



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 21st September 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Our new multi-purpose Astroturf is now finished and it has been lovely to see the children using it this week. Feedback from them is that it is 'bouncy', 'nice to run on'; 'you don't hurt yourself as much when you fall down' and 'the lines are clean and new'; I think they are very pleased with the space.

The fact that we have this new surface as we begin the Autumn Term is an incredible achievement, given we only made the decision to make this project our priority, at Easter. I would like to thank the tremendous support of the entire school community; an incredible £116,000 was raised in a relatively short time. If you bought an ice cream during the Summer Term, contributed to the Nearly New Sale or supported any of the PTA events this year, we very much appreciate your contribution.

There are also a number of individuals and organisations who contributed to this project directly, including substantial donations from parents and friends of the school, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council, Jericho Café, Carter Jonas, Savills, Summerfield's, Kumon, Phil & Jim School and of course Summertown Stars Football Club.

A great deal of effort went on behind the scenes, with many people working over and above on this project and I would like to formally thank them for their hard work and support. Beccy Ekins, Carrie Hayward, Ruth Dorso and Emma Dadson all contributed a great deal of their time and energy. I would also like express my gratitude to Sarah Griffiths who has been a key driving force behind this project. Sarah has worked tirelessly to ensure we had funds to replace the surface, a project of this scale would not have been possible without her enthusiasm and we are incredibly grateful for all she has done.

There will be an official opening of our Astroturf at 2.30pm on Wednesday 26th September to which you are warmly invited. Please come into school via school reception.

Harvest Festival Service

In celebration of Harvest this year and, in preparation of thinking for others and being thankful for what we have got, we would like the pupils to bring in gifts for Oxford's Food Bank (CEF).

The following items are needed at the moment for the foodbank:

- Jams/other spreads
- UHT/Long life milk
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Sugar
- Tinned Vegetables (not tomatoes or pulses)



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- Tinned or packet Puddings
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fruit
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Bottled Sauces
- Coffee/Hot Chocolate
- Practical Toiletries

When donating food please ensure that items have a 'sell by date' of at least 3 months and is clearly marked. Children can bring in gifts on the day and give them to their class teacher.

Safeguarding

We would like to thank you for leaving the school site by 9.00am each morning so we can lock the school. We understand that there are times in the morning when you need to pass messages on to the class teacher, however we would like to ask that if you don't need to go into the cloakrooms in the morning that you avoid the area. Space is limited and the priority is ensuring that the children have the space to organise themselves before the start of the day. Please remember any non-urgent messages should be emailed FOA class teacher via the office office@philandjim.org.uk. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Cards

SORRY TO BE THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER!

However, one of the great ways our PTA raises money for the school is by selling "Design Your Own Christmas Cards." Your child, you, a sibling, friends or anyone you know can create their own design which will then be reproduced as a card and can be used for Christmas, Hanukkah, birthdays, thank you cards...the possibilities are endless!



You can also order gift tags, wrapping paper and larger size luxury cards. Sales from this fundraiser raise nearly £500 for the school each year.

Letters explaining the process will be in book bags early next week, you then will have until Thursday 4th October to design your cards. Any queries, please email cid@dixonyoung.co.uk

Woodwind Lessons

Last week, the county music service came in and demonstrated some woodwind instruments in a special assembly. If your child is interested in playing an instrument like the flute or clarinet, you can find out more on the Oxfordshire Music Service [website](http://www.oxfordshiremusic.org.uk).



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Parking

Please could we remind you that cars should not be driven over the bridge during drop-up and pick-up times.

Sports News

We are very proud of William in 3S who has recently re-signed for Oxford United Pre Academy! William said "I feel fantastic; I'm so excited!" and is looking forward to getting his new football kit next week. Congratulations William.

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

Notice board

Clubs

Information regarding clubs can be found on the school [website](#). If you have any questions or queries about clubs, then please do contact Mr Sadler, who will be happy to answer them. He can be contacted by emailing clubs@philandjim.org.uk.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property tub outside 6B for any items that your

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Awuye
Headteacher

September 2018 dates for your diary

Harvest festival in church – 10.00am (parents welcome but please be aware the space is limited)	Tuesday 25 th September
Astroturf Grand Opening – 2:30pm	Wednesday 26 th September
Calendar Photos	Wednesday 3 rd October
Prayer Meeting – 8:50am	Friday 5 th October
Meet the Head Session – 8:45am	Wednesday 10 th September
INSET day - school closed for pupils	Friday 19th October



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Half term week	Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October
Prayer Meeting – 8:50am all parents and staff welcome	Friday 2 nd November
PTA Swishing Evening	Saturday 3 rd November
Eye test for Early Years pupils	Wednesday 14 th November
Christingle service in Church	Tuesday 20 th November
Prayer Meeting – 8:50am all parents and staff welcome	Friday 7 th December
China Celebration Day – 2.00pm all parents welcome	Friday 7 th December
Early Years Nativity –2.15pm	Wednesday 12 th December
Early Years Nativity – 9.30am	Thursday 13 th December
Christmas Fayre	Friday 14 th December
Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Celebration in Church - 2.00pm	Tuesday 18 th December
Year 3 - Year 6 carol concert in Church 6.30pm	Tuesday 18 th December
School Christmas lunch	Wednesday 19 th December
Touring Panto visit to school -whole school events- details to follow	Thursday 20 th December
End of Autumn Term	Friday 21st December 1.30pm

Community news

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

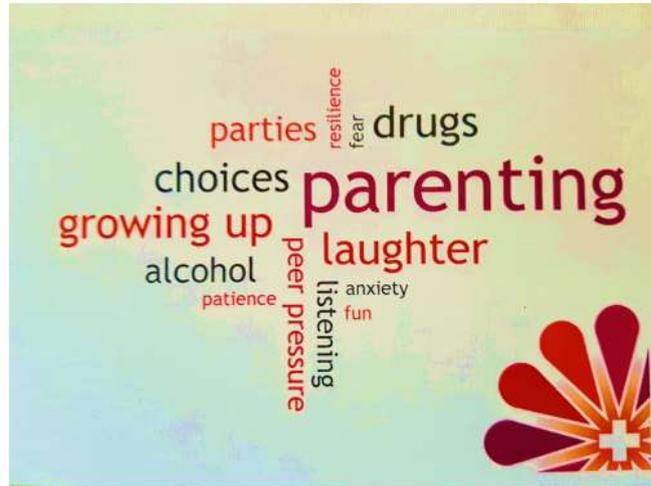
Parenting for Positive Choices - a six-week course for parents of children aged 8-14 and beyond, using Care for the Family's 'How to Drugproof your Kids' material. The course looks at parenting tools to help young people make good choices about drugs and alcohol, deal with peer pressure and grow resilience.

Wednesday evenings at St Andrews Church in North Oxford, starting 3 October. More information and booking at www.standrewsoxford.org



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St Andrew's Church, Linton Road, OX2 6UG

Starting 3 October 2018

Cost £15

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