



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

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Friday 5th October 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Parents evening

Parents evening will take place on Tuesday 30 October 5:00pm - 7:30pm and Thursday 1 November 3:20pm-5:30pm. This is an opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled in to their new class, and their learning targets for the term ahead. You are able to book a 10 minute slot through your Parentmail account. If you are unable to book through Parentmail, please call the office and they will be able to do this for you.

Year 6 transfer to secondary school deadline- 31st October 2018

Year 6 parents can now submit online applications for children to transfer from primary to secondary school for Year 7 entry in September 2019. Please apply direct

at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Alternatively you can complete the [secondary application form](#) by hand, this should then be posted recorded delivery to the Admissions Team or hand delivered to County Hall. Please be aware the most secure method to apply is online. **The deadline for receipt of completed applications, online or on paper, is 31 October 2018.**

Calendar for 2019-2020

We have now published term dates for 2019/20 academic year. These are also available on our website.

Outstanding payments

May I remind all parents that items on Parentpay should be settled regularly.

We currently have 187 items outstanding totalling over £8,000. We have to pay for school lunches monthly regardless of whether parents have paid us. We also have to pay the salaries of the people working in After School Club. If there are fees outstanding this puts a strain on the After School Club finances as we are not allowed to use the school budget for this.

Please help us by logging in to your account at www.parentpay.com and settling any outstanding items. If you have any query please e-mail admissions@philandjim.org.uk or if you are unable to pay please make an appointment to see the Headteacher.

Thank you for your support.

Karen May

Business Manager



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Coffee Morning

On Thursday 9th November at 9.00am, we will be hosting an inclusion coffee morning.

We especially welcome parents of children with a Special Educational need or those who require additional support in school, but it is of course open to all. It will be a chance to meet informally and chat about the range of support we offer here at Phil and Jim.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Reeder (SENCo) and Mrs Hiner (Pastoral Support Lead)

Road Safety

The bollard at Aristotle Bridge is currently not working. We have over 400 children walking or cycling to and from school each day. In order to keep them as safe as possible during their journey please could we remind you that cars should **not** be driven over Aristotle Bridge during the times of 8.30 am – 9.00 am and 3.00pm -3.30 pm.

PTA event

Women of Phil & Jim: Get ready to spruce up your wardrobe in aid of our PTA!

Back by popular demand we will be holding our second SWISHING (clothes-swap) event at school on Saturday 10 November from 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £5 and are currently available from the school office (or at the door on the night).

New to swishing?

Here is how it works: you bring pre-loved items from your wardrobe (in good condition that you'd be proud to pass on) and in turn, you will be able to choose some new-to-you items (brought by fellow party goers) to take home. Everything that everyone brings will be up for grabs - you don't need to swap with anyone in particular, just wander round with a glass of wine and nibbles and see what takes your fancy. Those tops of yours that no longer excite you might just be someone else's cup of tea, and vice versa!

There will be a £5 fee to participate in the swish, and a small fee to pay per item you wish to take away.

For more info on swishing, please ask Allison Hood or Maya Little - it really is exciting and fun!!

'New' clothes + supporting PTA = WIN WIN!!

Please note:

Everyone who comes needs to bring at least one quality item of clothing, pair of shoes, accessory, or outerwear in good condition and worthy of a swap - no old, washed out t-shirts please.

The items that are not taken can either be left behind (we will donate to charity on your behalf) or taken back home by the attendees, whichever is more suitable.



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The Swan School

Families interested in learning more about The Swan School are invited to an open evening on Thursday 18th October. The event will take place in the Sixth Form Centre on the North Site of The Cherwell School, Marston Ferry Road, and beginning at 6.30pm. <https://theswanschool.org.uk/open-evening-registration/>

Sports News

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

Notice board

Lost Property

Please check the lost property tub outside 6B for any items that your child may have lost.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Awuye
Headteacher

September 2018 dates for your diary

Meet the Head Session – 8:45am	Wednesday 10 th October
Year 6 Football – The Oxford Academy	Friday 5 th October
Year 6 Football – The Oxford Academy	Friday 12 th October
INSET day - school closed for pupils	Friday 19th October
Half term week	Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October
Parents Evening – 5pm – 7.30pm	Tuesday 30 th October
Parents Evening – 3.20pm – 5.30pm	Thursday 1 st November
Prayer Meeting – 8:50am all parents and staff welcome	Friday 2 nd November
Individual School Photographs	Thursday 8 th November
PTA Swishing Evening – please note change in date	Saturday 10 th November
Year 3-6 Cross Country – Oxford Spires Academy	Tuesday 13 th October
Eye test for Early Years pupils	Wednesday 14 th November
Year5 and 6 Girls Hockey – Oxford Hawkes	Thursday 15 th November



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Christingle service in Church	Tuesday 20 th November
Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball – The Oxford Academy	Thursday 22 nd 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 Bizarre for children– 9.00am	Friday 14 th December
Christmas Fayre from 3.05pm all welcome	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