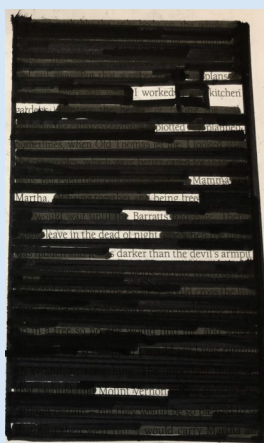
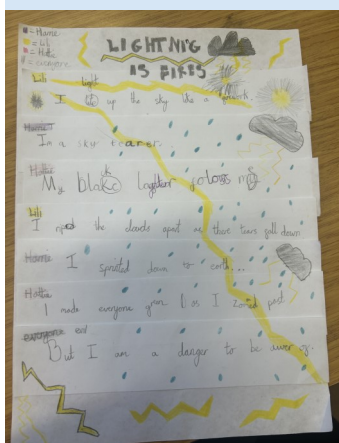


Dear families,

On Thursday, we enjoyed celebrating National Poetry Day, 2023. Thank you to Mr Wise for organising a lovely day of performing, listening and writing poetry for the whole school. Pupils enjoyed mixing classes and sharing poetry together.



DATES COMING UP

*(parents are welcome at events in **italic bold**)*

9th Oct	FOSPS Christmas Card order deadline
10th Oct	Vision screening – Cygnus class
12th Oct	Y5 Play Leader training
13th Oct	Whole School Harvest Assembly in Church
15th Oct	School Harvest Church Service
16th Oct	U11 Girls and boys football –selected pupils
16th /17th/ 18th Oct	Parent Teacher Meetings
18th Oct	Y6 Junior Citizen visit
20th Oct	INSET day-no children in school

HARVEST TIME!

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest next week and hope you can join us! After dropping off children at school on **FRIDAY 13th October**, **Families are WELCOME** to then head up to church where FOSPS will be serving tea and coffee (donations). We will register pupils and bring everyone up to church, aiming for a **8.45am start** for our **Whole School Harvest Assembly in Church**. All classes will share some Harvest learning. We hope you can join us.

DONATIONS—We are pleased to be supporting the Carterton Community Food Bank this Harvest time and ask that **ALL PUPILS bring ONE** item with them to school which they can carry to Church and place on the Harvest table as they enter. If you have extra items you wish to donate, please bring them along yourselves and add to the table. Items needed are:

- Longlife/UHT milk
- Fruit juices and squash
- Pasta sauces
- Jams and preserves
- Biscuits and cakes (prepacked only)
- Toiletries (including sanitary wear)
- Pasta and rice
- Breakfast cereal
- Sugar
- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Tinned meat and fish



**CARTERTON
COMMUNITY
FOOD
BANK**

Church and school are also **welcoming families** on **Sunday 15th October** Harvest Service. This service will be led by Rev. Margot Hodson and any school pupils attending will have an opportunity to take part.

SCHOOL REMINDERS

CLUBS payments for Terms 1 and 2 need to be paid please. Check parentmail to see if you have bills outstanding.

MENU CHANGES The School Lunch Company listened to children's feedback and we are now having Quorn dippers on week 1 Fridays instead of Vegetable Goujons and BBQ pasta on week 1 Tuesdays instead of Lasagne.

CLOTHING LABEL all uniform items please! Mrs Hayler is spending a lot of her time looking for unnamed items that have been lost! If your child has a pre-loved item, please make sure the old name is removed so that we don't confuse items.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

The system has had a few glitches but hopefully now, it should be live and working. Please book one appointment per child via parentmail.

END OF DAY SAFETY Please wait on the **playground** to collect your children unless you have a dog with you. If you do have a **dog**, please wait well away from the main exit gate. **Thank you** for your co-operation.



School Council had their first meeting this afternoon and have lots of exciting ideas they will be talking to their classes about in due course.

APOLOGIES! Christmas card designs from Pegasus have been delayed! Order deadline for Pegasus extended until Tuesday!

Teams4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal



The Teams4U Shoebox Appeal has run a nationwide appeal every year for almost 30 years to provide Christmas gifts to vulnerable children and families. They are distributed through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages and this year your shoeboxes will be heading to Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania.

The Methodist Church in Witney, which is our local Shoebox hub, have kindly gifted us 70 wrapped shoeboxes, which will be available on Thursday 19th Oct for you take home. Alternatively, you can use your own shoebox, wrapped in Christmas paper. Your shoebox can then be returned to school by Friday 3 November to start their onwards journey.

You can fill your shoebox with simple affordable small toys and gifts (pre loved toys in good, clean condition are perfect so a good chance to sort out toy boxes over half term!), a cuddly toy, basic toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, flannel/sponge), a hat/scarf/gloves (again pre loved are great - most of the recipient countries have very harsh winters), some sweets, as well as crayons or pencils and paper. Even a hand made drawing or card to wish them a Merry Christmas. You can fill a box for a boy or girl, and for various age ranges.

[The Teams4U website](#) has lots more information. Please note: No war related items such as toy guns. Thanks to Kerry Lane for organising.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Diana

WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

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| Cygnus | We have been using our imaginations outside, practising m and d in phonics and meeting some nurses as part of our topic learning. |
| Tucana | We have been writing letters about Beegu this week! He also came and visited us! We have been doing lots of mixing colours and used our knowledge to help us with our rainbow poems. |
| Phoenix | This week we have been adding multiples of 10 that bridge 100 and ordering larger numbers. We have also learned what happens to the food we eat and made wearable digestive systems. |
| Pegasus | We have started a new book in English (Freedom by Catherine Johnson); learned about blood vessels and heart rate in Science; and continued calculating with decimals in Maths. |

50/50 LOTTO

Friends of St Peters school Lotto will run September to June!
50% goes to the school and the rest is paid in winnings. This is a great way to support the schools fundraising goals for this school year, while being in with a chance to win a pot of cash!

Sign up before 22nd September 2023.

CLICK HERE 

Or copy this link to a web browser - <https://forms.gle/7PnlpYUuUFKQZd88>

Join up using the link above or grab a form in the School office. Anyone over 16 is welcome to join, parents, grandparents, teachers, friends, extended family members, colleagues, next door neighbours....
More players = Higher prize pot!

Full T&Cs available on the sign up form.
The 50/50 Lotto will be run by Friends of St Peter's School, under licence from West Oxfordshire District Council.

Email friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com
Registered Charity 1177978

The Gospel Jazz Project in Concert

Friday 13th October, 7pm
@ St Ebbe's Church, Oxford

Join us for an evening of music in support of Christian Development Uganda's vehicle appeal.

Tickets - £5 

- Drinks & Snacks
- CDUganda Presentation

Pre-booking your ticket will help with the planning of this event but we understand this might not be possible. Tickets also available on the door.




HARVEST ASSEMBLY



St Peter's Church, Alvescot
Friday 13th October 2023
ALL WELCOME
8.45am start

Hedgehog Club Halloween Activity Days at Hai-ley Community Wood from 9.30am -3.30pm.

25th and 26th October 2023

Come and spend a day outdoors playing, building and exploring. We will be building dens, bug hunting, natural craft activities, using tools and knives and lighting fires. There will also be some Halloween potion making, broomstick racing and pumpkin carving. Hot drinks, squash and campfire snacks available all day. Open to 5-11 year olds.

It costs £37 per child. There is an option of earlier drop off from 8.30pm and late pick up, up to 5pm. (Extra £10 cost)



Welcome Back

St Peter's Church, Alvescot

See you IN CHURCH

for Holy Communion on Oct 1st at 9 am

FOR HARVEST SERVICE WITH SCHOOL
15 OCTOBER AT 10.30 AM

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