



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Experiencing my first Nearly New Sale was such a pleasure and I was incredibly proud to be part of such a wonderful community event. The Sale, held in school last Sunday, certainly epitomised our current school value of community. The work and effort put into the event by so many parents, pupils and friends of the school was astonishing and we are so grateful for their efforts.

There are too many to thank individually, however I would like to give a special mention to the wonderful Nearly New Sale committee members: Jen Watkiss, Gemma Langley, Lara Stokes, Mel de Freitas, Delia Secker-Walker, Jen Ingham, Lisa Peto, Beth Briant, Emma Dadson, Anna Nileshwar, Sarah Griffiths, Gen Atkinson, Laura Pugh, Jill Blackburn and Julie Kilcoyne who worked tirelessly to ensure it went off without a hitch and was a success.

### **ArtWeeks Evening**

We certainly have a talented group of pupils and it was wonderful to see those skills and talents on display yesterday evening. The children who performed did so with gusto and the art work on display was absolutely beautiful. We are very proud of them all. Some of this work will remain on display throughout the school and we have also updated the website so if you couldn't attend, please enjoy the wonderful work.

I would like to thank Mrs Tiffany Ponsonby who worked very hard to coordinate the event and ensure all the pupils who wanted to perform did. Thank you to Miss Banfield, Mr Bushell, Mrs Hudspith, Mr Matthews, Miss McEvoy, Mr Miles, Miss Mothersill, Miss Reeder, Mrs Rhymes, Miss Spanring, Miss Sunderland and Miss Waterman, who all volunteered their time to support this wonderful event.

### **SATS Week**

The year 6s have been sitting their SATs this week and have approached them in a very mature and sensible way. They faced the challenges positively and we're sure that you'll join us in saying "well done" to them. Irrespective of their results, their attitude and application is a credit to them and the school.

*Mr Bushell – Upper Key Stage 2 Leader*

### **CX Week**

Just a reminder that CX Week will be running next week. Children should be dropped off and collected from their usual classroom each morning and afternoon. Please keep an eye on the school [website](#) for blogs about the different activities taking place during the week.

*Miss Banfield – Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum and Behaviour)*

### **Request for parent volunteer – Bike Bonanza**

Miss McEvoy and Miss Sunderland are looking for a parent who might be able to come in one day next week to talk about bike maintenance and perhaps do a few checks on the children's bikes. Any day except Wednesday would be perfect. If you can help, please call or email the Office.

## Chess victory - county and national!



Our new U9 team (formed this year) have been practicing hard for the last month, and this week took part in both County and National level [competitions](#).

The Finals for Oxfordshire Schools' Chess Championship were held at St Joseph's school in Headington – our team beat Emmanuel Christian School in the semi final and won 4.5/1.5, then faced Magdalen College School in the final and after a series of close games lost by 1 point with a final score of 3.5 to 2.5.

The squad also took part in the National Primary School Challenge. This was a full day in Bristol for the U9 squad and they played 6 games throughout the day, ending with a total score of 13.5 and coming 15th in the country! The children were thrilled to pick up a silver medal and it is now being displayed in the hallway at school.

These are such great achievements with which to finish the season, and we are really looking forward to developing two U9 and one U11's team ready for 2018/19 season.

## Behaviour

On occasions, children make poor behaviour choices in school, which is a natural part of the learning process. In accordance with our [behaviour policy](#), children will be given choices in order to help them to make better ones. If they continue to make a poor choice, then they will be given a reflection form. In this case, the reflection form will be sent home with a covering letter so that parents can discuss it with their child at home. The parents of any children involved in an incident of poor behaviour will be informed by the class teacher.

*Miss Banfield – Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum and Behaviour)*

## Aristotle Lane Park

Some of our children found some drugs paraphernalia in the wooded area by Aristotle Lane playground yesterday. They reacted extremely sensibly. You may wish to warn your own children about this or to read the [council's information](#) on what to do. In our whole school assembly this morning, the girls also reminded the all the children the best way to deal with these situations.

***Recently in Aristotle Lane Park some syringes were found and they could be dirty or infected so please don't pick up or play with them. Please let an adult know if you find any syringes.***

***Anna, Lucy, Audrey, Abi, Catriona, Martha and Amelia – Year 3***



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### New Menu

There will be a [new menu](#) after half term, which you can view on the website. A new, 'lighter' option, in addition to the usual meat and vegetarian choices, has been introduced – we hope these new dishes will go down well with the children.

Please note, on the first day back, Tuesday 5 June, there will be pizza for lunch. However, on Wednesday 6 June things will get back to normal and it will be the menu for Wednesday.

### Aristotle Cup

The Aristotle Cup will take place on 8 July this year. The PTA are looking for volunteers from each year group to lead boys and girls football teams - please get in touch with the PTA or [sarahmckelvie@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahmckelvie@yahoo.com) if you can help.

### PTA NEWS

A massive thank you to anyone who helped out with the Nearly New Sale last weekend - it was a huge success! We are so grateful for all the volunteers, cake bakers, sellers and of course people who came along to buy! We really couldn't have done it without you. We've received lots of lovely emails commenting on how helpful and welcoming the volunteers were. It was great to open our doors to the public and show the school off in such a positive light.

We are still working out the total profit for the school and will let you know next week. We had 400 adults and over 200 children through the door. We took over £10,000 through the tills (not bad in 2 hours) and made over £400 at the cafe. We will be paying the sellers next week after deducting commission and an admin fee. Last year we made £3000 profit for the PTA and it looks like we have smashed that. Watch this space...

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#### Notice board

##### **Lost money**

*About three weeks ago a small amount of money was found just outside school after drop-off time. If you think it may be yours, please call into the School Office.*

#### Sports News

##### **Daily mile**

We hope that your children are enjoying and feeling the benefit of our daily mile initiative. It's a joy to see more children running for longer periods and demonstrating greater resilience and stamina. We look forward to observing the children's progress in their physical literacy, helping them to lead healthier and more active lifestyles. Why not ask your child what their best time is or how many laps they think they have completed?

*Mr Miles*

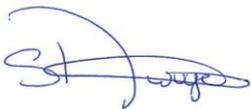
### Sporting success



We are delighted that Juliette in Lilac 1 has been signed for another year at Oxford United Women's Academy in the U12 team. She got the Players Player of the season, and then picked up the Golden Boot Award on Sunday, playing for Mansfield Road as they won the Oxford United Women's Football tournament. What a week!

To keep up-to-date with all things Sport related, please visit the sport section on the [website](#).

Yours sincerely,



Ms Sarah Awuye  
Headteacher

Dates for your diary	
<b>CX Week</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Book Fair</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May – 25 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>EYFS Assembly</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 9-9.30am
<b>CX Week play at the North Wall</b>	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>May Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018</b>
<b>INSET school closed for children</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>
<b>School nurse visit to Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Doughnuts for Dads</b>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Year 6 MFL Transition Visit, Cherwell School</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June AM
<b>Science Evening</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 6-8pm
<b>Summer Fete</b>	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>Year 6 parent meeting – Q&amp;A with Cherwell staff and parents</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 9am
<b>Year 5 Singing Performance @ Sheldonian</b>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>EYFS sports morning</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June



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<b>Sports Day</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>EYFS Sports Morning</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Year 6 Cherwell Transfer day</b>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Aristotle Cup</b>	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Year 6 End of Year Performance</b>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 1pm
<b>Year 6 Leavers BBQ Party</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>End of Summer Term</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 <u>1.30pm</u> <u>finish</u></b>

### Community news

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

#### **Premier Tennis**

With May half term holidays around the corner, don't miss out on signing your children and friends up for a tennis and teamwork camp with Premier Tennis. These camps have proved extremely popular and are designed by James Auckland, former GB Doubles No.1 and doubles partner of Andy Murray. There is a special £50 discount for Phil and Jim children and friends if booking before 27<sup>th</sup> May. Details below.

**Who?** Boys and girls from 5-15 years old of all playing standards; children are organised into age and ability groups for their tennis, and mix with others for non-tennis team games.

**What?** Relevant drills, individual challenges and team games that help children progress their tennis skills in an inclusive and exciting environment; for under 10's, additional activities embed the ABC (agility, balance and co-ordination) skills through netball/basketball, football, athletics and rounders. Coaches are all LTA qualified, DBS checked and well trained.

**When?** May half-term and Summer holidays; camps run 10am-4pm daily, with early drop-off and late pick-up options available.

**Where?** Rye St Antony, Dragon School, Moulsoford, St Hugh's; indoor back-up facilities available as needed.

**How to book:** Find out more at [premiertennis.co.uk/camps](http://premiertennis.co.uk/camps), book online using discount code PHILANDJIMPT50 or call Premier Tennis on **01865 689754** to select individual days

#### **Chess Club in May Half Term**

The Oxford New Generation is running a chess club during May Half Term for four of the days. This club was very successful over the Easter holidays, so if your child is in to Chess, take a look at the attachments below for more information and how to sign up.

[http://www.oxfordfusion.com/oca/documents/ONGCAC\\_Flyer-MayHT202018.pdf](http://www.oxfordfusion.com/oca/documents/ONGCAC_Flyer-MayHT202018.pdf) and [http://www.oxfordfusion.com/oca/documents/ONGCAC\\_registration\\_May2018.pdf](http://www.oxfordfusion.com/oca/documents/ONGCAC_registration_May2018.pdf)

#### **Frideswide Voices Auditions**

Frideswide Voices is a choir for girl choristers. There is an audition day for Year 2 girls on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, at Magdalen College. If you are interested in attending, please see [www.frideswidevoices.co.uk](http://www.frideswidevoices.co.uk) for details.



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**Oxford & Cambridge Singing School summer courses at Somerville College.**

Designed for children aged 7-13, all courses include a combination of whole group singing, singing lessons in small groups, music history based on the theme of the course, music appreciation and music theory in the form of games and exercises, so lots to engage and inspire young minds. The course is scheduled later during this summer holiday due to the staggered finishing dates of school terms this year.

**Summer Course Dates:**

**August 29th - 31st, 9.30-3.30 pm, registration from 9am**

Course Venue: Somerville College, Oxford, OX2 6HD

**Bursary places are available on every course.**

Further information can be found on our website: [www.oxbridgesingingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.com). Should you have any queries in the meantime please let me know and thank you in advance for your help.