

Newsletter

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Friday 7th June 2024



Oak class had a fantastic time at Warwick Castle!

See page 4 for lots more photos.



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING
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SCHOOL

We currently have 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



Yenworthy meeting—Tuesday 11th June at 3:30pm

If your child is in years 3, 4 or 5 and planning to come to Yenworthy, then this meeting is for them.

If your child is in years 3, 4 or 5 and not sure if they want to come or not, this meeting is also for them!

This is their chance to find out the sort of activities we might be doing, as well as what they will need to bring, etc. They'll also find out which staff will be going! If they have any questions, this will be the perfect time to ask.

This meeting is also for parents, so please feel free to come along as well. This meeting will hopefully answer all of your questions, too!



CELEBRATING
**ONE
MILLION
HAPPY
HENS**

We now have another 4 rescue chickens from the brilliant **British Hen Welfare Trust**. They are quite nervous and are still learning about their new way of life. A couple of our older hens are slightly put out, but they are all working together to establish their place in the flock! The new 4 aren't as bald as some of our others in the past have been, but they have definite areas where their feathers need to grow back.

When it comes to naming our chickens we have a very democratic process, and all the children vote! The children have all been told the results today. Our new hens are called —

Dora the Eggsplorer, Edie, Camilla & Fudge.

If your child is interested in being in the Chicken group next year, please encourage them to let me know.

Felix and his Mum will be holding a plant sale by the school playground gate, on **Friday 14th June at 3pm.**

They are raising money for Cassington playground so please support them!



An opportunity has arisen for a small group of pupils to try some free taster sessions for I-Rock to see whether they would like to join one of the lessons from September. I-Rock is a musical experience which offers children the opportunity to learn to play as part of a rock band. They could be the drummer, guitarist, keyboard player, bass player or even the vocalist in a group. Our friendly and talented tutor, Luke, is excellent at developing the groups and the children thoroughly enjoy the experience. Additionally, the children who enrol for lessons get to take part in a rock concert in school at the end of each long

term, to which parents and carers are invited. Lessons take place on a Friday afternoon. If your child is interested in taking part in the 2 free sessions with a view to possibly enrolling in I-Rock next term, then please contact Emily in the office to express interest. We cannot guarantee that your child will be given a place as this will depend on numbers of applications but if your child is interested then please do let us know and we will do our best to include them.

Last term we had so much fun enjoying our Topic on castles! We learnt about them, we made them, and we even went and visited one! I think it's safe to say that our trip to Warwick Castle, (despite the pouring rain) was an excellent end to a fabulous term. The children did us proud, pouring out all their knowledge on castles in the educational talk and soaking up any new information they could lay their hands on! It was brilliant to see their excitement climbing the towers, looking out of the battlements and spotting the arrow slits along the way. The enthusiasm continued as we re-enacted attacking the castle from the barbican (entrance to the castle) in our educational talk, by battering down the portcullis and closely missing the murder holes! Sadly, for us, we only had one remaining soldier as we made it through to the castle grounds – Maeve the Marvellous!

In other parts of the day, we met characters from the Julia Donaldson book 'Zog'. We even managed to grab a few photos with them, before they flew off on other missions! While we also managed to catch the trebuchet being launched and watch The Falconer's Quest Show – where the birds swooped particularly low causing more excitement and laughter! Thank you for all your support towards this trip, it was well worth it, they were truly captivated! (See the next page for lots of photos!)

During our Computing sessions, last term, the children began to learn about how to create algorithms through the use of Beebots (a programmable toy in the shape of a bee). After an initial chance to explore and find out what they could do with the Beebot, the children completed challenges of programming it to travel to certain places. The children progressed from inputting one command at a time to programming a sequence of commands all at once. They were then able to test each other's programs and debug any that weren't quite right. The final challenge, as a whole class, was to create their own obstacle course which they had to navigate their Beebot through. One group even managed to include a revolving door which the Beebot was able to push open! Great skills in action!



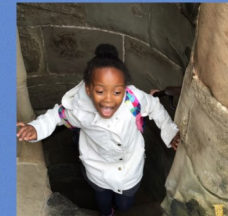
For part of Thursday afternoons, while half of Oak class are doing Computing, the other half have Busy Time. During this time, the children have a free choice of activities, with the opportunity to be creative and let their imaginations run. There are always some activities available which further extend and make links to their current learning, for example, in Maths, Science or Topic. There is usually a role play opportunity as well as a fine motor skills task (Busy Fingers) which is an important part of the development of handwriting. Children also have the chance to vote for a book for us to read at the end of the day. The children really enjoy their Busy Time with the opportunity for them to be creative and imaginative as they learn as well as developing those important social interaction skills of sharing and communicating with others.



In recent weeks, during Busy Time, children have taken part in dragon and knight themed role plays; they have investigated the mass of objects using balance scales and weighing scales; having mysteriously found some dragons eggs in a nest, they carefully weighed them to find out which was the heaviest; they have investigated the volume and capacity of different containers (also discovering how wet one can get when playing with water!).

In Science, we have been learning about Plants. The children have been brilliantly scientific in their questioning and observations of different plants. Given the chance to observe a range of plants, the children noticed interesting differences in the leaves, the scent, the flowers etc and formulated these into good questions. Each child has planted a sunflower seed which they have lovingly nurtured over recent weeks and have been making careful observations of how it has grown. Thanks to Mrs Humphris for looking after the sunflower seedlings over half term, they will soon be ready for the children to bring home and find a spot to plant them in. Hopefully the slugs will stay away! I've been impressed with the children's enthusiasm to learn the names of plants and to share their knowledge of favourite plants. I think we have some budding botanists in Oak Class!









Important Reminders



Illness

Could we please remind you all that we have a **strict '48hour rule'** for children (or staff) who have vomiting and / or diarrhoea. In the EPA Trust's 'Control of Infections policy', it says:

2.9.3. Any pupil who is unwell (Vomiting and diarrhoea) should stay away from the School until they have been symptom-free for at least 48 hours as set out in the current exclusion policy set out by Public Health England for schools. <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net>

Parents are asked to ensure that this happens.

Please remember that this is 48 hours since their **last bout** of vomiting or diarrhoea, and it is there to protect other children and their families, as well as staff.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Contacting Staff Outside School Hours

Please remember that staff need to keep their private lives and professional lives separate. Nobody should be messaging staff and asking questions about school. This not only intrudes on staff 'down-time', it can also put them in an uncomfortable position.

If you have a query or a problem, the first port of call is usually your child's class teacher. If it's a query that Emily can help with, please email her at the office email address. If it is requesting term-time absence, please pick up a form from Emily in the first instance. If it's something other parents can help with, then you will probably get answers on the St Peter's Parents' Facebook site. Thank you for your co-operation.

CAR PARKING

Could we please remind parents that they should NOT be parking in the staff car park (or in front of the gate) when they drop-off or pick-up their children.

If you drive to school, please park in the village hall car park or the layby on the road. If there is no space in either of those, there is usually lots of space in Bell lane. This is a short walk down the footpath by the school (and there are less cars to worry about). If you aren't sure where this is, please ask Emily in the office.

If you have to park on the road, please make sure you don't park near the bend by the chequers pub as this makes it very dangerous for cars to get past. Thank you for your help in this matter.



3:10pm School finishes
3:15pm—3:40pm Registration/Snack
3:40pm—4:15pm Activities
4:15pm—5:00pm Activities
5:00pm—5:15pm Tidy up
5:15pm After School Club finishes

Mondays
 Miss Akers
 Mrs Partridge

Tuesdays
 Miss Akers
 Mrs Humphris

Wednesdays
 Miss Akers
 Mrs Forest

Thursdays
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 Mrs Humphris
 Mrs Forest

Fridays
 Miss Akers

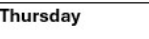
There will be other options for snacks—fresh fruit is always available.

Although we aim to stick to this timetable as much as possible, there may be occasions where we need to substitute food or activities, including the Forest School sessions.

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40	Snack (Fresh Fruit) /Reading 	Snack (Ice Lollies) / Word search 	Snack (Fresh Fruit)/ Free Colouring 	Forest school Whittling (Smores) 3:10-5:00pm Outside 5:00-5:15pm 	Snack/ (Bagels with a selection of toppings) <u>/mindfulness</u> colouring and outside 3:10-4:15 
3:40-4:15	Puzzles  Sewing club 	Dressing up/ role play  Making playdough 	Father's Day cards  Junk Modelling 		
4:15-5:15	Outside: Adventure play 	Outside: Table Tennis 	Outside for games: Such as Football or Rounders 		

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:10-3:40	Snack (yoghurts and cereal bars) /Reading 	Snack (Fruit selections) / Word search 	Snack (Baked beans on toast)/ Free Colouring 	3:10-5:00pm Snack (Salad and dips) Hammock and swing Outside 5:00-5:15pm	Snack/ (Bagels with a selection of toppings) / Mindfulness colouring and outside 3:10-4:15  
3:40-4:15	Sewing club 	Lego construction  Quite reading 	Hammer beads  Cars and mat 		 
4:15-5:15	Outside: Adventure play 	Outside: Tennis 	Outside for games: Such as Football or Rounders 		



Bike Night

Monday 24th June 2024

June 24th: Your chance to help raise thousands for the school!

The SPSA is at the starters' line, revving up for Cassington's annual Bike Night— and is looking for your help.

Thousands of bikers from all round the country will rumble into the village on the afternoon of 24th June to spend a few hours meeting friends, marvelling at one another's shining classics, lapping up the atmosphere and contributing to what is the village's, and the school's, biggest fundraiser of the year.

St Peter's is lucky to have this event, which helps the SPSA raise the most of its money each year to support your children's learning experience; helping to subsidise school trips, provide school equipment and activities, pay for the panto trips and lure the Easter bunny to the school each year. But it's all down to parents volunteering their time to make it a success – and the children love being part of it all!

How can you help?

Barbeque: We run the BBQ outside the school and last year raised more than £3,000. We have hour long slots to fill: either flipping burgers, taking orders and payments, making up the buns or serving. If you can spare an hour (or more) please contact **Lucy Brinicombe** (Layla and Kai's mum), and she'll be flippin' grateful.

Cake stall: The cake stall is the sought-after gem for bikers looking for a quiet moment to have a sweet treat and a cuppa, while marveling at the uniqueness of the whole event. **Charlotte Metcalf** (Teddy and Jasper's mum), is looking for people to serve – hour long slots again – and for your home bakes. Please let her know if you're able to help, and please make sure that all cake donations come with a list of ingredients for any allergies.

Bucket shaking: This is the perfect option if your children will be with you because it is the only fund-raising activity where children can be involved (and help immensely by smiling sweetly). If you're up for a spot of bucket shaking at strategic areas like the entrances of the car parks (like the school field) then please contact **Ami Thomson** (Zoe and Eddie's mum), who is looking to fill hour slots too.

Marshalling: If you fancy donning a high vis jacket and guiding the bikes to and from their parking spaces safely then the lovely **Emily Lemaire** (Emily in the office) is the person to go to. Again, one hour slots. If you're really lucky you might even have a radio to speak in. Over.

Helmet store: We are looking for someone to help with a rota for this so please get in touch with a member of the SPSA if you think you could help recruit volunteers. It's a relatively easy fundraiser, taking in bike helmets and storing them until our leather-clad visitors return, having (hopefully) bought a burger, made a donation, eaten some cake and arranged to come again next year. Again, we will need people to give an hour or so.

Oh, and did we mention there's a free burger and drink for all helpers?

See you there and thanks very much!



Calendar



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

JUNE 2024

- Tuesday 11th - **Yenworthy** information talk - for yrs 3,4,5 children & families - 3:30pm
- Wednesday 12th - **Athletics** at Bartholomew School for Maple 11:30am—2:30pm
- Friday 14th - **Sobell House Fun Run** - 9am at Elms Road playing field
- Monday 17th - **Festival of Voices**
- Tuesday 18th - **EPA Sports Day** for KS2 - Abingdon
- Thursday 20th - Reception class visiting **Churchfields care home** - 2pm
- Monday 24th - **EPA Commonwealth Games** event - Bartholomew School
- Monday 24th - **BIKE NIGHT** No After School Club
- Tuesday 25th - **EPA Rugby Festival** - Maple Class - 9am-12pm
- Thursday 27th - 3rd **Transition day** to Bartholomew School

JULY 2024

- Tuesday 2nd - **EPA Multisports** - Willow - Bartholomew School
- Tuesday 2nd - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion
- Wednesday 3rd - St Peter's School **SPORTS DAY!**
- Thursday 4th - **YCT-1** Mandarin - Willow class - 1pm
- Wednesday 10th - **EPA Ultra Olympics** - Oak - Bartholomew School
- Wednesday 10th - Transition meeting for **next year's Reception children** - 2:30pm
- Tuesday 16th - Trip to **Natural History Museum** - Maple Class
- Wednesday 17th - Willow class **play performance** - 6pm
- Thursday 18th - Willow class **play performance** - 6pm
- Friday 19th - **iRock concert** - 2:15pm
- Monday 22nd - **End of year trips** (Nursery/Reception & KS1/KS2)
- Tuesday 23rd - **Leavers' Service** - 9:15am

END OF TERM!

**Please check these
dates carefully!**

Unfortunately we
have had to do some
date-swapping to fit
everything in!



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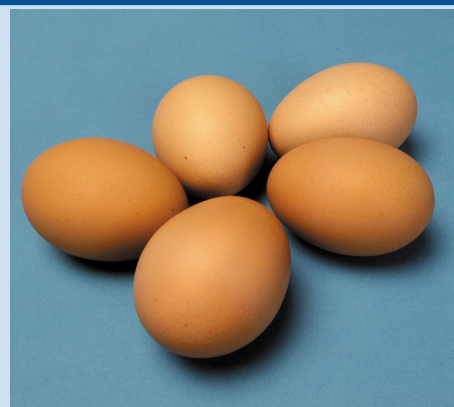
- 5 hours per day
- 42 weeks per year
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Fresh eggs

If you would like some of our school hens' delicious eggs, we ask for a contribution of **£1.50 for 6 eggs** which we then put towards the cost of their food and care.

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Information



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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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online

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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

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Review	

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