

Weekly Newsletter 9th February

Dear Everyone

Although this half term has only been five weeks, I think we have all found it really hard and we have had a lot of staff illness. Last term was nearly eight weeks, but we have to fit in the same quantity of work in a term which has made the weeks feel more pressurised. So we all need a rest and a break next week to set us up well for Term 4 - which is six weeks bar one day!

I apologise that we had to postpone the e-safety briefing for parents on Tuesday evening, but PCSO Aggi Gett provided a powerful assembly on theme of e-safety to Y1-6 on Monday.

We had lots of highlights this week. The visit from the Chinese children on Tuesday was amazing, they were hosted by our Year 5s and provided a wonderful Tai Chi demonstration and showed us how to create Chinese calligraphy. In return they were able to join us for the Magdalen College Concert Party visit; this is always exciting and inspiring. Then we had our own Musical Theatre performance on Wednesday which was also wonderful and brilliantly creative and fun. We are continually grateful to colleagues for providing clubs after school.



SESA Disco tonight - tickets (£3/child) will be available on the door!

We are all hugely looking forward to our school disco this evening - 5:30-6:30 for our Early Years children and KS1; 7-8pm for KS2. Tickets will be available on the door. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The SESA bar will be available for grown ups, and soft drinks, crisps, sweets and glow sticks will be available for children to purchase. It is much fun for all and we have a wonderful DJ so hope everyone enjoys themselves! With regard to Easyfundraising, we have now raised £362 and have 45 supporters - thank you very much! Do look at their website if you have any online shopping to do - easyfundraising.org.uk and choose 'St Ebbe's School Association - Oxford' as your cause, thank you.

END OF DAY COLLECTING:

Because there is not enough room for children to get to their pegs and exit the Key Stage 2 building if parents are waiting in the corridors, we have asked parents and carers of children in Year 4 upwards to wait in the playground or go round to the classroom doors on the field. Parents and Carers of EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 can continue to collect as normal from their external classroom door. Unfortunately this has led to a couple of parents being verbally abusive to staff who have requested that they wait outside. I would like to emphasise that we will not tolerate any abuse

from parents or carers at our school, and if this happens again we will need to involve our Governors.

SHARING ASSEMBLY:

Thank you to Year 5 for their Sharing Assembly this morning; you helped everyone understand how unfair it is when men and women are not treated the same. Our next Sharing Assembly will be from the whole of Year 2 on Friday 23rd February, followed by Year 4 on 2nd March. All dates are on the school calendar on the website.

LEILA DAY:

We have booked SOAP and Hogacre for June 15th as part of our special outdoor learning day to celebrate the life of our Teaching Assistant, Miss Unia, and Salters have agreed to give Danube Class a free cruise on the Thames. So far you have donated £81.01 towards the surf board bench which is a good start, and we are going to go ahead and order it as we raise the remainder of the money, as there is a minimum six weeks lead time to build it. The total is £400 plus VAT plus the cost of a plaque.



CURRICULUM:

Please read your weekly curriculum (in the class areas on the website below) so that you can support your child's learning and know what events are coming up.

[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 Disco on Friday 9th February - get your tickets next week!

We are hugely looking forward to the School Disco next Friday - it will be much fun and an exciting event for all our children. Tickets are £3 each per child (children must be accompanied by a responsible adult). The 'SESA bar' will be selling drinks for adults; snacks, drinks and glow sticks will also be on sale for children. Early Years and KS1 go first from 5:30-6:30, followed by KS2 from 7-8pm. Please do join us - **tickets are on sale all next week after school from the bench by the front gate**. If you would like to help on the night, please volunteer your services when you buy your tickets, or email sesastebbes@gmail.com.

On the Easyfundraising front, many thanks to all those who are actively using the <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> site! We now have 40 supporters including 12 new ones this month and have raised **£325** from free donations given by retailers when you complete your checkout (as long as you are taken to their site by the Easyfundraising site). If you haven't already signed up for <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> **please do!** And do opt to have donation reminder, or stick a large note on your computer! It is well worth it and raises funds directly for our school. You can use the site to find retailers for all aspects of your shopping - including 3,300 major retailers such as Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, John Lewis, holiday sites, insurance, grocery shopping, gifts etc. A percentage of what you spend is passed directly to us. A huge thanks to all parents and staff who are doing it so far.

Thank you from SESA

CLASS CAKE SALES:

Today it is Mrs Stowe's Class cake sale. After half term the cycle will start again; dates will all be on the website calendar [here](#):

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Please email the adult in charge with any queries about clubs.

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
ZUMBA	THURS	All	3.10-4.10	lcse1505@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk	Miss Conde
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

IMPORTANT DATES!

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

Monday 19.2.18 Children return to school after half term

Monday 19.2.18 Deadline for Cancer Research UK Art Competition

Thursday 1.3.18 World Book Day

Wednesday 14.3.18 Spring Concert

2018-2019 Term Dates

For those who are booking summer holidays already, children will return to school on Thursday 6th September.

I hope you have a fantastic half term next week.

Best wishes

Susie Bagnall

Community Events:

As part of their excellent marketing, **OXFORD SPIRES ACADEMY** are offering some fantastic masterclasses after school for KS2 children. Please have a look at their schedule [here:](#)



DID YOU KNOW there's a thriving **Women's Institute in South Oxford?**

We meet at the Community Centre, Lake Street, third Tuesdays, 8pm and we'd be delighted to welcome you to any of our meetings.

No charge for your first visit, and no pressure.

Upcoming:

St Luke's Monday Club

What: Games, Craft, Cooking, Discussion / Bible Story and other activities as well as occasional trips!

Where: St Lukes Church, Canning Crescent, OX1 4XB

When: Mondays 4:00pm-5:00pm

For Who: Anybody between the ages of 5 and 8 are welcome to come and join us!



February 20th Crew from NPAS Benson
(local police helicopter)

then Local History, Pearls, Cartooning
and much more

<https://wixsy1.wixsite.com/southoxfordwi>

e-safety:

During half term please make sure you always know what your children
are playing online and who they are communicating with.
The link to the e-safety area on our website is [here](#):



Mindfulness Classes for Children
6 - 9 years old

West Oxford Community Centre
Every Saturday from 10.30a.m.
1 hour class



Awareness

Concentration Quieting the Mind

Movements Attitude



Fun Games

Tel. 07837281693 - Tina
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Limited places - please express your interest to attend!
Please bring a mat or a cushion to feel more comfortable!
Drop - in classes, just £5 per class