

# Weekly Newsletter 9th March

Dear Everyone

I'm sorry I've been away all week. Although it is usually very well controlled, I've been laid low by severe asthma. Fingers crossed, I really will be back on Monday. I was particularly disappointed to miss Year 3 and 4's India day yesterday, but I look forward to seeing their photos. And I hear the fire service were in for KS1 today which is always a great hit with our little-ones!

## **SPRING CONCERT:**

We do hope you will join us for our Spring Concert which is on Wednesday 14th March at 2pm. The concert will involve the choir, soloists and of course, our orchestra. The choir will be singing a piece by John Rutter that they are performing on at the Town Hall on Monday as part of the City Council's WWI Act of Commemoration.

## **SCIENCE WEEK:**

Although we had our Science Curriculum Day back in the autumn, we will be marking Science Week next week by every class researching women scientists. I am launching this in assembly on Monday, and then we will follow it up in the last Monday assembly of term, to celebrate women's achievements in science over the past 200 years.

## **PARENT-TEACHER CONSULTATIONS:**

These will take place in the week commencing 19th March. Teachers will all offer slots over two or three days, and the sign up sheets will be available in the classrooms or on their noticeboards by Monday 12th March. Please make your consultation a priority, we rely on your support and involvement with your children's learning.

## **PARENT COUNCIL:**

Our next meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday 20th March 6:00pm at school. We look forward to meeting class councillors and discussing issues arising. Please pass any comments, ideas or concerns to your class parent councillor by next Tuesday 13th March, or please contact one of the Parent Governors, Simon Bridson-Jones ([simon@bridson-jones.com](mailto:simon@bridson-jones.com)) or Malcolm Cubitt ([mcubitt@gmail.com](mailto:mcubitt@gmail.com)).

## **ACADEMISATION UPDATE:**

There is very little to report here, because we are still waiting on approval from the DfE. We do not know why this is taking so long, but it has been suggested that a lot of people at the DfE who were working on academisation have been moved across to work on Brexit.

## **NEW HEAD TEACHER UPDATE:**

We are very encouraged by the level of interest and quality of prospective applicants who have looked round the school. The closing date is on Monday 12th March, and interviews will take place 22nd and 23rd March.

## **REMINDER - WOODLANDS AND YENWORTHY:**

School has had to pay £7,000 deposit for Year 5 and Year 6's Residential coming up at the end of April, May and June respectively - this is a real challenge for us right at the end of the financial year! So please can parents and carers return children's application forms plus deposits asap. We do not want any child to be prevented from going on their Residential because of money, so please complete the additional form asking for financial help wherever necessary. We ask parents and carers whose children are entitled to the pupil premium, to try and pay 20% of the total cost, and others who can't afford the full amount to pay 40%. We are happy to receive instalments right up to the time of the trip.

**Cake sale dates below.** EYFS only have one date on Friday 25th May, because this is May Dancing and we need loads of cakes to sell for refreshments after the dancing! We are in the process of rescheduling Danube's sale as it was cancelled due to the snow last Friday.

We are also rescheduling Year 4 Sharing Assembly which fell victim to the snow as well. However, we were delighted that New Hinksey Primary School still turned up for the Bollywood Dancing come hail or high water, or snow!

NB Friday 23rd March is Sport Relief Day, and Student Council will be running the cake sale for Sport Relief.

### **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:**

#### **SESA's Inaugural 'Armchair Fundraising Event' at 8pm on Sunday 25th March 2018**

SESA is proud to introduce our new, inaugural 'Armchair Fundraising Event 2018'! Many parents have suggested that we might provide a way to make direct contributions to SESA's cause (without having to volunteer at a SESA event!), especially given the incredibly tight budget that School is operating within. To facilitate this, we would love you to join us from the comfort of your own armchair at **8pm on Sunday 25th March 2018** to consider and make a one-off donation to SESA. So far, through Quiz night, Movie night and the School Disco, we have already raised £3,700 towards Forest School and new waterproofs this year. But we still need to raise funds for a new sound system for the school summer production; line markings for the main playground; exciting new play equipment for the Early Years playground; additional interactive touch screens; financial support for children on residential school trips who would otherwise miss out; picnic benches for outside the Year 5 classrooms (like the very useful Year 6 ones); for cycling proficiency provision; for extended swimming lessons; and for emergency IT support for our school website. Further details about the costs of each element will be sent home in book bags. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in making a donation, large or small, towards these projects - thank you very much indeed.

- **Summer Fête 2018**

Our school Fête is to be held on **Saturday 16th June 2018** - please save the date!

- **Easyfundraising**

We have now raised just over £370 and have 45 supporters - you are much appreciated, thank you. Do look at their website if you have any big online purchases coming up and choose 'St Ebbe's School Association - Oxford' as your cause, thank you. See Rachel or Ciara if you would like to know more about this easy way to raise free donations for our school, or email us at [sesastebbes@gmail.com](mailto:sesastebbes@gmail.com).

Thank you from SESA

### **Cake Sale Dates 2018**

Date	Class
2 March 2018	Danube
9 March 2018	Amazon
16 March 2018	Pangani
20 April 2018	Swan
27 April 2018	Seine
4 May 2018	Thames
11 May 2018	Liffey
18 May 2018	Congo
25 May 2018	EYFS
8 June 2018	Haro
15 June 2018	Leila Day - no cake sale
22 June 2018	Limpopo
29 June 2018	Yangtze
6 July 2018	Ob



### 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	<a href="mailto:EMFORMUSIC@OUTLOOK.COM">EMFORMUSIC@OUTLOOK.COM</a>	Emily Marshall
THEATRE CLUB	MO	Y 3,4,5,6	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:alice.farrell@hotmail.co.uk">alice.farrell@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Alice Farrell
FOOTBALL CLUB	MO	Y 4,5,6	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:matthewjamesfrancisreece@gmail.com">matthewjamesfrancisreece@gmail.com</a>	Matthew Reece
RUNNING CLUB	TUE	Y 5,6	3.10 -4.10	<a href="mailto:lsha0273@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk">lsha0273@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk</a>	Lisa Shaw
GUITAR LESSONS	TUE	Y 2-6	20 MINS	<a href="mailto:INFO@DRUM-BEATS.CO.UK">INFO@DRUM-BEATS.CO.UK</a>	Nigel Ralph
BOLLYWOOD	TUE	Y1-Y6	3.10 -4.10	<a href="mailto:narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk">narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk</a>	Mrs Thapar
MUSICAL THEATRE	WED	KS2	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:jhor1197@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk">jhor1197@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk</a>	Mrs Horn
FOREST SCHOOL	WED	Y 2	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:rosieharlow@gmail.com">rosieharlow@gmail.com</a>	Rosie Harlow
DRUMBEATS DRUMS	WED	Y 2-6	20 MINS	<a href="mailto:nigel@drum-beats.co.uk">nigel@drum-beats.co.uk</a>	Nigel Ralph
ZUMBA	THURS	All	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:lcse1505@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk">lcse1505@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk</a>	Miss Conde
BIRDWATCHING CLUB	THURS	Y1-Y6	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:ejac0207@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk">ejac0207@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk</a>	Miss Jackson
SPANISH CLUB	THURS	ALL	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:tejitas@yahoo.com">tejitas@yahoo.com</a>	Mrs Perez
NETBALL	THURS	Y 5/6	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:callumhicks97@hotmail.co.uk">callumhicks97@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Callum Hicks
ULTIMATE FRISBEE	FR	KS 2 (Y3-6)	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:elisa@atm.ox.ac.uk">elisa@atm.ox.ac.uk</a>	Elisa Carboni
KOREAN CLUB	FR	REC - Y6	3.10-4.10	<a href="mailto:jieun.kiaer@orinst.ox.ac.uk">jieun.kiaer@orinst.ox.ac.uk</a>	Jieun Kiaer

## STUDENT COUNCIL'S

# SPORT RELIEF

Friday 23rd March

Pay £1 at the gate

Dress in the kit of your favourite sport!

Plus Cake Sale after school!

# IMPORTANT DATES!

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

Tuesday 13.3.18 Parent Council 6 p.m.

Wednesday 14.3.18 Spring Concert 2 p.m.

## Week commencing 19.3.18 Parent Teacher Consultations

**Monday 19.3.18 Easter Service at St Matthew's Church 9.30 a.m.**

Friday 23rd March Sport Relief Day

Thursday 29th March Children Break-up for the Easter holidays

## Monday 16th April Children return to school Term 5

2018-2019 Term Dates

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

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](#):

### STORYMUSEUM:

The Story Museum just round the corner from us in Pembroke Street, has a great line up for March - including special events this weekend for British Science Week:

#### Slime Stories with Jules Pottle

Saturday 10 March, 13:00 & 15:00, £8/£6

Make your own slime and experience a story in whole new way - fingers first! A fun, fascinating and SLIMY workshop run by Jules Pottle, Science Teacher of the Year (2016).

[Find out more.](#)

#### The Cloud Factory with Sarah Bearchell

Sunday 11 March, 11:30 & 14:00, £7/£5

Have you ever touched a cloud? Now is your chance! Listen to a story and then reach for the clouds - in a super-sensory hands on scientific adventure with Sarah Bearchell.

[Find out more.](#)

**SOUTH OXFORD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (SOAP) would like to invite you to its AGM, Tuesday 20th March 2018, 7pm for 7.30pm, Grandpont Pavilion, Whitehouse Rd, OX1.**

The Agenda will include future plans and design for a new building; upgrading of some of the play equipment; and plans for the coming year. If you have experience in fundraising, website maintenance, or would like to get involved in SOAP, or just learn more, please join us! Everyone is welcome. Drinks and snacks will be served.



All welcome, bring gardening gloves if you have them.



## 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!

