

Dear Parents

## CONSULTATION MEETING

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Consultation Meeting last Wednesday, and to all those who have taken their time to respond to the consultation. There will be additional responses to questions raised at the meeting added to the school website in due course. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to see the plans for the new classroom, then please go and see the photos in the hall.

## WALKING BUS

Sixteen children joined the walking bus last Wednesday and all spoke very positively about walking to school with their friends. This is definitely something that we will be looking to do on a more regular basis in the future.

## TRAFFIC SURVEY

Many thanks to everyone who helped with our survey. We were very surprised to learn that 3600 vehicles pass through Alvescot each day! This information is very helpful for our Travel Plan which we are currently writing to submit with our planning application.

## FAMILY HARVEST SERVICE

There is a Family Harvest Festival Service on **Sunday 16th October** at 10.30am, at which some of our children will read. Please fill out the reply slip to let us know if you will be attending this service so that we can allocate readings to those attending. Please return by **Tuesday 11th October**. Next week we will be collecting food for the Carterton Food Bank. We will put a collection basket in the entrance hall and would be very grateful for any non-perishable food donations.

## PARENT MEETINGS

**Classes 1 & 2 Parents:** Parent meetings will take place week of the **17th October** and next week there will be lists on class doors for you to sign against at a convenient time. If you are unable to come in to school to sign up, please send a note into the office with your preferred day and time or please telephone and we will do our very best to accommodate you.

Meeting times are:

**Class 1: Monday 17th October from 3.00-5.30pm**

**Class 2: Monday 17th October from 3.00-5.30pm**  
**Wednesday 19th October from 1:15-4.30pm**

**Foundation Stage Parents:** Please come to the meeting in school on **Tuesday 18th October** at 7pm. Please fill in the tear-off slip previously given to let us know whether you are able to come. Thank You.

## GROWTH MINDSET INFORMATION EVENING

At the beginning of our new schoolyear, all the staff attended a partnership day of training on Growth Mindset. The training was excellent and as a team we came away with lots of ideas about how to develop the Growth Mindset of the children we work with in order to foster a 'can do' attitude to life and learning.

The course was run by Will Ord who is one of education's finest speakers and influencers in areas such as Growth Mindset and Philosophy for Children - Will is truly engaging and inspiring and well worth a google!

In support of our work in schools, we have arranged for Will to speak to parents of children who attend Burford Partnership schools in order for you to gain an insight into what we are working towards.

Please see the letter with further information, in your child's bookbag.

### **RECEPTION CLASS OXFORD MAIL PHOTOGRAPH**

The Reception Class will appear in one of the First Days of School picture supplements of the Oxford Mail in the next two weeks. We will be putting a copy of the paper in book bags of all children in Reception, however if you require an extra copy then please see Mrs Tagliati who will have extra copies for sale at a reduced cost of 50p.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

The school photographer, Class-Photos, will be in the school hall on the morning of **Friday 4th November** to take both individual and sibling group photographs. Please indicate on the slip if you wish your child to have additional photographs with their brother/sister and return the slip by **Friday 21st October**. The photographer will take group photos with brother/sisters from 8.00am, starting with older siblings who have a bus to catch and then younger pre-school siblings. If you have to have your sibling photos taken early due to coach times etc., please indicate on the reply slip and we will do our best to accommodate you.

### **REMINDER**

Could you please check that your child's uniform is theirs and return it, if it is not. We do have a number of missing items, in particular Samuel Goodwin has been missing his new school jumper for 3 weeks. Please make sure that **all** your child's uniform is clearly marked with their name. Can all Reception parents also please ensure that their child has a school PE Kit. Thank you.

### **TREASURE HUNT**

Remember it's our Harvest Treasure Hunt on **Sunday 16th October**, at approx. 11.30am, straight after the school Harvest Festival Service at St Peter's Church. If you haven't yet bought your ticket you still have time!

We will have a yummy cake stall - if you would like to donate any cakes or biscuits (you can bake or buy!) we would really appreciate any contributions. You can drop these off on **Friday 14th October**, in an airtight container, to the library at school, or bring them along on the Sunday morning. Thank you very much for your support!

### **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

This year we will be supporting the Christmas Shoebox Appeal coordinated by [www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com). T4U are a small charity started by David Cooke - David and his family began the original shoebox appeal over 25 years ago by asking school children in the UK to fill shoeboxes with simple Christmas gifts for Romanian orphans. The current need is still extraordinary and the power of the shoebox has never faded.

This year the Friends of St Peter's will supply each family with a wrapped shoebox to take home and fill with gifts and practical items for a child. The sort of things you might like to send are pencils, paper, soap and sponge, toothbrush and toothpaste, a toy and sweets. The children receiving these boxes have very little to call their own, and are not used to the wonderful things that our children are blessed to enjoy, so simple gifts really will have a huge impact. If you would rather contribute to a class box, then that's super as we will place a shoebox in each classroom for the children to pop their donations into.

Our children really enjoy getting involved with packing the shoeboxes, talking about where it may go and the child who will receive it. If you wish they can even draw a picture to go inside for the child who opens it. We will have the shoeboxes available for collection in the week before half term (**w/c 17th October**) and you will then have a couple of weeks to fill them before we will need them returned.

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Please remember to save the date - **Saturday 26th November, 2-4pm**. We had our first Bazaar meeting this week, and plans are well underway to make this year's event another wonderful afternoon of festive fun and cheer!

Closer to the time we will be asking for donations to fill our stalls, so please keep us in mind if you are clearing out any bric-a-brac, bottles, toys and children's books, children's raffle gifts etc - in the week before the Bazaar we will have boxes at school to collect any donations.

If you'd like to volunteer to help that would be brilliant - we will need help setting up and manning stalls, so if there is a particular stall you'd like to lend a hand on, please let Kerry or Mrs Morris know in advance or email [friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com).

Stalls include: Name the Teddy, Pin the Nose on Rudolph, Guess the weight of the cake (we also need a volunteer to bake the cake!), Guess the number of sweets in the jar, Children's Raffle and Lucky Dip, Cake stall, Spin the Wheel, Champagne Game, Where in the World is Santa? and of course a couple of elves to help out on Santa's Grotto! There are a few more stalls as well so please let us know if you can help!

### **CALLING ALL EX BURFORD SCHOOL STUDENTS**

There is a get together on **Wednesday 19 October, 7-9pm**, in the School Hall at Burford as help is needed to identify people in photographs dating from the 1930s to the 2000s.

**PINK AND BLUE COFFEE MORNING**

Just a reminder that **Saturday 15th October from 10.00-12.30** Mrs Morris will be holding her annual 'Pink and Blue Coffee Morning' in aid of Breast Cancer and Prostrate Cancer Research in the Village Hall. There will be cakes, crafts, bric-a-brac, a raffle and a tombola as Coffee and Teas with delicious cakes so please do try to come along.

**VILLAGE QUIZ**

The annual Village Hall Quiz night will be held on **Saturday 8th October** starting at 7:30pm. Tickets available from Terry on 01993 842135 - £8.00 including supper.

**EVENING GET TOGETHER**

On **Wednesday 2nd November**, the Friends team are having an evening meeting at 8.00pm at The Plough in Alvescot. We will have a few things to run through but if anyone would like to join us for social get together that would be brilliant - it's a perfect opportunity to have a catch up somewhere warm (rather than in the playground!) and with a glass of wine! If you're thinking of coming along, please let me know or email friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com so that I can make sure the guys at The Plough can reserve us a big enough table!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sam King  
Headteacher

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**FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The \_\_\_\_\_ Family will be attending the Family Harvest Festival Service on **Sunday 16 October**.

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**FOUNDATION STAGE PARENT MEETING**

\*I / we are \*able / unable to attend the Foundation Stage Parent Meeting on **Tuesday 18th October** from 7-8pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/s of \_\_\_\_\_

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**TREASURE HUNT**

The \_\_\_\_\_ Family will be coming to the Treasure Hunt on **Sunday 16 October**.

Please find enclosed **£10.00 (or £2.50 per person)** cash / cheque.

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**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Please return by Friday 21 October**

I would like my child / children \_\_\_\_\_ to have an additional photograph with their brother/sister/s as follows: -

Brother / Sister Photograph \_\_\_\_\_  
(For pupils within school)

Brother / Sister Photograph \_\_\_\_\_  
(With sibling/s who do not attend St Peter's)

Early time Requirement \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_