

Newsletter



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Friday 23rd September 2022



Some of our Apple Tree Class children enjoying a joke on the adventure playground.

See inside to find out what else they've been up to this week.



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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.



Information



Parentmail

ParentMail is our main communication program that we use. We use it to send emails and permission forms as well as allowing you to pay for items and book sessions. Please make sure that you can access ParentMail and that you check it regularly. If you can't get onto the system, please let Emily in the office know.

Tissues!



It's that time of year again when people are getting coughs and colds and we need a huge supply of tissues in school. If we buy tissues, this takes a big chunk of money from our budget, which could be spent on better things! So every now and then, when you go shopping, if you could put a box of tissues in your trolley for us we'd greatly appreciate it! Thank you.

Change of school charity

As you probably know, over the last few years, the school's 'official' charity that we support and fundraise for has been the amazing Marine Conservation Society.

However, partly because of our childrens' love of the local wildlife, and partly because they need all the help they can get, we are now going to be adopting the just-as-amazing Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue.

Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue is a Wildlife Charity that rescues, cares, and rehabilitates over 4000 sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals a year. They offer a 24-hour wildlife ambulance service and operate from their hospital, based in Blewbury.

They rescue all species of wildlife here in the UK, including tiny mice, foxes, badgers, owls, swans, hedgehogs, and deer. Their motto is 'Every patient Matters'.

At the moment, they are closed to any further admissions due to their facilities being upgraded and revamped, but it should only be a matter of weeks until they are accepting new patients.

Our pupil leadership group has lots of ideas to help raise some money for them. More to come soon!



For more information, watch Countryfile from 14th August 22 - www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001b77f/countryfile-wonderful-wildlife?
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Welcome to your PTA

If you are new to the school, the SPSA (St Peter's School Association) is our PTA and we run events through the year to raise funds to benefit the children, parents and teachers of our school.

Activity has been limited over the last couple of years but our most recent benefit to the school were the full quota Chromebooks and charging cabinet and iPads for Apple Tree – a vital resource through lockdown.

Another important use for our funds is the subsidising of school trips – to ease the burden on you as parents and guardians – a benefit that will be evermore important this year.

We get together once a month during term time to chat about our plans and ideas and we would love to see some new faces – as our children grow up and move on so do the parents and there is plenty of opportunity to join in.

We are meeting on Wednesday 12 October at 7.30pm in the Red Lion to discuss our plans and ideas for the coming school year, including our AGM. We do also have a vacancy for a Secretary – not as taxing as it sounds.

Please come along and join us for a drink and a chat – and see how you can help with much-needed extra funds for the St Peters children.

SPSA Team



As some of you already know, our beautiful cockerel, Billy, will be moving home this weekend. He's not going far, and I'm sure he will be just as happy with his new friends as he has been here.

Thank you to our wonderful Chicken group, both past and present, for looking after him so well.





Information



Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church



St Peter's school families are warmly invited to our Harvest Celebration at St Peter's church at **9.30am on Sunday 2nd October**.

This will be a family friendly service to which everyone is welcome.

There will be a collection of tins and packets of non perishable food, which will be distributed to local charities.

We look forward to seeing you!



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.

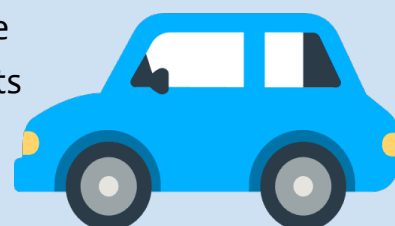
Next September's year 7s

The deadline for applying for a year 7 secondary school place online is **31st October 22**. For more information, or to apply, the link is:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

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.

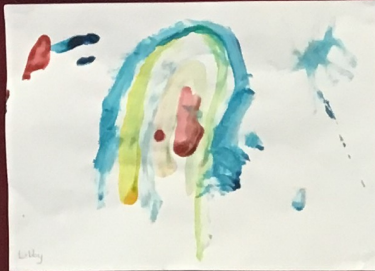
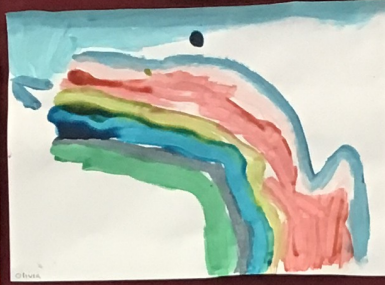
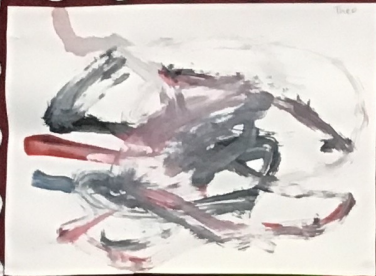


What a great start to the year... we have loved seeing everyone after the summer and have welcomed lots of new families to Apple Tree class. All the children have settled in so well and it is great to see so many friendships forming and growing.

We have been exploring colour this month and have been busy thinking about emotions associated with them, with help from the colour monster. Apple Tree have enjoyed colour mixing to make new colours and have loved going on colour hunts within our classroom and garden. Apple Tree have learnt about Norman Adams, the artist, and have been inspired by his artwork to create their own rainbows- which are so beautiful! We have added colour to the different areas of our class through water, playdough and sensory play as well as noticing and making our own patterns. Animals are full of lovely patterns and it is great to try and make a repeating pattern ourselves or guess what will come next!

Forest school has been full of exploring as always, meeting the chickens and catching bubbles. As well as building each child's confidence to try something new, whether it is looking for insects, relaxing in the hammock or trying out the wooden seesaw.

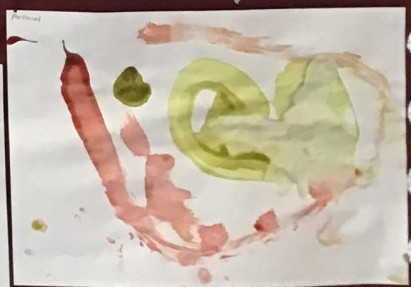
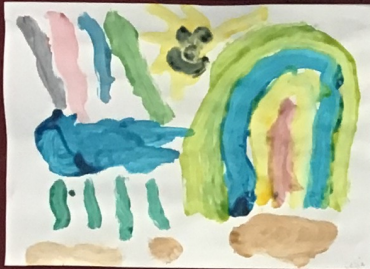
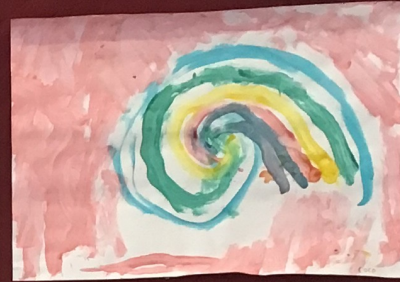




We have been painting rainbows like Norman Adams...



Norman Adams is a British artist (1927-2005)





A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of this third week back, it is great to see routines are now established and working well. It is clear from spending time in the classrooms that the children are settled and really engaged in their learning. Celebration assemblies have been an absolute pleasure so far, listening to all the positivity from the teachers.

Our value this term is respect and the quote the children voted for was 'If you respect people, they will respect you.' by Celyn. Over a third of the school entered the competition and it is great to see there is so much enthusiasm for entering this and reflecting on what the value means personally to the children. We will say this quote together at the end of every collective worship.

The pupil leadership groups are now up and running with all children getting one of their top two choices for the group they wanted to be a part of. Led by a key adult in school, the children will be deciding on their actions and targets over the coming weeks with the aim being to bring about real change for the school and wider community. We look forward to seeing how this develops throughout the year and how we can build on the successes of previous years.

The teachers are in the process of finalising trips for the year. We are well aware of the current costs of living and as much as possible (and with the help of donations from the SPSA) we will keep the costs as low as possible. We feel it is important to be ambitious with the experiences we offer the children and hope you can support us with this through the voluntary contributions we ask for.

Thank you to everyone who has read the Home School Agreement with your child and signed the return slip. If you haven't already done so, please read with your child as soon as possible.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries

Fresh eggs

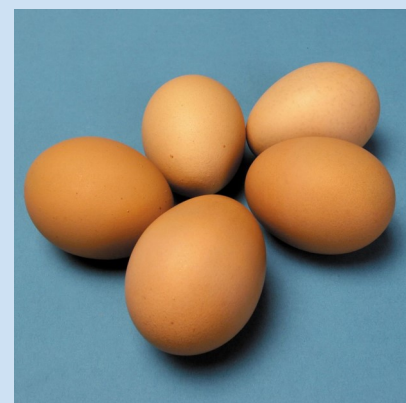
For those of you who are new to the school, we have school chickens!

If you would like some of our delicious eggs, we ask 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!



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.



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

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 27th - Stay & Play in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm

Wednesday 28th - Girls under 11 Football tournament

OCTOBER

Tuesday 4th - Apple Tree Milestone Moment - Colourcraft with parents 2-3pm

Wednesday 12th - Stone Age Day in Maple Class

Wednesday 12th - SPSA AGM - Red Lion at 7:30pm. All welcome!

Monday 17th - Parents Evenings for Apple, Maple & Willow

Wednesday 19th - Parents Evenings for Apple, Oak & Maple

Thursday 20th - Parents Evenings for Oak & Willow

Monday 24th - **HALF TERM** Monday 31st - **INSET DAY**

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st - School Photos 8:45am

Tuesday 1st - Stay & Play in Apple Tree Class - 2-3pm

Tuesday 8th - SPSA get together - Red Lion at 8pm

Wednesday 9th - Flu vaccinations

St Peter's Church & Cassington Village Hall

HARVEST

BARN DANCE & SUPPER

1ST OCTOBER 2022

Doors open 6pm - late



Live music in the Village Hall with The Larkrise Ranters Ceilidh Band
Ploughman's supper included in ticket. Drink available at bar.

Advance tickets only by 27 September - Adults £10 Under 16s £5

Contact: Adie Gregory 01865 881601 Bryan Partridge 01865 731253
Kathryn Teal 07964 726843 Jan Macdonald 01865 880006

Emily in the office also has some tickets which you can purchase from her.

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Arts and performance

Exhibition of **Collateral Effects** at North Wall Arts Centre (6-29 Oct); **Megalith** (7-9 Oct) and **Prehension Blooms** (12 Oct) at OVADA; **Alice in the Universe** (7, 8 Oct) at Oxford Playhouse; and **Jina and the STEM Sisters** (29 Oct) at Pegasus Theatre.

Six Festival zones

Packed with hands-on activities for families and adults on weekends and during half term: city centre for **Explorazone** (8 Oct) and **Plants for the future** (9 Oct); south/east Oxford for **Tech Works** (15 Oct), **Science @ Shops** (15, 16 Oct) and **BLAST!** (24 Oct); visit Wytham to explore **Animal Senses** (22 Oct).

Talks and conversations

Meet authors of **Aesop's Animals** (11 Oct) and **Mathematical Intelligence** (20 Oct) at Waterstones; **A is for Arsenic** (14 Oct) at Oxford Playhouse; and **Human Flourishing** (22 Oct) in University Church.



See Oscar-winner **Her** (13 Oct) and new doc. film, **STAR MAKERS** (20 Oct) at UPP.

Start a new hobby?

Glow Your Own (12 Oct - 16 Nov), the **Big puzzle** (15 Oct) and **Robot race** (28 Oct) get you making.

Uncover stories with **Medical history tours** (9, 23 Oct) and **Geology in cemeteries** (23, 30 Oct).

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 |
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|  | Esme Griffiths | Arthur Ashworth Henry Dixon |
|  | Nika Forostovskaya | Masa Milivojevic Zoe Thomson |
|  | Ciara Boyne-Ryan | Teddy Cooke Poppy Taylor |
|  | Leila Lee | Bradley Knight Freddie Peasley |
|  | Rose Armitage | |

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

Value of the term

Respect

Child quote of the term

If you respect people, they will respect you

- Celyn

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?

Who shows the greatest respect for animals in the world?

'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.

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND?



Enrol For September 2022

visit www.irockschool.com or call 0330 174 2655

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Rock and Pop band lessons are available at your child's school with bookings now open for September 2022. iRock is the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills and build new friendships by joining their very own rock band.

Our in-school band lessons are not only fun but they can massively help develop your child's life skills: boosting confidence; supporting wellbeing; developing social skills and even helping to improve their academic performance.

How it works:

- There is no experience necessary to join and all the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their band mates in 30 minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will guide your child through every lesson.
- Lessons are available from foundation to Year 6 with children grouped by age. Children choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- Rehearsals build towards a concert at the end of each term, a great way to show you just how far they have come.
- ***NEW*** Your child can achieve a brand new music qualification, regulated by RSL awards. More information about our new qualification coming soon!

A highlight of your child's week for £35.95 a month (no payment in August). The iRock subscription is designed to give parents full flexibility rather than having to commit to a whole year or a whole term. The subscription guarantees a minimum lesson quota of 33 lessons in each academic year.

You can book your child's place today by visiting www.irockschool.com, email info@irockschool.com or call 0330 174 2655. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Founder

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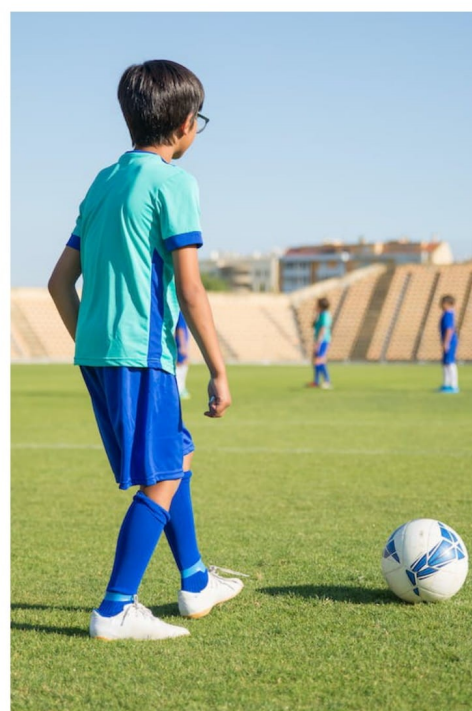
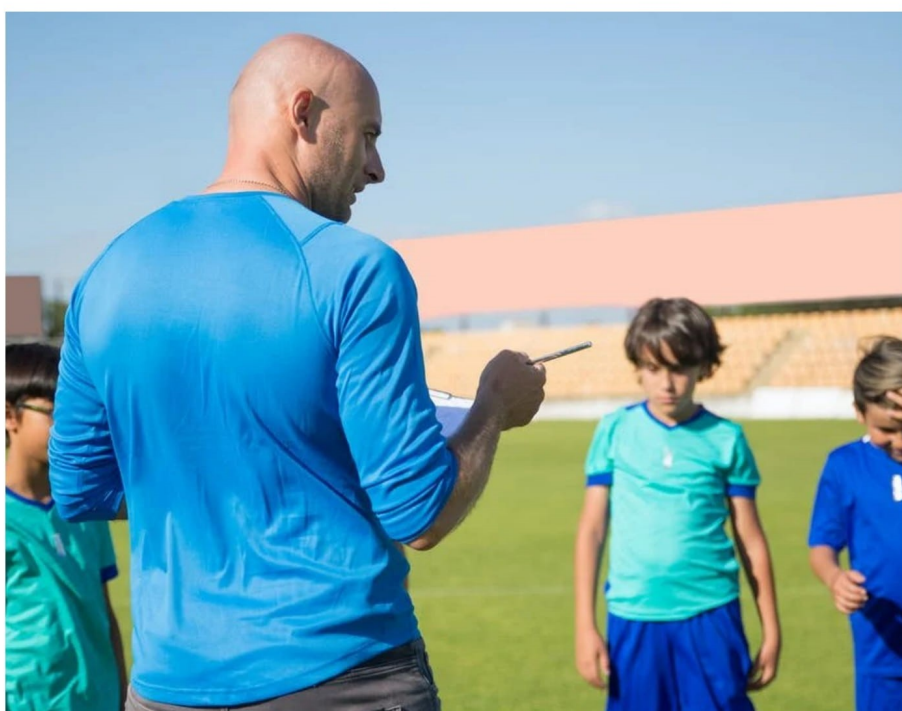
“For me, iRock is about a lot more than music. It teaches children some really valuable life skills - confidence, self esteem and team work.”

ANNA HUNT - PARENT



Football has come home

For Eynsham Youth U5's U6's and U7's



Sunday Morning 10am - 11am

Open to boys and girls. Players will be coached by a FA certified coach, with full first aid, DBS check and safeguarding training. First session is Sunday 11th September. The cost is £35 for the season.

Contact James on: eynsham72@gmail.com

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.





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