

Weekly Newsletter 6th October

Dear Everyone

Just to let you know that our Macmillan cake sale raised over £500! The winners of the cupcake competition were first place Amy Tuck (Year 6) for her Rainbow cupcakes, second place Blazie Williams (Year 4) for his Cookie Monster cupcakes and joint third place for Frida Fallarino (Year 6) for her Burger cupcakes and Emily Whitla (Reception) for her Butterfly cupcakes. All the entries were amazing and we were delighted to have our ex-chair of governors, Jill McCleery back to judge!

CLASS CAKE SALES:

By popular request, these are back! Miss Cranham's Danube Class is first off the block, today, 6th October, followed by Amazon next Friday 13th October and Swan on 20th October. Pangani are the first Friday after half term on 3rd November. Please support your child's class; all the money raised will go to their class. Otherwise, classes only get £200 a year for resources - and we are still heading for a deficit budget.

HARVEST CELEBRATION:

This is on Monday morning at 9.30 a.m. at St Matthew's Church. We have asked the children to each bring a contribution for the Emergency Food Bank, and we have been informed that they specially need tins of vegetables (peas, sweet corn, carrots and green beans) and loo rolls! Also student council will be taking a collection at the end of the service, which will go to Unicef to help children affected by the recent earthquake in Mexico. We do hope you are able to come along and join us.

HALF TERM ACTIVITY:

Free of charge, we can provide full time half-term entertainment for your family - please could you look after the guinea pigs for early years?! See Ms Woods or Mrs Stowe.

MUSIC AT ST EBBE'S:

Our **Autumn Concert** will be on Wednesday 18th October at 2pm. We will have orchestra rehearsals for KS2 children next Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October. *Please make sure your child brings their instrument to school on those days next week.* If you would like to play along with us let Mrs Howard know! She is at school on Tuesdays and on Wednesday afternoons. Many thanks. Mrs Howard

SAFEGUARDING BEGINNING AND END OF DAY:

We have felt for a while that safety has not been good enough at the beginning and end of the school day; especially that the front door can be open with no one on reception. So please read the following guidance carefully:

1. Please come into school in the mornings via the side gates (into the main playground or into the EYFS playground). These gates will be opened just before 8.40 a.m. so that children can go straight into classes.
2. Please avoid coming through reception unless you need to speak to our administrators – please ring for entry.
3. We provide breakfast club for children who regularly need to arrive before 8.40 a.m. (please speak to Steph Lowe to enrol). Parents should deliver children to breakfast club by using the after-school-club bell and entering via the hall doors - the front door will be locked.
4. For those who occasionally arrive early, children may wait in the hall (although parents should be aware that this is not supervised) from 8.30 a.m. until classes are open at 8.40 a.m. These children should ring at reception to enter (not the bell for breakfast club).
5. Afternoons – the two side gates will be opened just before 3 p.m. Children in EYFS to Y3 will be handed back to parents. Please could children in the KS2 building meet parents in an agreed spot outside on the playground.
6. If you are late collecting, children should go to the blue chairs in reception to wait. When you arrive, please come to reception to sign them out.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS:

Parents of children in Year 6, please be aware that online applications for secondary school can now be made [here](#). The closing date for applications is 31st October 2017. We strongly recommend that you do the rounds of our local schools with your child to help make your choices.

The online process for children who will be starting in reception at St Ebbe's next year opens on the 25th October.

WEBSITE UPDATES:

Please get in the habit of going into your children's class page every week to pick up their latest newsletter for news of trips, visits, homework, curriculum and how you can get involved.

The links are as follows:

[Mrs Stowe's Garry class EYFS](#)

[Miss Wood's Darling Class EYFS](#)

[Miss Smallman's Liffey Class YEAR 1](#)

[Miss Woodward's Congo Class YEAR 1](#)

[Miss Pullin's Seine Class YEAR 2](#)

[Madame Vergier and Mrs Horner's Thames Class YEAR 2](#)

[Miss Welham's Swan Class YEAR 3](#)

[Miss Jackson's Pangani Class YEAR 3](#)

[Miss Cranham's Danube Class YEAR 4](#)

[Miss Handley's Amazon Class YEAR 4](#)

[Mr Panzer's Yangtze Class YEAR 5](#)

[Mrs Horn's Limpopo Class YEAR 5](#)

[Mr Stowe's Ob Class YEAR 6](#)

[Mr Godby's Haro Class YEAR 6](#)

SESA AGM:

[St Ebbe's School Association Social Evening and AGM, Weds 11th Oct](#)

8pm in the school hall. All parents, carers and staff very welcome; wine, soft drinks, puddings and nibbles all provided. It's a chance to meet and chat to others over a drink, together with some informal brainstorming about what social events we could run and how we could work together to help the school fund the things it needs for our children. Followed by a brief formal AGM. Please come, your school needs you!

Parent Council:

Our first Parent Council meeting is on 15th November; please consider volunteering as a class representative. So far, we only have three volunteers to represent classes on the Parent Council so far. With fourteen classes to cover, it's important that we get a good representation of parents' views to make the forum a success, and this year is particularly important as we convert to an academy. Please consider volunteering to make sure your class has a voice.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact one of the parent governors, Simon Bridson-Jones (simon@bridson-jones.com) or Malcom Cubitt (mcubitt@gmail.com).

SHARING ASSEMBLIES:

Thank you to Mrs Horn's class for their assembly this morning, next Friday is Madame Vergier and Mrs Horner's Year 2 assembly.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Please email the adult in charge for any enquiries:

NAME OF CLUB	DAY	WHO?	TIME	email contact	Name of Leader
SING UP	MO	Y 1 - 2	3.10-4.10	EMFORMUSIC@OUTLOOK.COM	Emily Marshall
THEATRE CLUB	MO	Y 3,4,5,6	3.10-4.10	alice.farrell@hotmail.co.uk	Alice Farrell
FOOTBALL CLUB	MO	Y 4,5,6	3.10-4.10	matthewjamesfrancisreece@gmail.com	Matthew Reece
RUNNING CLUB	TUE	Y 5,6	3.10 -4.10	lsha0273@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk	Lisa Shaw

GUITAR LESSONS	TUE	Y 2-6	20 MINS	INFO@DRUM-BEATS.CO.UK	Nigel Ralph
BOLLYWOOD	TUE	Y1-Y6	3.10 -4.10	narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk	Mrs Thapar
MUSICAL THEATRE	WED	KS2	3.10-4.10	jhor1197@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk	Mrs Horn
FOREST SCHOOL DRUMBEATS DRUMS	WED	Y 2	3.10-4.10	rosieharlow@gmail.com	Rosie Harlow
	WED	Y 2-6	20 MINS	nigel@drum-beats.co.uk	Nigel Ralph
BIRDWATCHING CLUB	THURS	Y1-Y6	3.10-4.10	ejac0207@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk	Miss Jackson
SPANISH CLUB	THURS	ALL	3.10-4.10	tejitas@yahoo.com	Mrs Perez
NETBALL	THURS	Y 5/6	3.10-4.10	callumhicks97@hotmail.co.uk	Callum Hicks
ULTIMATE FRISBEE	FR	KS 2 (Y3-6)	3.10-4.10	elisa@atm.ox.ac.uk	Elisa Carboni
KOREAN CLUB	FR	REC - Y6	3.10-4.10	jieun.kiaer@orinst.ox.ac.uk	Jieun Kiaer

Best wishes

Susie Bagnall

IMPORTANT DATES!

These dates are all on the website calendar [here](#):

Monday 9.10.17 Harvest Celebration at St Matthew's Church at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 10.10.17 Orchestra rehearsal in the afternoon

Wednesday 11.10.17 Orchestra rehearsal in the afternoon

Wednesday 18.10.17 Autumn Concert 2 p.m.

Friday 20.10.17 Break up for Half term at 3 p.m.

Tuesday 31.10.17 Children return to school after half term

Monday 6.11.17 Maths Day

Week commencing 13.11.17 Anti-bullying week

Friday 17.11.17 Children in Need Day

Week commencing 4.12.17 parent-teacher consultations

Tuesday 12.12.17 KS1 Christmas Production 1.30 pm

Wednesday 13.12.17 KS1 Christmas Production 1.30 pm

Thursday 14.12.17 EYFS and KS1 Christingle

Monday 18.12.17 Christmas Service at St Matthew's Church at 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 19.12.17 Children Break-up at 2 p.m.

Monday 8.1.18 Children return to school

Community Events:

Next Sunday (8th October) is the **Hogacre and Oxgrow annual Harvest Festival** - please come along to help us celebrate a great year!

There will be music, Morris dancing, soup from veggies from Oxgrow's harvest festival bed and a bar. We'll be there from 12-5.00 so come and join the fun.

South Oxford Adventure Playground (SOAP): Open after school on Thursdays and Fridays until half-term, starting 14th September. Free outdoor inclusive play and activities for all. Under 7s must be accompanied by an adult at all times and over 7s can stay unaccompanied, but must be registered with SOAP to do so. If you are new to the area and haven't yet discovered SOAP, we are located just behind Grandpont nursery on Whitehouse road. Follow the lane running down to the railway and Hogacre. Please come and visit! See our website for more details. <http://www.soapoxford.org.uk/>

SOAP is seeking a treasurer to join our team of volunteers.



Basic book-keeping required as we run a payroll. If interested or would like to know more please email hiresoap@gmail.com

South Oxford Adventure Playgroup and Lake Street Playgroup present:

Family Fireworks and Bonfire Night

Family-friendly fireworks display and bonfire. BBQ, bar, hot chocolate, glow toys, and more.

Gates: **5pm**. Bonfire: **6pm**. Fireworks **6.30pm**.

Tickets £3 children and £6 adults. Available [from Monday 16 October](#) from Tamar at the hall at drop off. More info can be found on the SOAP's website.

The South Oxford Woodcraft folk Elfins group needs you!

We have a few free spaces for children aged 6-9 years old to join us. Sessions run on Tuesday evening at South Oxford Community Centre.

We are additionally looking for a new group leader to lead the sessions with about 15-20 children. If you have any questions about this, please talk to Antonella Surdi (parent of Frida Yr 6 and Federico Yr 3 or email Antonella at antsurdi@yahoo.co.uk



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The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School is run by internationally renowned coaches in choral music from the historic choral institutions of Oxford and Cambridge.

We hold holiday courses in Oxford, Cambridge and London for children aged 7-13. Our courses involve world-class teaching in the disciplines of choral music, and are developed to inspire young musicians with classic choral repertoire in a way that is varied and intensely rewarding.

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Christmas 2017
Magdalen College, OXFORD
20th & 21st December 2017

About us
Established in 2003, The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7-13 who love to sing. The singing school was established to give children the opportunity to sing great choral music with world class musicians in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

About the course
Based at Magdalen College, Oxford, this Christmas, pupils will learn some beautiful music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory and history. Pupils are more confident to come and listen to a mini-concert at the end of each day. Courses include whole group singing, musical games and exercises to improve sight reading, small group vocal coaching and much more. Here is what is being and about us:

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"Thank you for another fabulous course! My son has done well and made a real difference!"

"Thank you! Your course was the highlight of the holidays."

"You cannot do us thank you to all involved. My daughter came home having 'rocked'! Loved the music and thought that the exercises were all very, very good. Loved everything about it!"

"It looked, but I hope should give to you and your team for giving me and mine such an amazing week of singing last week. They both loved it and can't wait to do it again."

THIS IS OUR MOST POPULAR COURSE. PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

We have regular courses in Oxford, Cambridge and London, with new courses in Guildford, Hong Kong and Perth, Australia. For more information and to book a space, please visit our website:
www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk

e-safety:

The link to the e-safety area on our website is [here](#). Please familiarise yourselves with our policy and curriculum.

