

Newsletter

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Friday 26th April 2024



Maple Class had fun replicating their digestive system!



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING
THIS IS A



PEANUT/NUT FREE
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.

We need your help!

Our wonderful Chicken and Charity pupil leadership groups have organised a 'fun fundraiser' for next Friday (3rd May) from 2:30pm to 4pm in the school hall.

We are hoping that lots of you will be able to come and support them (and spend some money!)

To enable them to do the stalls and games they have organised, they are after a few donations!

They need:

2nd hand children's books and toys,

Items for the tombola,

And cakes / treats for the café / cake stall.

If you can help, please bring donations to Emily in the office any time next week.

THANK YOU!

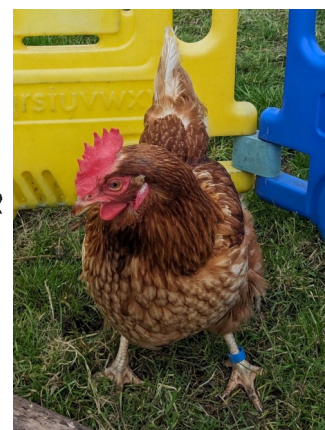


Pickle

As we all know, the happy chicken Pickle has recently passed away. We are all very sad and miss her. We would like to say that we are holding a memorial service for Pickle on **Thursday morning break**, by the chickens.

Anyone is allowed to come but it would be good if all the chicken leaders came.

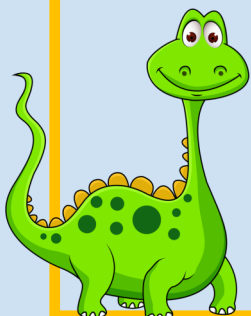
From Abigail



Our charity leadership group have been super busy! Their 3rd and final special day they have organised to raise money for Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue this year

is on **Friday 17th May**, we are having a **Dinosaur Day!**

There will be a special dinosaur menu for lunch and some dinosaur themed activities! More information next week, (but you might want to start thinking about a dinosaur costume....)



Please donate
cakes or sweet food
to the school fundraiser
Thank you

for may 3

2:30pm to 4pm in school hall

Print
out
ingredients
Please



FUNDRAISER



and

ST PETER'S CHICKENS



on **Friday 3rd May** from **2:30pm to 4pm**

In **St Peter's School** hall (or playground—weather dependent!)

We will have:

- * Tombola
- * Cake / treat stall
- * Second-hand toys / books
- * Lucky Dip
- * Lolly hunt
- * Hook-a-chicken
- * Number of sweets in a jar
- * Name the chicken
- * Refreshments
- * Egg cup game
- * Coin drop

This will be completely organised
and run by the children in:

St Peter's Charity Group (raising
money for Oxfordshire Wildlife
Rescue) and

St Peter's Chicken Group

There will be lots of fun games, as
well as things to buy, and cakes!

Please come along (and bring some
money to spend 😊).

**It's open to everyone so please
come along!**

Over the spring term, Maple's topic was the Romans and we had a brilliant time learning all about their fierce fighting, magnificent mosaics and their questionable toilet and dinner habits!

In class, we explored reasons why the Romans were so powerful, starting with their soldiers. We wrote diary entries from the point of view of a Roman soldier and studied their everyday lives from their breakfast to their strict training regime, we learnt it all and collectively decided it would not be the life we'd choose!

When visiting Chedworth Roman Villa, we created our own mosaics (inspired by the real-life Roman mosaics we saw) using colourful tesserae. The children impressed all adults by taking such time and care with their work. We were also lucky enough to see a large Roman snail and enjoyed our tour of the Villa. However, we still think the most enjoyable part of the day for the children was sitting on the mock Roman toilets and holding the sponge on the stick - you can see from their faces they found it hilarious!



In our plant topic, we investigated the different conditions needed for plants to grow well. Unfortunately, we lost a few seeds along the way (the children concluded that seeds do not like the conditions of a freezer or a warm cupboard!). However, the surviving plants are now growing happily in Miss Williams-Sharkey's garden.

We covered a couple of topics in science over the spring term: digestion and plants. The children threw themselves into both topics - even when taking part in a 'yucky' experiment (their words!) which explored how food travels through our digestive system using a zip-lock sandwich bag, apple juice and tights to represent different organs. We also created life-sized diagrams to locate these organs in our bodies.



We have already started our new science topic for the start of the summer term: rocks. The children are very excited about this topic as they love to find interesting looking rocks and they had great fun testing the properties of rocks in our second lesson.



Our topic for humanities for the summer term is 'Extreme Earth'. So far, we have explored the different layers of our Earth and made models using play-doh. We are very pleased with how well the children have remembered these layers so far. We are looking forward to exploring volcanoes, tornadoes, tsunamis and more!





A Message from Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

I want to start the newsletter with sharing some fantastic news for Mrs Houghton and her family. As mentioned in February, they have been on a journey to adopt a child and it has now been confirmed that baby Willow will be joining their family next week. Therefore, Mrs Houghton will be taking adoption leave from Monday with a view to returning at some point next academic year. Mrs Parsons will now be teaching 4 days a week (Tuesday – Friday) and Mrs Alison Monaghan (long-term supply) will be teaching on Mondays. Mrs Houghton has already communicated with Apple Tree parents, and I am delighted to now be able to share this with the whole school community. Anna will still be working one day a week in her senior leadership role for the EPA which means she will be in school on various Wednesdays.

One of Mrs Houghton's parting gifts is the Healthy Smiles Award for St Peter's! This has been a hugely worthwhile project and we are hoping that this will have life long benefits for the children in terms of their oral health. We have all learned a huge amount from the assemblies that she has led on this.

Our new quote for this term's value of 'Aspiration' was voted on by the children this week. From all the submissions we received, Teddy Metcalf's 'Aspiration is the engine that drives your heart' was voted the winner. The more you think about it, the deeper the meaning becomes. Thank you, Teddy, for putting so much thought and effort into this.

We have just finished finalising the details of our Magical Days Out, linked to our Inside Out PSHE, which will be for year 4 and 5 children this year. Year 4 children will be going on Thursday 9th May, and Year 5 children on Thursday 6th June. There will be contact with year 4 parents about this today and year 5 children before half term.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries





Bike Night

Monday 24th June 2024

This is our major fundraising event of the year and we need your help on the day. Help for as little or as long as you can. Anybody who helps gets a free burger!

Morning

- Taking delivery of food and drink
- Setting up the BBQ area

From early afternoon until the end

- Cooking
- Preparing food
- Taking orders
- Taking payment

Please contact Lucy Brinicombe, either at the school gate or brinicombelucy@hotmail.com.

As well as the BBQ on The Green, we also help with the helmet store and café in the Apple Tree classroom. If you are interested in coordinating these (with help!) please contact Sinead Andrews at spsavol@gmail.com.

(Emily in the office will also be asking for help with marshalling!)

Email: spsavol@gmail.com



Calendar



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

MAY 2024

- Thursday 2nd - **Step2 Dance Festival** for yr 1 / 2 at Bartholomew School
- Friday 3rd - **Fundraiser for Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue** - 2:30—4pm All welcome!
- Monday 6th - Bank holiday - **School closed**
- Tuesday 7th - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion
- Wednesday 8th - **Step2 Dance Festival** for yr 3 / 4 at Bartholomew School
- Thursday 9th - **Magical Day out**—Year 4s
- Thursday 9th - **Swimming** starts for Maple
- Friday 10th - **Swimming** starts for Willow
- Monday 13th - **SATS week**
- Friday 17th - **Dino day!** - More details to come
- Tuesday 21st - **Story Museum** trip for Apple Tree
- Tuesday 21st - EPA Boys' **Cricket** Event - Eynsham cricket club - 2:30pm—6pm
- Wednesday 22nd - **Warwick Castle** trip for Oak class
- Friday 24th - 3 Little Pigs **Stay & Play** in Apple Tree - 2-3pm - £3 per family
- Friday 24th - No Art Club
- Monday 27th—Friday 31st **HALF TERM - School closed**

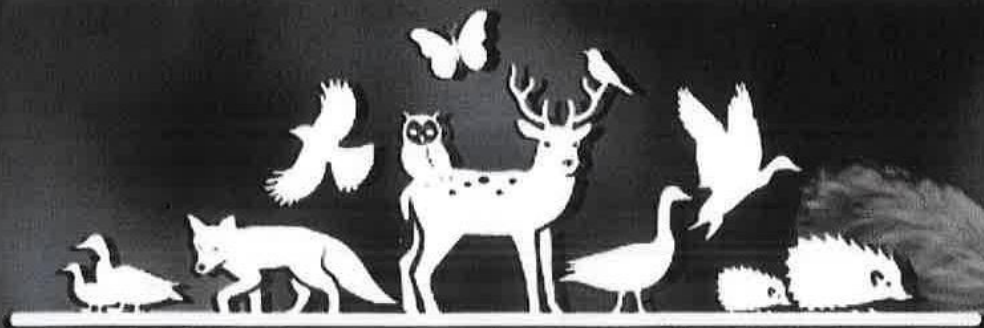
JUNE 2024

- Tuesday 4th - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion
- Thursday 6th - **Magical Day out**—Year 5s
- Friday 7th - Sobell House Fun Run - More details to come
- Monday 17th - Festival of Voices
- Monday 24th - **BIKE NIGHT**
- Thursday 27th - 3rd Transition day to Bartholomew School

JULY 2024

- Tuesday 2nd - **SPSA** meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion

**FREE
ENTRY**



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WILDLIFE RESCUE**

**SPRING
FAYRE**



28TH April 2024 - Didcot Football Club

10am - 4pm

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**Tombola | Live Music | Hot Food
Licensed Bar | Craft Stands | Cakes | Sweets**



**All proceeds are going towards the fundraiser for the build
of the 'Oxfordshire wildlife hospital'**

Value of the term

Aspiration

Child quote of the term

Aspiration is the engine that drives your heart -
Teddy Metcalf

Question of the Week

What does it feel like when somebody is encouraging you and you encourage someone else?

'R' of the Term

Resourceful

Resourceful



I have energy	
I want to explore	
I can ask questions to solve problems	

Resourceful



I can choose equipment to help me	
I can ask questions to find out more	
I can use my imagination for new learning	
I can create new ideas	

Resourceful



- I can **choose** resources to help me
- I can **connect** different areas of knowledge
- I can **prioritise** next steps needed to improve my learning
- I can **question** to clarify my learning
- I can **create** new ideas linked to my learning
- I can **hypothesise** different possibilities

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.



Bartholomew Players present

15th-18th May

PACK OF LIES

by Hugh Whitemore

Tickets available on the door or in advance from:
Denise: 07721 744020 • Evenlode DIY
www.trybooking.com/uk/DDJB
bart.players@gmail.com



£12
7.30PM

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IN FARMOOR

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Awards of the Week



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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>Aspiration</i>	'R' Award— <i>Resourceful</i>
 Apple	<i>Max Ostridge</i>	<i>George Fisher</i>	<i>Ellis Viner</i>
 Oak	<i>Madison Winstone -Wagerfield</i>	<i>Johnathan Hill</i>	<i>Fynnley Overmire</i>
 Maple	<i>Elijah Cooke</i>	<i>Alex Judd</i>	<i>Ivy Paulin</i>
 Willow	<i>Lucas Cox</i>	<i>Oliver Eaton</i>	<i>Lexi Pollard</i>
 Headteacher's Award	<i>Teddy Metcalf</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.

Dear Parent / Carer,

Finally, the days are getting longer and the weather is beginning to improve, so hopefully in next week's half term you and your children will be able to spend some time outdoors.

Half term would be a great chance for you to use our **Footsteps** programme to begin to support your children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.

Our **Footsteps** guide will give you some ideas of how to begin to support your child in developing the decision-making skills that will help them become a pedestrian able to keep themselves safer when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If they are ill-prepared, children are more likely to be killed or injured in a road traffic incident, as seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10-12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, you are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely, while in the company of a supporting adult, will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which can't be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

Please follow the link to the **Footsteps** guide [Walking with children | 365Alive](https://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children) and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team

Oxfordshire County Council



In case the above link doesn't work—this is the web address:

[https://www.365alive.co.uk/
cms/content/walking-children](https://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children)

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

THINK
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KNOW
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

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....

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