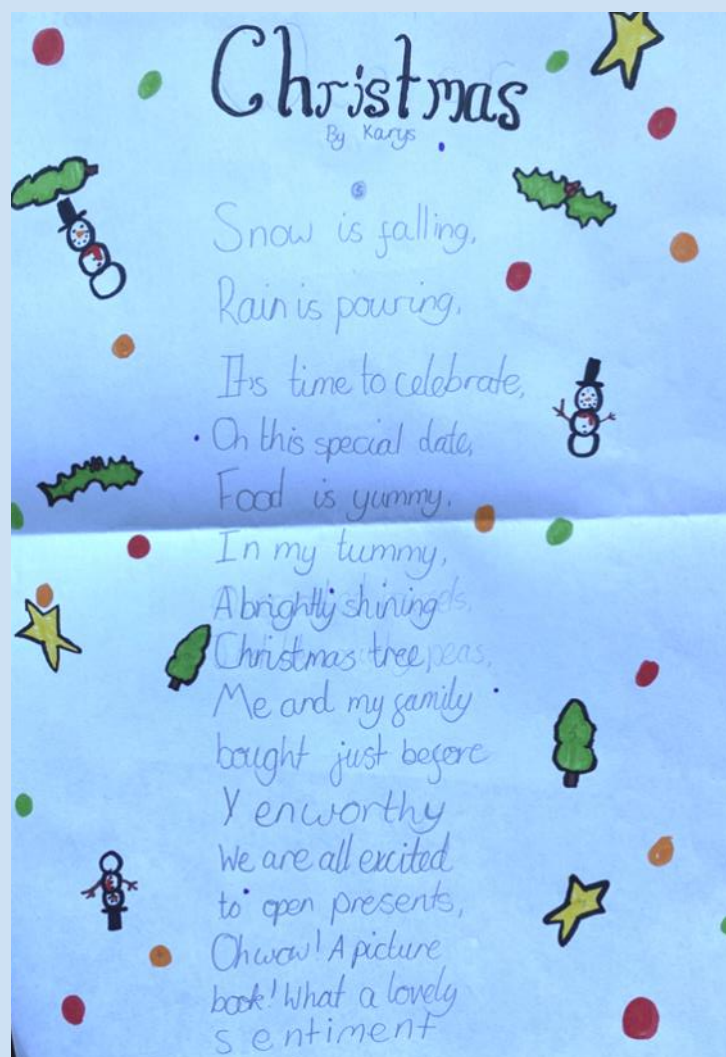
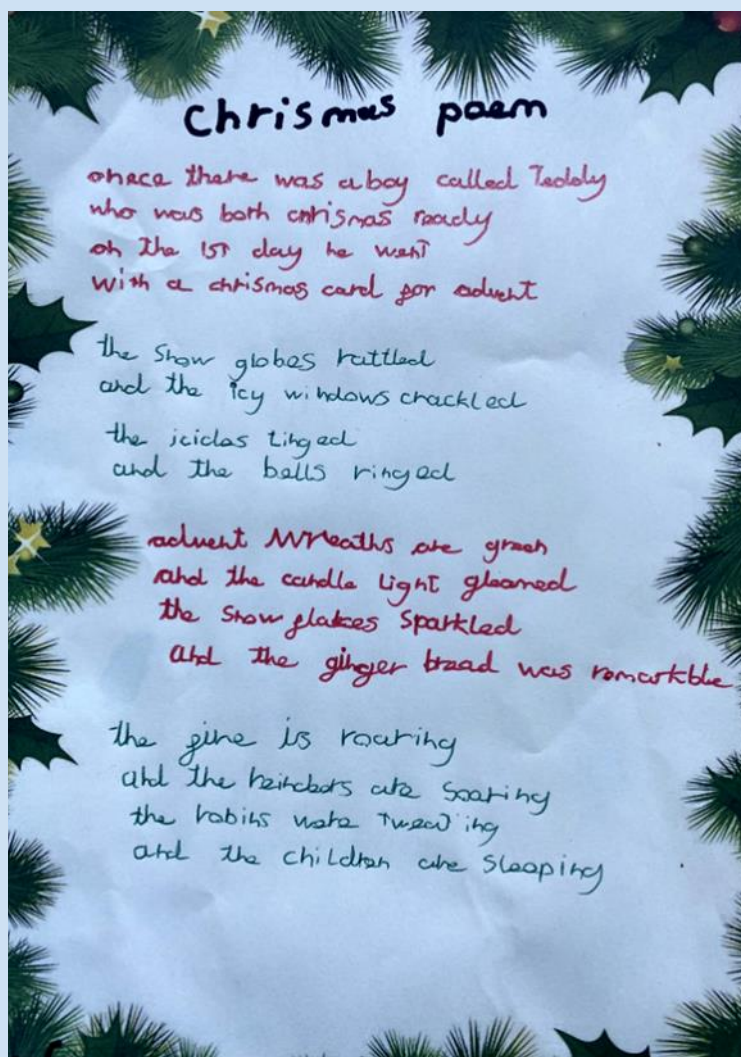
**Willow:** Osian, Daniel, George R

8 - Christmas biscuit winners are:

**Apple:** Emily, Tommy **Oak:** Arthur P, Caron **Maple:** Hania **Willow:** Isla, Flora

9 - Christmas poem winners are:

**Oak:** Teddy P **Maple:** Teddy C **Willow:** Lila, Lexi, Karys



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas fair last week! Thank you so much to all of you who contributed to this, in one way or another - for the raffle prizes and bottles of wine, etc, and also for all the volunteers' time. The parents and community rallied around magnificently, and a special mention must go to Louise Judd for taking on the organisation of the fair; it's no small task!

This week we have been engaging with a whole school art project which will be part of the celebrations for the 900 years of St Peter's Church. With John Hemingway organising, and Cassington artists Sue Hemingway, Hannah Farncombe and Kevin Hinton helping the children to learn and develop skills, there was a wonderful feeling of being part of something very special with the church. Hopefully your children will have brought home with them invites to the celebratory lunch on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January at the village hall. Please respond by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December through ParentMail so accurate catering preparations can be made.

There has been a lot of illness these last couple of weeks with lots of children and staff falling ill. A big thank you to all the staff that have stepped in and covered each other – great team work as always. A letter has been sent out from the UK Health Security Agency to you all today with the signs to look out for, for Strep A.

Last week, we had the unveiling of our new St Peter's boat trophy, which from January, will be used to celebrate the team point winners. The great-grandparents of Martha, Iuy, Nellie and Arthur & Teddy wanted to contribute something towards the school relating to our Vision and Values. Thank you Michael and Pauline for this gift - we appreciate your support of the school.

On a final note, Mrs Jennings will be leaving St Peter's in January. We are most thankful for her dedicated service to the children of St Peter's, much of this time in early years and more recently in year 1/2 where she has always given great support. We wish you well for the future, Mrs Jennings.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries





# Information



## 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.*



## 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.



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

- Monday 12th - Willow Class to Yenworthy in Devon
- Tuesday 13th - Apple Tree - Performance of Nativity story through singing - 9am
- Tuesday 13th - Stay & Play in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm
- Wednesday 14th - Oak class play - 1:30pm
- Thursday 15th - Oak class play - 6pm
- Friday 16th - Apple Tree Class to see a Pantomime! (**Thank you SPSA for funding this!**)
- Friday 16th - Willow class return from Yenworthy 7pm
- Monday 19th - Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 19th - Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 20th - Christmas Service at Church - 9:15am
- Tuesday 20th - Term finishes at 1:15pm

## JANUARY

- Wednesday 4th - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Thursday 5th - **Term starts at 8:30am**

## 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/](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.



# Value of the term

## Peace

### Child quote of the term

If we spread peace, peace will be returned -  
Thomas Andrews

### 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 examples of peace are there, from the Christmas tory?**

### '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.

# Remember to Speak out. Stay safe.



If you're worried about something  
speak out to a grown up you can trust,  
or talk to Childline on **0800 1111**.

**NSPCC**

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR



# The Sleep Charity



At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>



**Liz Wilson**  
Helpline Team Leader  
Helpline Number: 03303 530 541  
thesleepcharity.org.uk

 Winner of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2020



**03303 530 541**  
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am



the national sleep helpline

## Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

**03303 530 541**  
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am



**50%**

## Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point\*

### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

### HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
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\*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

**Please note:**

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



**Cassington Players present ...**



# **OZ**

*the panto*  
by Mandy Constance

**Thursday December 15th ~ 7.30**

**Friday December 16th ~ 7.30**

**Saturday December 17th ~ 2.00 and 7.30**

**Cassington Village Hall**

**TICKETS £12/£6 (children) from Lorna Mills ~ 07711 489463**



*I don't think we're in Cassington any more Toto ...*

# 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.





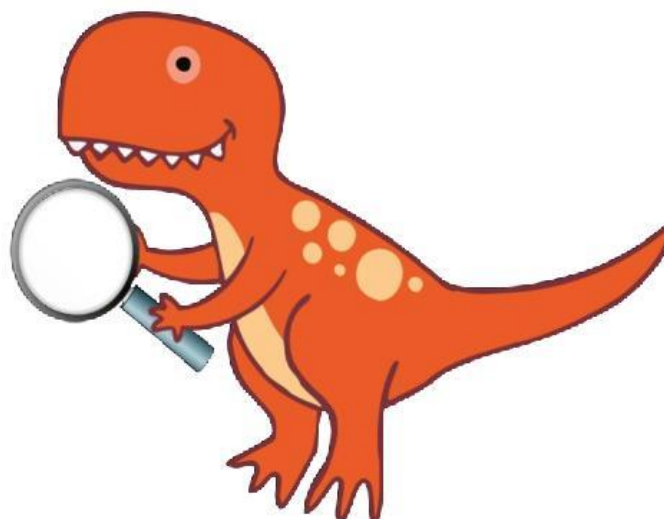
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<b>Name</b>	
<b>Class</b>	
<b>Potential harmful activity detected</b>	
<b>Date handed to office</b>	

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

Unlocking....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives



## A FREE health and wellbeing programme for children aged 4-12 years old, designed to help children and families achieve a healthy weight together.

We don't believe in diets, restrictions, rules, crazy exercise plans or short-term fixes that ignore the bigger picture. Instead, we focus on small sustainable changes to everyday habits, behaviours and your mindset, too!



- Children engage in physical activity for 45 minutes
- Parents learn about their child's health as a whole, looking at nutrition, movement, mind and sleep for 45 minutes through interactive activities
- Parent and child join together for the final 15 minutes to share learning and agree 'missions' to complete in relation to the healthy lifestyle topic

Scan the QR code to sign up and find out more!



### Contact details:



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# Help is available for anyone who is impacted by the cost of living crisis

## Visit our website for:

- ? A list of all the financial support you may be able to access
- ? Local community groups that are happy to help
- ? Advice on how you can help others



[www.westoxon.gov.uk/costoflivingsupport](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/costoflivingsupport)

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