



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

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Friday 18th October 2019

Dear parents and carers,

### **Book Fair**

A big thank you to everyone who purchased a book at our last book fair, we raised a fantastic £486.60 to buy some wonderful new books for school

### **Keeping our children safe**

The impact of the road works outside our school is significant, especially at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times and so we have asked Thames Water contractors to be mindful of our children at this busy time.

With the exception of a very few parents, no cars should be driven over the bridge to drop children off in the morning or pick them up after school. Cars, in conjunction with the work being carried out by Thames Water puts our pupils at increased risk of being involved in a road traffic accident.

**Please do not drive over the bridge between 8.30am – 9.00am and 2.50pm - 3.20pm**

Please can we remind you that you must not enter the school building via the classrooms or cloakrooms. For safeguarding reasons for this is that we must know which adults are on site when any of our pupils are in school. We welcome our parents and carers and of course you can come into school, we just ask that you sign in via the main entrance.

When dropping off your child in the morning or picking them up after school, please can we remind you that your child must not play on any of the school equipment, this includes the AstroTurf, trim trail and climbing frames. At this point your child is not in our care and therefore our insurance does not cover them if an accident were to occur.

### **Playground reminders**

In assembly this morning, I reminded the children about our playground rules and routines so that everyone is happy and safe when outside. We talked about the range of activities on offer such as the play equipment, the library, board-games and colouring in the courtyard as well as adult led games. We will also be starting activities led by Play Leaders from year 5 and 6 after half term.

We reminded the children that we have rotas in place for using the gym equipment and the AstroTurf pitches, which are fair to all year groups. The adults on duty ensure our rotas and rules are adhered to as part of our Behaviour Policy.

We ask that parents support our playground routines by ensuring that children don't bring in items such as footballs and swapping cards from home. The school provides balls for games.



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### Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening will be on Tuesday and Thursday next week. You will be given a pupil information form to update or fill in. It is essential that we have your child's correct details for our school system, this is a GDPR requirement and ensures we have correct contact details and parental permissions. Once you have filled these in please return the form to the box in reception.

### Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations will be happening at school for all year groups on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. On 4<sup>th</sup> October we sent out a parentmail with a letter attached from the School Health Team; this included a link taking you to the consent form that you must fill in before Thursday, otherwise your child will not be able to have the vaccination. Please email [Flu.SchoolNurses@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:Flu.SchoolNurses@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk) if you have any queries or problems accessing the link in the letter.

### Wild Rumpus in Year 2

On Wednesday, Pupils in Year 2 performed *Where the Wild Things Are* to their parents. 'We wore ears and did jumping', *Ben, 2B*. 'I enjoyed how the rumpus was more wild than anyone would expect!' *Florence, 2B*. Well done year 2!



### Year 3 Synagogue trip

Yesterday, Year 3 visited the Oxford Synagogue. Follow this [link](#) to the Year 3 blog page to see photos and find out more about the trip

### Tinis School, South Africa

Mr Bovey Hull will be spending next week visiting our partner school in Fort Beaufort, SA. This is part of the Connecting Classrooms Project, supported by the charity [BEFSA](#). This year's project is about working with waste with a focus of reusing and recycling. We look forward to hearing about the visit when Mr Bovey Hull returns.

### Solar Panel plans

The Governing body are pleased to announce that they have approved plans for us to invest in solar panels for our school. We are delighted this project is going ahead; allowing Phil & Jim School to reduce our carbon footprint and save money on our energy costs. The project is being managed by Oxfordshire Diocese and we will give you more information as and when it becomes available to us.

*Mrs May*

### House points

Well done to the following children who have received their BRONZE award for reaching 50 house points:  
**Joe, Beth, Zoe, Leo, William 4A; John, Akira, Anna, Leandro, Anele 1C; Helena 2B.**

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jo Reeder  
Deputy Headteacher



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Autumn 2019 dates for your diary	
<b>Parents Evenings (Year 1 – 6)</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Flu vaccinations (Reception-6)</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
<b>Year 3 sharing event for parents</b>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2.30pm-3.00pm
<b>Half term week</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
<b>INSET day- school closed for pupils</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Parents Evenings (EYFS and 2BH)</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Prayer Meeting for parents and staff</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November- 08:50am
<b>Year 5/6 Friendly Football Fixture</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Year 6 IMPS</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> , Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Christmas Dinner Day!</b>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>EYFS Nativity performance for parents</b>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (time tbc)
<b>Vision Screening</b>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Prayer meeting for parents and staff 08:50am</b>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> <b>Christmas Bazaar for pupils (all day)</b> <b>Christmas Fair for community (times TBC)</b>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Whole School to Oxford Playhouse – Pantomime</b>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>End of Autumn Term</b>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30 pm
<b>Start of Spring Term</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Community News

### Connecting Oxford

You may be aware of the public engagement launched earlier this week sharing ideas to drastically reduce congestion and pollution across Oxford, and deliver better public transport, pedestrian and cycling access. The deadline for submissions of feedback is 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Please follow this link for more information [Connecting Oxford](#).



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**SANDY LANE FARM**



**PUMPKIN CELEBRATION!**  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> & Sun 27<sup>th</sup> October 10am-3pm  
Visit the farm to see our bumper squash  
& pumpkin harvest. Recipes, food, farm  
shop & coffee van. Welly wearing  
recommended. Find us between Milton  
Common & Tiddington OX9 2LA



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