

January 2023

### The Christmas countdown...



On the 8th December Phoenix Class turned on the lights in their advent window for all to see!

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 9th January** ~ After-school clubs begin

**Tuesday 10th January** ~ Pegasus start weekly swimming lessons: 17th, 24th and 1st January, 7th, 21st and 28th February, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March and 18th April.

**Tuesday 10th January** ~ Lunch-time clubs begin

**Sunday 15th January** ~ Deadline for primary school admissions for September 2023

**Wednesday 18th January** ~ Natalie Hunt for RSE in Phoenix and Pegasus Classes

**Monday 23rd January** ~ Pegasus to Burford Partnership indoor athletics event

**Friday 3rd February** ~ Selected children to the West Oxfordshire Cross Country Finals

**Thursday 9th February** ~ Year 3 to Burford Partnership ball skills event

**Week beginning 6th February** ~ Parent Meetings for Reception, Years 2, 4 and 6

**Friday 10th February** ~ End of Term 3

**Week beginning 21st February** ~ Parent Meetings for Reception, Years 1, 3 and 5

## DEADLINE

Please remember that the deadline date for receipt of applications for places at St Peter's for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 due to start school in September 2020 is **15th January 2023**.

Please apply for places using the Oxfordshire County Council online application form.

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## Goodbye Mrs Pearce

At the end of term we sadly said farewell to Mrs Pearce. She was presented with a beautiful card in which all the children wrote their messages and gifts of ski clothing for her eagerly waited skiing trip at the start of the new year. We look forward to hearing all about the adventures that she has planned for her retirement.



## Welcome to Mrs Smith

We wish a warm welcome to Sarah Smith who has joined the St Peter's team this term. Mrs Smith is an experienced teaching assistant who has worked in schools for many years. Her daughter, Poppy left St Peter's last year after joining our school when the family were posted to Carterton in 2020. Mrs Smith is enjoying getting to know all the children and helping the children in Tucana class with their learning.



## Two Christmas Babies Arrive

Congratulations to both the Ware and Tritta families.

Jacob Victor was born on the 11th December. Sophia is very proud and is such a wonderful big sister to her brother.

Lyla was born a few days before Christmas. Emilia says "I love her to pieces".



## Amazon Wishlist

Thank you to the Corlett and Tanner families for our wonderful new books and to Jack Beesley for his Birthday Book!

If you would like to donate to the school please visit [www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/F4GC6UTJO8W2](http://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/F4GC6UTJO8W2)



### St Peters' stars shone brightly!

Children from Cygnus and Tucana became true stars in this year's Nativity, *It's a Baby!* All of the children gave wonderful performances and sang their hearts out. Thanks to all the staff who worked so hard with the children to give them this opportunity; rehearsing songs and lines and organising costumes - it truly was a great team effort.



The children in Phoenix and Pegasus classes delighted their audience with a wonderful evening performance of Christmas songs, carols and readings. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by children, parents and staff. Thank you to Mrs Russ and the KS2 staff for all their hard work in organising this and to everyone who came along.



### Oh yes we did ...

The whole school visited Chipping Norton Theatre to watch the pantomime, *Dick Wittington*. There was lots of audience participation, a few of us got wet, plenty caught sweets and most importantly, fun was had by all!



### Celebrating Christmas 2022



We would like to say a huge thank you to Stewart and Jemma and all the team at The Plough who again welcomed the whole school for their Christmas dinner. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were treated to gifts left by Father Christmas!



We were delighted that so many St Peter's families joined us for the Christingle service at St Peter's Church in Filkins, led by Reverend McInnes.

Thank you to all the children for their beautiful singing led by Catrin Russ.

Our Year 6 children helped the rest of the school to make the Christingles, using oranges that were once again kindly donated by The Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term!



The staff would like to thank you all for your cards and generous gifts given to them for Christmas. They were very much appreciated and enjoyed!

We raised £31.19 for the Children's Society through the Christingle donations. Thank you!

Thank you for supporting 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day', we raised £74.60!



Happy New Year to you all from the FOSPs team! We hope you've had a lovely break. We'll be holding our AGM soon, so if you'd like to come along please watch out for details on ParentMail. Our latest newsletter will be out shortly too filling you in on what we've all achieved together so far this year!