



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to start by thanking our PTA committee who have spent a great deal of their time planning and organising events for the children and parents this term. I know they have the Christmas bazaar coming up, which will be a big event for all, however so far this term they have worked very hard planning fun events, as well as raising money for our school.

I attended the church service at St Margaret's last Sunday and was warmly welcomed by all. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking to members of the wider school community as well as listening to some of our children singing during the service. Our Key Stage Two children will be singing carols in St Margaret's Church on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. The teachers are currently working hard on rehearsals with the children; we hope you will be able to join us!

#### **Staff changes**

I am pleased to let you know that we have appointed Miss Ariel Lambert as Blue 4's class teacher from January 2018. Miss Lambert is very much looking forward to starting her role with us and will be in school the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December to work alongside Mrs Gaffney to begin the handover and to get to know the children before her official start on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

I am sure there will be opportunities for you to informally meet Miss Lambert during this week.

From January 2018, Lilac 4 will be taught by Miss Zoe Banfield Monday – Wednesday and Mrs Louise Gaffney Thursday and Friday. Mrs Gaffney knows the school very well and has a great deal of experience in Key Stage 2. As we move towards the end of term, she will start handover work with Mrs Pogose and Miss Banfield, so she has a good understanding of the class.

#### **Safety**

A small swiss army knife was brought into school yesterday by a child. The knife wasn't used in any way; staff removed it and kept it secure until the end of the day, when it was returned to parents. I appreciate that children will often bring objects into school because they are keen to share with others. Could I ask for your support by reminding your child that some items from home cannot be brought into school.

#### **Procedures for school to administer medication**

If your child needs prescribed medicine during the school day (for example if they are taking a course of antibiotics), please complete an administration of medication request form <http://www.ss-philip-and-james.oxon.sch.uk/at-the-school/medicines-first-aid> and bring the medicine to the school office. Medication is kept in the office, except in some cases for children in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), when this will be kept in EYFS unit. Please note school staff are unable to administer any medication to a child that isn't prescribed.

### Footsteps

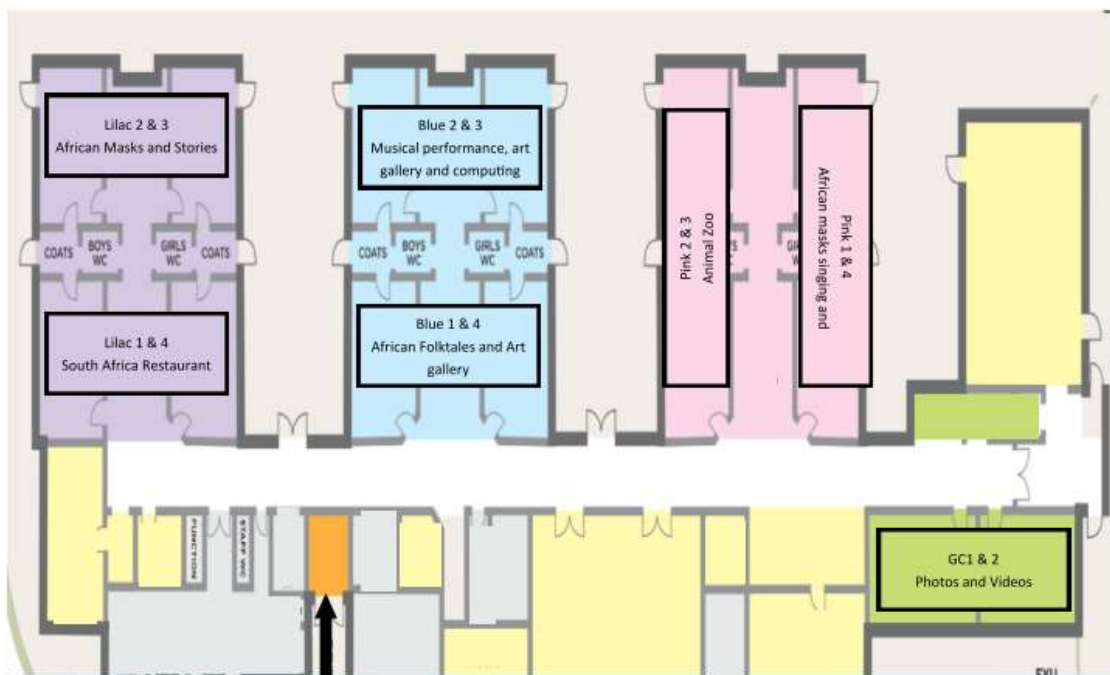
Footsteps programme gives advice and support to you with teaching road safely to your child (please see attached leaflet). We are offering a Footsteps session for parents and carers on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15pm, which will cover all elements of road safety, including car parks, driveways, walking beside the road and crossing the road. It lasts about 45 minutes and will be a practical session taking place at the roadside. For this reason, please let the office know if you would like to attend, as we need to ensure there are enough staff or arrange an additional date.

### Tag Rugby Festival

Well done to the members of Year 6 who competed in this week's Schools Games tag rugby festival at Cherwell School. The mixed team played in a number of fixtures and displayed skill, enthusiasm and teamwork. There will be further tag rugby events organised later in the year to look forward to.  
*Rob Miles*

### Phil and Jim South Africa Day

Please come and share work children have been doing linked to our South Africa topic. The school will be open from 2:00pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please sign in at reception - we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Below is a map showing what each year group is presenting on the day.





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### Clubs Spring Term January 2018 - March 2018

We are pleased to offer the clubs detailed below. For our own school clubs booking will go live on Parentpay from midday on **Monday 27 November**. Please login to your account at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) to give consent and pay. If you wish to pay by voucher you will need to pay £1 on Parentpay to secure your place and confirm your voucher payment by e-mail to [clubs@philandjim.org.uk](mailto:clubs@philandjim.org.uk).

Clubs run by the Oxfordshire Music service will be confirmed next week.

**Chess Club**, run by Andrew Varney and Maria Mater, will be every Monday for Year 2-6. This club runs from 3.05-4.05 for 11 weeks, beginning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The cost per session is £6, £66 for the term.

**Football**, run by Ignite Sport will be every Monday for Year 4-6. This club runs from 3.05-4.15 for 11 weeks, beginning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The cost per session is £6, £66 for the term.

**Intro to Drama Year 1 & 2**, run by Creation Theatre will be every Monday. This club runs from 3.05-4.05 for 11 weeks, beginning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The cost per session is £7, £77 for the term.

**Intro to Drama Year 3-6**, this club runs from 4.15-5.15 for 11 weeks, beginning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The cost per session is £7, £77 for the term.

**Netball** will be every Tuesday for Year 5 and 6. This club runs from 3.05-4.05 for 11 weeks, beginning on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The cost per session is £6, £66 for the term.

**French Club**, run by Christine Stewart-Jones will be every Tuesday for Year 1-6. This club runs from 3.05-4.05 for 11 weeks, beginning on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The cost per session is £7, £77 for the term.

**Little Sports** will be every Wednesday for EYFS and Year 1. This club runs from 3.05-4.05 for 11 weeks, beginning on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The cost per session is £7, £77 for the term.

**Food Experience**, run by Ali Gates, will be every Wednesday for Year 3-6. This club runs from 3.05-4.30 for 11 weeks, beginning on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The cost per session is £7, £77 for the term.

**Choir**, run by Carys Waterman and Anna Spanring, will be every Thursday for Year 2-6; **excluding the Thursdays before and after half terms**. This club runs from 3.05-3.45, beginning on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The cost per session is £4, £32 for the term. **Therefore, Choir will not run on the following dates: 4<sup>th</sup> Jan, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 1<sup>st</sup> Mar, 29<sup>th</sup> March**



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**Tag Rugby**, run by Ignite Sport, will be every Thursday for Year 3-6. This club runs from 3.05-4.05 for 12 weeks, beginning on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The cost per session is £6, £72 for the term.

**Mandarin**, run by Shuji Tang, will be every Thursday for Years 1-6. This club runs from 3.05-4.05 for 12 weeks, beginning on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The cost per session is £6, £72 for the term.

**Girls Football** will be every Friday for Years 2-6. This club runs from 3.05-4.05 for 10 weeks, beginning on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The cost per session is £7, £70 for the term.

**Multilingual Club**, run by Frau Poole will be every Friday for Years 1-4. This club runs from 3.05-4.05 for 10 weeks, beginning on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January and finishing on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The cost per session is £6, £60 for the term.

Each week we will listen to and play with a familiar or original story. The stories will be mainly in English but with words in another language added along the way. Children will learn some words in French, German or Spanish and play games based around the stories we read.

#### Clubs-External Providers

<b>Monday 3.05-4.45</b>	<i>Art Club</i> . Please contact <a href="mailto:carolineseymour@mac.com">carolineseymour@mac.com</a>
<b>Monday 3.05-4.10</b>	<i>Telling Tales Creative Writing Club</i> with Mr Carter, registration forms are available from the carousel in the school reception.
<b>Tuesday 3.05-4.15</b>	<i>Mini Media</i> . 3.05- 4.15. Please contact <a href="mailto:info@mini-mediocreatives.com">info@mini-mediocreatives.com</a> .
<b>Tuesday 3.05-4.15</b>	Likely Stories- Year 3, 4 and 5. A fun way to explore stories and storytelling through craft, music, movement and drama. Please contact <a href="mailto:wendypweiss@gmail.com">wendypweiss@gmail.com</a>

#### PTA

##### !!! SWISHING SUCCESS !!!

Many thanks to all of those who attended and/or supported last weekend's Swishing event!

A grand time was had by all, and a total of 180 items of clothing/accessories/shoes went home as 'new' to new owners, raising £400 for our PTA in the process!

We hope to do another swish in future. In the meantime, thanks again!



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### Fantastic Diary extracts based on the Big Bad Pig and the Three Little Wolves from Lilac 4

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

Today has been a terrible day and I am so upset. Mother Wolf decided it was time for us to leave. I begged to stay, but Mother said we had to go. Why, oh why did we have to leave? It's not fair! I really hope that I can visit Mother Wolf. Me and my two brothers think it's a terrible idea, but I have packed my things and I'm ready to leave and Mother told us never to go near the Big Bad Pig.

Jude L4

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 1939

So now I have my two brothers trailing behind me like little puppies. Why, why do I have to be the oldest? After half an hour of walking, I found a beaver with bucketfuls of concrete. He gladly gave us some and we built a concrete house.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1939

Aah! Today was terrifying! We were in some town, which had a surprise attack. Bombs were flying everywhere. Walf luckily found a nice rhino who gave us iron bars, heavy padlocks, barbed wire. We grabbed a cart and ran far, far away.

Malavika L4

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1987

Dear Diary,

It was pretty annoying that we had to leave home two days before Christmas, although they did say that we could have Christmas at our new house. So off we went, three young wolves, wondering the wild.

Edward L4

### Term dates for 2018-2019

Please find the confirmed term dates for 2018- 2019 academic year.

For clarification all state schools have allocated Inset days over an academic year. These are day when school is closed for children but teachers are available for training and professional development.

Term Dates for 2018- 2019	
<b>INSET school closed for children</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
<b>INSET school closed for children</b>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
<b>Start of Autumn Term</b>	<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>
<b>INSET school closed for children</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>October Half Term</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>End of Autumn Term</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 1.30pm</b>
<b>INSET school closed for children</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>Start of Spring Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>



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<b>February Half Term</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February – Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>End of Spring Term</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 1.30pm</b>
<b>Start of Summer Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019</b>
<b>May Half Term</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019
<b>INSET school closed for children</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019
<b>End of Summer Term</b>	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 1.30pm</b>

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<b>End of Autumn Term</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December <u>1.30pm</u>
<b>Start of Spring Term</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>INSET school closed for children</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
<b>February Half Term</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February- Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
<b>End of Spring Term</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
<b>Start of Summer Term</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>May Half Term</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May- Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
<b>INSET school closed for children</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
<b>End of Summer Term</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dates for your diary	
<b>Year 3 Violin Assembly for parents</b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Flu Jabs – EYFS, Year 1,2,3,4</b>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>South Africa Day</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December from 2.00pm
<b>Whole School visit to Oxford Playhouse -Panto</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christingle service in church for children</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Prayer Meeting for Parents and Staff</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am-9.30am
<b>Year 5 – Wychwood School for MFL day (details to follow)</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Year 1 Nativity in Church</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm
<b>School Christmas Lunch for EYFS – Year 6 and staff</b>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Early Years Foundation Stage Nativity</b>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am in the school hall
<b>Year 2 Christmas carol concert</b>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm in school hall
<b>KS2 carol service in church</b>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December St Margaret's Church 6.30pm
<b>PTA Christmas Bazaar</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December

Yours sincerely,



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Ms Sarah Awuye  
Headteacher

### Community news

*Please find information that might be of interest to members of the school community.*

**The Gatehouse** is appealing for donations for Christmas presents for the homeless and vulnerably housed again this year. They are looking for donations of new underpants (90% of users are male) socks, hats, gloves, scarves and bars of chocolate. They hope to be able to give each user of the project at least one Christmas present in 2017 (they are currently averaging 385 visits a week) The Gatehouse's community Christmas present wrapping event is due to be held on Wednesday 20 December 11:00am-3:00pm at St Giles Parish Rooms, 10 Woodstock Road, Oxford OX26HT. Everyone is welcome, including children (with a responsible adult). No need to book, just turn up to help! Donations can be delivered to the same address between 4:00pm-7:00pm Monday-Friday and 3:00pm-6:00pm on Sunday.