

Weekly Newsletter 10th November

Dear Everyone

This has been a very difficult week following the sudden death of Miss Unia, our friend and trusted teaching assistant colleague, on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you for your care and compassion towards the staff team. I have written to Miss Unia's family today, and the children are growing some bulbs in the library that we will take to the family when they are about to bloom. We hope to be able to celebrate all the good things Miss Unia achieved at our school, and the inspiration she gave to our team at a later date.

CLASS CAKE SALES:

Mr Stowe's is 10th today and Mr Godby's on 24th 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. Cakes sale dates are all on the website calendar [here](#):

Next week is our Student Council **Children in Need** Cake Sale. Student Councillors will be asking their parents to help them bake cakes for next Friday (thank you, those parents). Mrs Robson, Mrs Addis and I are bringing cakes, but any further contributions to raise money for Children in Need will be gratefully received!

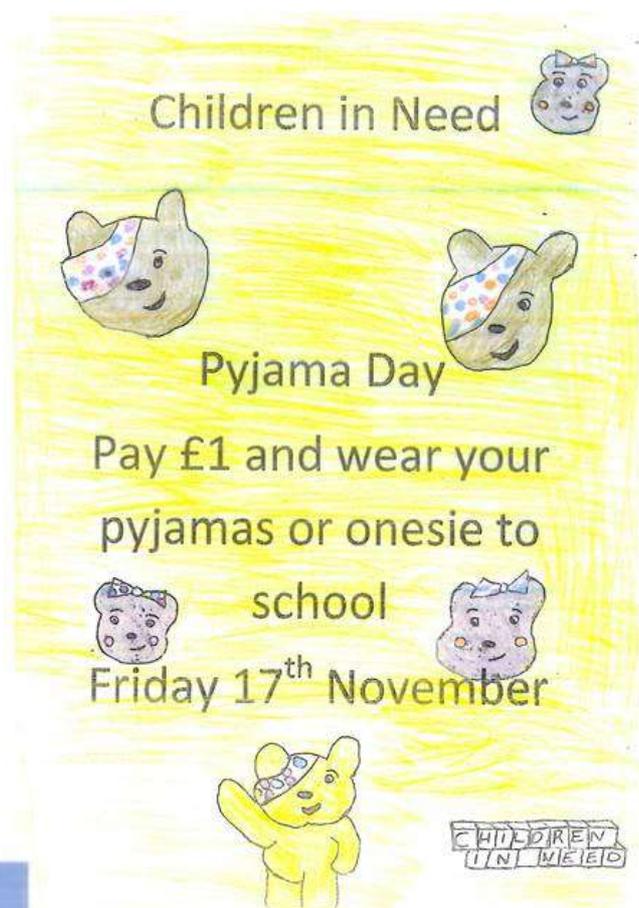
Don't forget to wear your pyjamas next Friday!

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

These look so much better than last year's! Deadline for returning your proofs is Monday 13th November, please.

ADMISSIONS:

The online process for children who will be starting in reception at St Ebbe's next year has opened. Please apply for EYFS 2018 [here](#):



Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place - you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2013** and **31 August 2014**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2018**.

Apply online at
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
- it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres - ask for details at your local facility.

Deadline for applications is 15 January 2018

For help and information:
Web: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
Email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Tel: 0345 241 2487

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KEY ADMISSION DATES FOR 'PRIMARY TRANSFER PHASE' IN 2018

These dates cover the following phases:

- entry to Reception year group – children born 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014;
- transfer from infant schools to junior or primary schools at the end of Key Stage 1 – children born 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011;
- transfer from Year 4 in a first school (outside Oxfordshire where the child lives in Oxfordshire) to Year 5 in a primary or middle school – children born 1 September 2008 to 31 August 2009.

September 2017	"Starting School" and "Stepping Up" available for viewing online
25 October 2017	Online and paper applications accepted from this date. "Starting School" and "Stepping Up" information available on request from schools and the LA; applications accepted from this date
15 January 2018	National closing date for on-time applications for primary school
6 February 2018	Last date for confirmation of change of address and for late applications with extenuating circumstances to be considered as on-time
13 February 2018	LA to send application data to other LAs for schools in that LA's area
6 March 2018	LA to send application data to other admission authorities in Oxfordshire by this date
23 March 2018	Last date for return of data to the LA from own admission authorities in Oxfordshire
16 April 2018	National Offer Day - letters sent by second class post and emails sent to those who applied online.
3 May 2018	Accept place, apply for continued interest list, as appropriate; also last date for late applications and changes of preference to be considered in the second round of the allocation process
15 May 2018	Start to consider late applications, changes of

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	preference and continuing interest requests
12 June 2018	Offer letters sent for the second admissions round
30 June 2018	Last date on which to accept a place and/or apply for the continued interest list, or offers made on 12 June
September 2018	Start of academic year for above phases
28 June 2018	Date on which the continued interest list will be disseminated for all schools that are part of the in-year scheme (unless otherwise stated in a school's admission arrangements)

HAVE A SAY

Our first meeting of the academic year is next Wednesday 15th November at 6:00pm at school. We look forward to meeting class councillors and discussing the agenda for Parent Council for the year ahead.

If you would like to volunteer, or have any other questions, please contact one of the Parent Governors, Simon Bridson-Jones (simon@bridson-jones.com) or Malcolm Cubitt (mcubitt@gmail.com).

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:

Easyfundraising for St Ebbe's School Association (SESA)

The SESA committee would love to ask parents, teachers, friends and family to support SESA as a cause whenever you shop online using [easyfundraising.co.uk/SESA/](https://www.easyfundraising.co.uk/SESA/). It is a simple way to collect donations from retailers at no cost or catch to you at all. There is an astonishing variety of retailers (including John Lewis!) and you really can buy anything from your weekly shop, your family holiday, travel tickets, iTunes, insurance, business purchases, Black Friday and Christmas shopping - in fact, whatever you spend money on! All you need do, is register in a couple of minutes at [easyfundraising.co.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) and choose St Ebbe's School Association (SESA) - Oxford as your cause. If you register **this weekend by midnight on the 12th November**, they will give a bonus £2 donation to our cause for each supporter who signs up and then spends online using their website within 30 days. Our special referral link for this weekend

is: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/CEJ7X4/ROW8KC/>.

Only put shopping into an online basket after you visit the easyfundraising site to reach the retailer you want, or it won't count. Other primary schools have raised considerable sums using easyfundraising - Phil & Jim's PTA have raised £3,372 from 116 supporters, Friends of Appleton Primary School have raised £3,038 from 58 supporters, and Little Milton Primary School have raised £1,975. Next week, many retailers including John Lewis are offering double points for a week, so your support would be doubled. As Black Friday approaches and everyone begins shopping for Christmas, please do consider supporting us in this way, as there is no cost to you in doing so, you can see how much you are contributing and it would make a direct difference to our school fundraising! We will be handing out easyfundraising promotional information next week, so we will be pleased to chat with you about how easyfundraising works. There is also a free easyfundraising app from App Store or Google Play Store. Thank you very much indeed if you are able to support us in this way. It takes practice to keep remembering to use the easyfundraising site before buying online, but we would be hugely grateful for your support - do tell friends and relatives!

Best wishes,

The SESA committee xxx

SHARING ASSEMBLIES:

Thank you to Miss Cranham's Danube Class for their assembly today, and next week we are looking forward to Y3's joint assembly. Please be aware that the children are learning to come in and out of assembly without talking at the moment, it's really helpful if you could support us by doing the same.

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	WED	Y 2	3.10-4.10	rosieharlow@gmail.com	Rosie Harlow
DRUMBEATS DRUMS	WED	Y 2-6	20 MINS	nigel@drum-beats.co.uk	Nigel Ralph

COMING SOON

THE WORLD AT 7.30-ish

with
Martha Kearney



or to put it another way

ST EBBE'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT '17

Thursday, November 30. Entry £2.50 at the hall door. Wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks for sale. Now with added cheese. Prestigious if worthless prizes.

Sign your team up on the assembly hall poster or email andrew.billen58@gmail.com.

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, and many more, are all on the website calendar [here](#):

Friday 17.11.17 Children in Need Day (Pyjama Day)

Week commencing 20.11.17 Anti-bullying week (we have postponed this by one week to avoid our Remembrance and Children in Need days)

Thursday 30th November SESA Quiz

Week commencing 4.12.17 parent-teacher consultations

Friday 8.12.17 Year 4 Christingle at Christchurch Cathedral

Tuesday 12.12.17 KS1 Christmas Production 1.30 pm

Wednesday 13.12.17 KS1 Christmas Production 1.30 pm

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



Could you help a child to read and change their life forever?

Volunteers needed

ARCh (Assisted Reading for Children) is a local registered charity which operates in Oxfordshire Primary Schools to help children who are struggling with reading.

All it takes is one and a half hours twice a week during the school day as an ARCh volunteer in a primary school near you.

Full training is given and we provide ongoing support and reimburse travel expenses

To find out more, visit our website
www.archoxfordshire.org.uk

Or telephone us on **01869 320380**

The charity obtains enhanced DBS checks on all volunteers before placement
Registered Charity Number 1146276



Autumn Road Safety

Autumn marks the transition from summer to winter, with the arrival of darker mornings and evenings, and much cooler temperatures. Brake's Top 5 Autumn Road Safety tips contain basic road safety messages for you and your kids, helping to protect your children from dangerous traffic, and keep the whole family safe.

1. Autumnal stroll

Five people die every day on UK roads, and countless more are seriously injured. Children's health is also affected by air congestion, traffic pollution is particularly bad for young lungs, and childhood obesity is on the rise as more and more children are driven even short distances. Although there is often a drop in temperature during autumn, there is no excuse for not wrapping up and walking to nursery or school. Can you drive less and live a more active life? The changing colour of leaves on the trees and public speaking opportunities add to the adventure, as well as reducing traffic danger and pollution.

2. Getting across

Children under eight should always be accompanied by and held hands with an adult around roads, particularly when crossing. When your child walks with you, talk to them about how they must always hold your hand, if your child is likely to pull away from you, use safety reins or a smial strap.

Less sunshine, fewer daylight hours, and bad weather means visibility can be poor during autumn, for both kids and drivers. Make sure you find safe places to cross with your little ones, so you can see traffic and drivers can see you.

3. Sitting comfortably

In 2015 11 children under the age of 12 were killed and 200 seriously injured while travelling in cars. Make sure your child is in a modern child seat, not second hand, that is suitable for their size and weight until they are 150cm tall. Make sure you follow the fitting instructions exactly and if possible, fit the seat in the middle of the back of your car. If you need to use a taxi, use one you can fit your baby seat into. And remember to remove any thick coats or accessories before strapping your child in their seat as they can stop the harness fitting properly. You can neatly lay the coat or a blanket over them once their buckled up! Never hold a child in your arms in a vehicle!

4. Speedy reminder

Remind your kids that traffic is dangerous and fast, and they must never run into the road. It's especially important to stop, think and look out for traffic and find safe places to cross away from busy fast roads. If you are driving, bear the same things in mind, and go 20mph or below around homes, schools and shops - so if your teen child might be somewhere nearby.

5. Be a good role model

We all know how kids love to copy grown-ups, so setting a good example on and around roads is important. Don't take risks when crossing the road and if you can't avoid the car, always wear your seat belt, stick to speed limits, and concentrate on the road. You can take the Brake Phrase (www.brake.org.uk/brake) too.

Stay safe this autumn

Go to www.brake.org.uk/brakesites for more advice about keeping your child safe on roads.

Brake supports families affected by road crashes, campaigns for safer roads, and raises awareness to make streets and communities safer for everyone.

LMPS is passionate about people to take personal responsibility for managing risks and equip them with the skills to cope in an emergency.

Community Events:

South Oxford Adventure Playground (SOAP):

South Oxford Adventure Playground: Open through half-term for outdoor play and activities, Monday-Friday 10am-4pm. It's free and it's fun. See you there!

<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

Do you want to play basketball?

Why not come and play at **Oxford Hoops**? This friendly and inclusive club is currently recruiting players of all ages and abilities – boys and girls welcome. Children from age 9 are welcome to join the U12 session.

Come for a trial session on Saturday at St Gregory the Great School, Cricket Road, Oxford, OX4 3DR

U12 9-10.30am

U14 10.30-12pm

U16 12-1.30pm

Over 16s 1.30-3pm

Enquiries: sales.oxhoops@gmail.com



Free English Classes for Women

Jacari are running FREE English language classes for mothers of school pupils.

Thursday 9-10am: East Oxford Primary School

Starting on 2nd of November 2017

All levels and abilities welcome! No need to book, just turn up!

لأمهات الانجليزية للغة مجانية صفوف جكاري منظمة تقدم شرق في الابتدائية المدرسة في صباحاً 9-10 الخميس الطلاب نوفمبر 2 صف اول (East Oxford Primary School) أكسفورد ليس الحجز، بها مرتب القدرات وكل المستويات كل! 2017 ضرورياً

Jacari বিনা পয়সা মায়ের জন্য ইংরেজি ক্লাস শুরু করবে

বৃহস্পতিবার ৯:০০-১০:০০ East Oxford Primary

নভেম্বর ২০১৭ এর দ্বিতীয় শুরু

সব অভিজ্ঞতা ক্লাসের সব ধরনের! যোগাযোগ ছাড়া আসতে পারেন যে কোল সময়!



Free English Classes for Women

"Jacari" zaprasza na darmowe lekcje języka angielskiego dla matek dzieci ze szkół

Zajęcia odbywają się we czwartki od 9 do 10 rano w East Oxford Primary School.

Pierwsze zajęcia: 02.11.2017

Serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkich chętnych, bez względu na wiek i poziom. Rezerwacja zajęć nie jest wymagana - po prostu przyjdź!

Jacari为所有学生的母亲举办的一个免费的英语课程

上课时间: 星期四下午9点到10点,

上课地点: East Oxford Primary School

我们2017年11月2日开课。

不管英语水平如何 - 所有母亲都可以上课 - 没有需要提前 - 方便随时来参加吧

Aulas de Inglês DE GRAÇA para mães dos alunos da escola, a partir de 2 de Novembro, fornecidos pela Jacari.

Quinta-feira 09:00 - 10:00: East Oxford Primary

São bem-vindas pessoas de qualquer nível ou habilidade. Não é necessário reservar, só chegar!



Jacari va a dar clases de inglés GRATIS para madres de alumnos escolares.
jueves, 09:00-10:00: East Oxford Primary
Empiezan el 2 de noviembre
¡Todos los niveles son bienvenidos!
No es necesario reservar - puedes simplemente aparecer.

स्कूल के बच्चों की अभिभावकों के लिए Jacari निशुल्क (FREE) अंग्रेजी की क्लास का आयोजन कर रहे हैं।

दिन गुरुवार (Thursday) - सुबह 9-10am बजे: East Oxford Primary School (पूर्व ऑक्सफोर्ड प्राइमरी स्कूल)।

क्लास 2 नवम्बर 2017 से शुरू होगी।

सभी योग्यताओं के लोग आमंत्रित हैं। अंतिम बुकिंग की आवश्यकता नहीं, आप कभी भी आ सकते हैं।



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

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.

"How lucky are these young singers. They are brilliantly taught and have a lot of fun, and you will be amazed at what they achieve in just a few days - and all in the most beautiful surroundings." - Bob Chilcott

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please look at www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

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THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

Christmas 2017

Magdalen College, OXFORD

20th & 21st December 2017

About us

Established in 2013, *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 classical music with world class coaches 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. Families are most welcome 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 said about us:

"How lucky are these young singers. They are brilliantly taught and have a lot of fun and you will be amazed at what they achieve in just a few days - all in the most beautiful surroundings." - Bob Chilcott

"Thank you for another fabulous course! His teachers have said they notice a real difference!"

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

"Just wanted to say thank you to all involved. My daughter came home 'buzzing' each day. Loved the music and thought that the coaches were all very, very good. Loved everything about it!"

"A belated, but huge thank you to you and your team for giving my son and niece such an amazing week of singing last week. They both loved it and can't wait to do it again."



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e-safety:

The link to the e-safety area on our website is [here](#):

Please familiarise yourselves with our policy and curriculum.