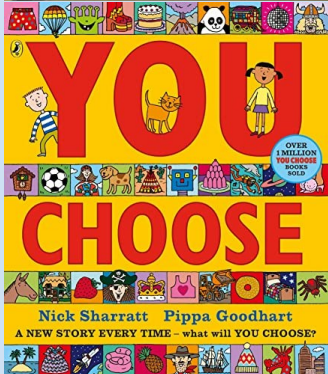


Newsletter

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Friday 18th November 2022



Apple Tree Class have been working on a topic of 'Ourselfs, our bodies and keeping healthy' based around the book 'You Choose' by Pippa Goodhart & Nick Sharratt.



Odd Socks Day raised **£53.10** for the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

Thank you!



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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.

After School Club

As you all know, our school Christmas Fayre is going to be held on

Friday 2nd December from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Because of this we need to cancel after-school club for the day. If your child is due to attend on the 2nd, you will be reimbursed.

If anyone is able to help on the day to set up the fayre, please speak to Louise Judd in Apple Tree. Any help will be gratefully received!



Lost Property

Could you all please check the names in your child's possessions and school uniform to make sure they haven't taken someone else's by accident? We've had a lot of items of clothing, including coats and judo suits, as well as lunch boxes and water bottles that have all gone missing. Could you also please remind your children, especially the older ones, that keeping their possessions safe is ultimately down to them!



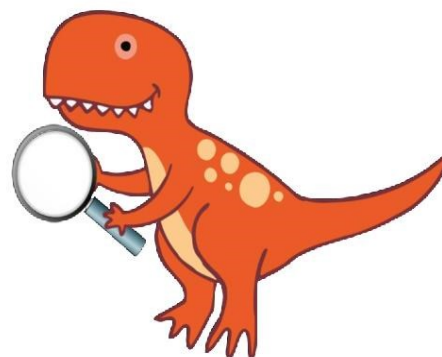
If you find anything that belongs to someone else, please return it as soon as possible, as we have a few children who have 'misplaced' multiple items!

Thank you.

Internet Safety

One of our 'Dino Digital Detectives' forms was submitted to us from a child asking about a game called 'Five Nights at Freddie's'. Our IT team have advised us that it is a game with a rating of 12+. It is a horror-style game, which contains jump-scares and the story isn't suitable for young children.

As this is available on the App store and web browsers, it is advised that parents always use restrictions on their children's devices, or at least regularly monitor what they are accessing. Please see the end of the newsletter for the Dino Digital Detective form if your child wants to send us one.



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



Christmas Fayre

Not long now until the return of the **Christmas Fayre – please come along to the school on Friday 2 December 5.30-7.30pm**. There will be stalls, games, tombola and seasonal refreshments to help get us into the festive mood.

You will have some **raffle tickets** sent home with your child – please try and sell as many as you can and return to the school office by Thursday 1 December – £1 a ticket/£5 a book.



We also need donations of **wine bottles** (with wine in – we have plenty of empties!) for the water or wine stall – screw caps please – drop into the school office.

Any **help on the day** will also be appreciated.

Your SPSA team



Chickens



We recently rescued another 3 chickens through the British Hen Welfare Trust. These hens had always lived in cages and are super friendly—they love being picked up and cuddled!

Unfortunately, they all came with various health problems. Combined with this and the stress of moving somewhere new, unfortunately Hen Solo wasn't strong enough to make it and she died.

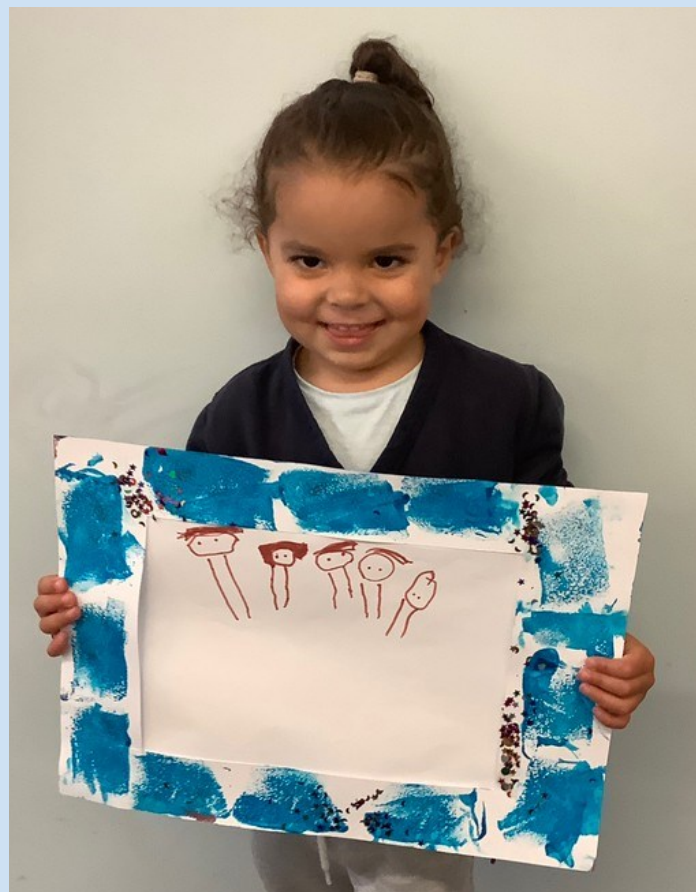
Some of our chicken leaders have been very upset, but we just need to remember that she spent the last few weeks of her life feeling loved and safe (except the odd peck from the original chickens!), being spoilt with treats and plenty of good food!

One of our chicken leaders held a funeral for Hen Solo. This is her report for the newsletter.



On Wednesday 16th November 2022, a student-organised funeral was held for the recently deceased chicken Hen Solo. Its location was: forest school, near the grass lumps and the small log. Karys Taylor (organiser) picked flowers and gave Teac to all who attended. They were lain in a way to create a nest shape for Hen Solo's soul and spirit to rest^{on} as she came back to Earth. Poems were read, messages given and love was showed. Contributions such as prayers were greatly appreciated. 'May she rest in peace' said one student. 'We all loved her' said another. 'She will be missed ~~orely~~ sorely.'

Apple Tree have been busy with their new topic based around the fabulous book 'You choose.' We have been thinking about Ourselves, Our bodies and how we can keep them healthy. Apple Tree have really recognised how unique everyone is through thinking about interests, foods and their features and have been celebrating this. We explored the different stages of life and realised that everyone was a baby once - even our teachers! - so, of course, we shared some lovely baby photos of each other and discussed what they could do then and what they can do now. Some children even told us what they may be able to do when they are an adult.





We have looked at the artwork of Hannah Hoch and how she used photomontage to create pictures of people and were inspired to create our own. We found different features of people by looking through magazines, newspapers and catalogues and carefully cut them out using our scissor skills to create a person. We created some funny looking people!

Apple Tree used mirrors to create self-portraits and drew around their bodies on large paper and labelled body parts; before Brad the skeleton came to meet them. Apple Tree absolutely loved having Brad in class and were looking at his bones before pretending he was alive and hiding behind chairs; playing games with him. They also created a healthy plate looking at pictures of different foods and made pizzas, choosing their toppings wisely. Each of these activities sparked discussion on what a healthy or unhealthy food is and when we may eat unhealthy food.



We introduced dough disco this term which the children are thoroughly enjoying. It is such a fun way to build up those hand muscles ready for writing. There are so many different songs to use at the dough disco. Some children have even started leading dough disco sessions during continuous provision! They have also been continuing their maths learning outside by using the number snake to run to the number the dice lands on. This required lots of thinking about what number the dice showed and then finding the numeral to match it - but there was lots of giggles and smiles throughout. In fact children have been challenging themselves regularly outside and extending their learning by looking for our outdoor challenge cards to complete - Well done Apple Tree!!





A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with even greater pride than usual that I write this newsletter – there is so much good news to celebrate! Firstly, a warm welcome to all the new families that have joined us recently. On a weekly basis since September, we have had many new enquiries from parents wanting to be a part of St Peter's which has resulted in 11 new children joining the school. The feedback we have received is all based around the same theme; how caring and passionate the staff are in giving our children the very best opportunities. We are indeed extremely fortunate to have such a committed staff to make St Peter's the school that it is!

This was echoed last week by three headteachers who visited us for a morning. They wanted to see how our vision and values work in action and were impressed by how much we achieve - especially considering our small size and number of staff we have to do the jobs. Their parting words were how fortunate I am to be able to lead such a fantastic team; it is indeed a privilege.

The final piece of good news relates to last year's combined reading, writing and maths KS1 results where as an academy, the EPA had the best results in Oxfordshire. We are certainly proud of the part our children and staff played in this. With promising early signs of success with our new phonics scheme, Read Write Inc, we can already see that phonics progress and results this year should be strong. A big well done to the team in rolling this out which has been a huge commitment in time and energy.

You may have read elsewhere in the newsletter that sadly, one of our rescue chickens died recently. In true St Peter's spirit, completely unprompted by adults, one of the children wanted to hold a funeral for Hen Solo so she wrote words and conducted the service. This is an example of the spiritual nature of the children at St Peter's – being guided by our vision and values, but independently taking actions from their spirituality within.

As a final thought, I have been reflecting with many of the staff on all the positive relationships we are building with parents and families; there are so many constructive conversations going on around children's learning. It really feels like, as per the Home And School Agreement, we are all working on the same page towards the children's best outcomes. Thank you for all your support and work with us.

Wishing you a sunny (if not autumnally chilly!) and peaceful weekend.

Jon Jeffries

JUDO

Don't forget the Golden Anniversary Tournament on
Sunday 27th November.

Sign up here! www.oxfordshirejudo.com/tournament



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

NOVEMBER

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| Monday 21st - | Anti-bullying week 2 |
| Tuesday 29th - | Apple Tree visiting St Peter's Church |
| Tuesday 29th - | Stay & Play in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm |

DECEMBER

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| Thursday 1st - | Christmas Challenges start! |
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Friday 2nd - Christmas Fayre - 5:30-7:30pm

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| Wednesday 7th - | KS1 & 2 to Oxford to see a Pantomime! (Thank you SPSA for funding this!) |
| Thursday 8th - | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Friday 9th - | iRock concert - 2:30-3pm |
| 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 Dinner |
| Tuesday 20th - | Christmas Service at Church - 9:15am |
| Tuesday 20th - | Term finishes at 1:15pm |

JANUARY

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

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	Special Award Term Focus - Responsibility	Star Award
	Theo Hill	Jasper Metcalf Maeve Forest
	Raymond Brown	Ottillie Jones Fynnley Boyne-Ryan
	Hania Koper	Julia Dixon Tobias Woolley
	Tom Morton	Haydn Phillips Olly Hollis
	Lila Batt	

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

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

Peace

Child quote of the term

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

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 should you do when you know you are in
the wrong?

'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.



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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*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





SCIENCE BAZAAR SATURDAYS



Saturday 19 November 2022
11 am – 12 pm



Science Bazaar Saturdays presents Neuroscience: the science of your brain! Join Bright Sparks Science and Oxford Brookes researchers Dr Sanjay Kumar and Dr Alfred Veldhuis in exploring about the brain, mindset and proprioception! This virtual event is FREE and open to all. Fun for all the family and most suitable for 5 – 12 years.

Register at:



<https://brookes.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlocuCggD4oHdXwAh62XNj92L5YekKP48p2>



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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



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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.



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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



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

Name	
Class	
Potential harmful activity detected	
Date handed to office	

Action	
Review	

Unlocking....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives



Chicken eggs!

Have you ever wondered why chicken eggs are so expensive for just 6 eggs? Well, here at St Peter's Primary School (Cassington) we take eggs very seriously. So put aside your worries about expensive eggs and buy ours!

Only 6 for £1.50 or 4 for £1!

If you are interested and want delicious, freshly laid eggs for a small price, call Emily in the office and she will put you on a waiting list.

