

Dear All,

The short Spring Terms can be tricky, as we try to cram in as many learning opportunities and enrichment experiences and we would normally do, in a longer term.

A huge thank you to all those in the School Community who have offered so much of themselves and worked so hard to make memories and give experiences to our pupils.

Everyone who joined in with the World Book Day Celebration I thank you. Pupils, Staff and even Parents dressed to impress. The celebratory 'World Book Day' walk around the playground is always a highlight of the school year. Pure joy on the faces of so many Pupils and Staff.

I think one of the highlights of the year, so far, has been finding a Golden Ticket in a chocolate bar. A huge well done to the PTA - what a great idea. I had the pleasure of eating ice cream with sixteen delightful pupils. I can honestly say, I have never seen a child eat an ice cream so slowly.

Easter is a very special celebration in the Church Calendar. For me Easter is a time of fresh starts – new opportunities.

I wish you, the staff and especially the pupils a restful holiday and look forward to welcoming you back for the Summer Term.

Kind regards and a very happy Easter.

Marie Wargent
Acting Headteacher 2023-2024

Newsletters are published to the school website. The easiest way to receive newsletters is to subscribe to the newsletter through the school website, <http://www.st-john.oxon.sch.uk/news/newsletters> - this way you will be notified when a new letter is uploaded. In addition, our school website has all the recent newsletters and class letters on it, as well as lots of other information such as dinner menus. Add us to your favourites: www.st-john.oxon.sch.uk

We also use a text message service to send reminders to parents and Facebook to communicate school events and notices.

Find us on Facebook



at: @stjohnsschoolcarterton



Upcoming Events



Last Day of Term:

Thursday 28th March
School finishes at
1.30pm

Easter Tombola – Thursday 28th March at 1.30pm



Summer Disco –

Wednesday 12th June



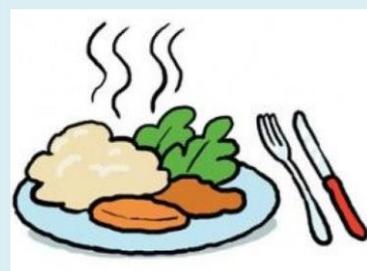
The summer disco will be for Reception through to Year 6.

More details will follow soon including how to book tickets.

Summer Fair – Friday 5th July



General Reminders and Information



Please kindly ensure you pre-order your child's dinner, even if they are universal infant free school meals. This allows the kitchen to order and prepare the right number of dinners.

Reminder to please cancel any pre-ordered lunches if your child is not attending school that day.

Morning drop-off:

The school gates will be open from 8.35am, with leaders welcoming the children at the gates.

The register will be taken at 8.45am and all children will be expected to be settled in class by this time. Lessons will start promptly at 8.50am.

Year 1, 2, 3 and 6 children enter via the side gate (opposite the play park) Nursery, Reception, Year 4 and Year 5 children enter via the front gate.

Reception parents will be invited to drop the children off at the classroom door via the reception garden.

After-school pick-up:

The school day will end at 3.15pm and parents are asked to pick children up from the outside classroom doors.

Beach Club After-school Childcare Provision:

The after-school Beach Club provision will operate from 3.15pm to 5.15pm from September 2023.

Family Holidays in Term Time

Attendance regulations make clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Safeguarding Children

We take seriously our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; to work together with other agencies to ensure adequate

We do not authorise family holidays in term time, long weekends, or special visits/trips/half days for example. At the end of the school year we have blocked INSET days to support families in booking holidays before other schools across the country break up.

Changes to national regulations (from September 2022) has meant that the county council will issue penalty notices (fines) where unauthorised absences or holidays are taken in term time.

arrangements exist within our setting to identify and support those children who are suffering harm or are likely to suffer harm.

Find out more about our safeguarding procedures at:

<https://www.st-john.oxon.sch.uk/parents/safeguarding>

Library News



Oxfordshire Book Awards

During the past few weeks' all the children have had picture and junior novels read to them by their teachers provided by the organisers of the Oxfordshire Book Awards. We were very fortunate to be invited to take part again this year. Each child has had the opportunity to vote for their favourite book. The votes have now been submitted to the organisers and we will hear the results after the Easter holiday. We are very fortunate to be able to keep the books at no charge for the school library. The picture books are available to borrow, perhaps your children have chosen one to enjoy with a parent/carer already! The junior novels will be available to borrow shortly.

Overdue Books

Overdue lists are sent out on a weekly basis to class teachers for them to advise individual children that they have an overdue book/s. These lists are followed up by letters which are sent home. Please check your child's book bag to see if they have received a letter. We have a large number of overdue books, some from last year. Failure to return overdue books has a detrimental effect on the choice in the library and on the library budget. If your child receives a letter advising of an overdue book/s please complete the letter appropriately and return it to the school. Please email the library should you need any assistance.



Easter Activities

There are many Easter related activities taking part in the area. The National Trust and other organisations are holding treasure hunts and other Easter related activities, some free or a small donation would be welcome. The staff at Carterton Library will offer a warm welcome should you wish to visit. There is a good variety of Easter themed activity books available online, in high street bookshops, supermarkets, garden centres, etc. to keep children occupied.

Margaret Hewitt
Librarian

Pastoral Team News

Parents are very welcome to contact Alaina directly via email at atabern@st-john.oxon.sch.uk or her work mobile 07715 144381. Mrs Stainer can be contacted via the school office (office.2613@st-john.oxon.sch.uk, 01993 843124).

Over the course of the last school year, the Pastoral Team put together a series of videos detailing many of the topics covered in the Family Links Nurturing Programme. Those videos can be found via the following links:

Overview of topics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkxFgxbWt6w&t=2s>

Praise is Magic - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvqVCJVPhYg>

Creating Boundaries - <https://youtu.be/HGs1VVqZXGo>

Time to Calm Down - <https://youtu.be/8vPEf0XUydw>

Using Rewards - <https://youtu.be/-iphEg4HXU>

Listening: <https://youtu.be/kWy7DYqvInM>

Choices: <https://youtu.be/wADKfAbIBn0>

Understanding Feelings: https://youtu.be/Fk88KH_cM3c

Understanding the Feelings and Behaviour of Children - https://youtu.be/Z0lIyaK_QVY

Taking Time for Ourselves - <https://youtu.be/Ozpa8Ncrm6o>

The Power of Play - <https://youtu.be/-VezCWn7wvo>

Diversion and Distraction - https://youtu.be/FrMQ8_aNGDs

Attendance and Punctuality

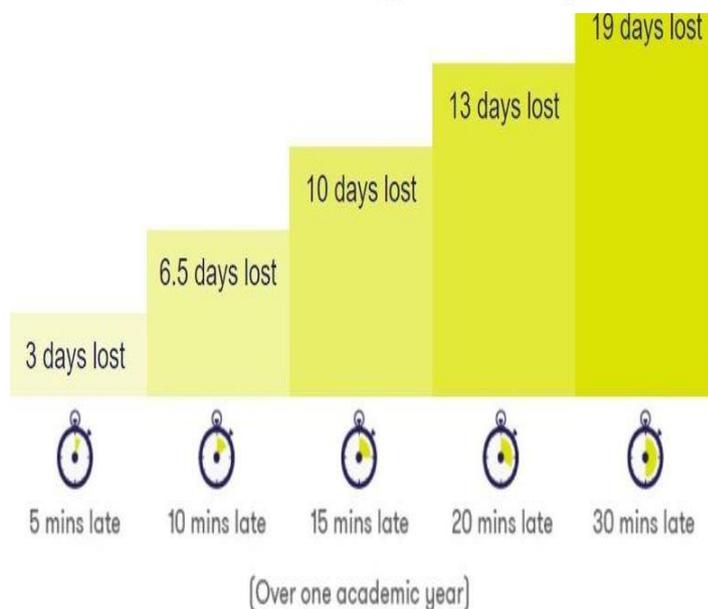
Each week we promote and celebrate good attendance across the school. Research shows that poor attendance limits pupils' life chances, impacts on their academic success but more worryingly adversely affects children socially and emotionally. We understand that children are unwell from time to time and would not want a child to be at school if they really shouldn't be. We would also like to remind parents that a child should be kept off school for 48 hours after a case of sickness or diarrhoea. If you are ever unsure whether to send your child to school or not, call and talk to Aliana at the school.

The following is the attendance by class for the last two weeks.

| Class | w/b: 4/3 | w/b: 11/3 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Oak | 92.3% | 90.0% |
| Beech | 93.3% | 88.7% |
| Elm | 90.0% | 95.7% |
| H Chestnut | 92.3% | 94.7% |
| Ash | 98.3% | 97.3% |
| Hazel | 96.9% | 94.5% |
| Cedar | 96.0% | 98.7% |
| Rowan | 94.3% | 95.7% |
| Holly | 95.3% | 98.0% |
| Silver Birch | 97.7% | 94.7% |
| Sycamore | 97.5% | 92.9% |
| Maple | 98.0% | 96.0% |
| Walnut | 95.3% | 97.3% |
| Willow | 94.0% | 96.7% |
| % Attendance Whole School | 95.1% | 95.1% |

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.



Term Dates

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Term 1

Monday 4th September to Thursday 19th October 2023

Term 2

Monday 30th October to Wednesday 20th December 2023

Term 3

Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February 2024

Diary Dates:

Mon 19th February: Return to school
 Weds 21st February: Book Fair arrives
 Thurs 29th February: Safer Internet Day
 Thurs 7th March: World Book Day
 Thurs 7th March: Golden Ticket Competition - World Book Day
 Thurs 7th March: PTA Someone Special Sale
 Fri 8th March: KS1 Girls Football Event
 Mon 18th March: Class Photographs
 Thurs 21st March: Carterton U11 Tag Rugby Event (TBC)
 Fri 22nd March: PTA Family Friendly Evening
 Mon 25th March: Easter Church Service (TBC)
 Thursday 28th March: PTA Easter Tombola

Term 4
Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5
Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6
Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July 2024

INSET Days: Friday 1st September 2023, Friday 20th October 2023, Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th July 2024

May Day Bank Holiday (school closed): Monday 6th May 2024

Fri 19th April: Year 2 Cricket Festival
Tues 7th May: Year 4 Tennis Event
Mon 20th May: Reception Sports Day 9.30am to 10.30am
Tues 21st May: KS2 Sports Day – Morning
Tues 21st May: KS1 Sports Day – Afternoon
Weds 22nd May: Cherry Nursery Sports Day
AM and All Day Cherries: 9am to 9.45am
PM Cherries: 2.15pm to 3pm
Weds 22nd May: U9/U11 Quad Kids Event 3.15pm to 5.15pm
Mon 3rd June: Year 6 off to PGL
Fri 7th June: U11 Boys Dynmo Cricket 9.30am to 4pm
Weds 12th June: PTA Summer Disco (Reception to Yr6)
Thurs 13th June: PTA Someone Special Sale
Fri 14th June: U11 Girls Dynmo Cricket 9.30am to 4pm
Thurs 4th July: Year 5 Sports Day Carterton Community College
Fri 5th July: Summer Fair 3.15pm to 7pm
Thurs 11th July: Shuffle Up Day
Thurs 11th July: Open Evening

Caring for Others † Achieving Excellence

Easter Holidays Tennis Course



Monday 8th - Friday 12th April

 **Witney Lawn Tennis Club**

For ages 4 - 16

Half Day:

09:00 - 12:00 £135
or 12:30 - 15:30 £135

Full Day (ages 6 - 16):

09:00 - 15:30 £243

Short Course (ages 4 - 7):

09:00 - 11:00 £90
or 12:30 - 12:30 £90



Childcare Vouchers Accepted

for more information please contact:



info@exceltennis.co.uk

www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk



INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME! AGES 4-12

Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road,
Ducklington, OX29 7US

Dates: Tues 2nd April - Fri 5th April 2024
Tues 9th April - Fri 12th April 2024

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm
(drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

Cost: £20/day or £60/whole week

To register your child, please go to
www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones, instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces. Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT

 www.footykids.org  tomspeers@footykids.org  Footykids
 or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 082

EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP



Dates:
Week 1:
Tues 2nd - Thurs 4th April
Middle Barton, OX7 7BX
Yarnton FC, OX5 1QE

Week 2:
Tues 9th - Thurs 11th April
Yarnton Fc, OX5 1QE
Carterton OX18 1DY



9-3pm- £30
3 Days- £75
10-3pm- £25
3 days- £60

What to expect:
UEFA/FA Licence Coaches
Open to all ages and Abilities
Daily Challenges
Session to improve skill and Techniques

Get in touch via:
info@osaacademy.co.uk

Sign up Today
via QR Code:



*Siblings and OSAA Members Discount

GIRL'S FOOTBALL CAMPS



Come and sign up your daughter today!

6 - 15 years old
For all abilities
10-3pm
£25 or 3 day £60

Sign up Now!



Location:
Carterton Football Club
Swinbrook Lane,
OX18 1DY

3 day football camp
Tues 9th - Thurs 11th
April 2024

Grow your own Game
FA/ UEFA B Licence
Coaches
Looking at fundamentals
football
Ball Mastery
Daily Challenges
Confidence with and
without the ball

To contact us to book on to 3 day
course via:
osaagirlsprogramme@gmail.com

www.osaacademy.co.uk



THURSDAY
4TH APRIL
1.00-4.30PM



BOOKING
ESSENTIAL



LEGO
ROBOTS



The
Library
Carterton

STEM
AMBASSADORS
Volunteer

SUITABLE FOR AGES 7 YEARS AND ABOVE. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

Hedgehog Club Easter Activity Days at Hailey Community Wood, nr Witney
9.30am -3.30pm. 3rd, 4th and 5th April 2024

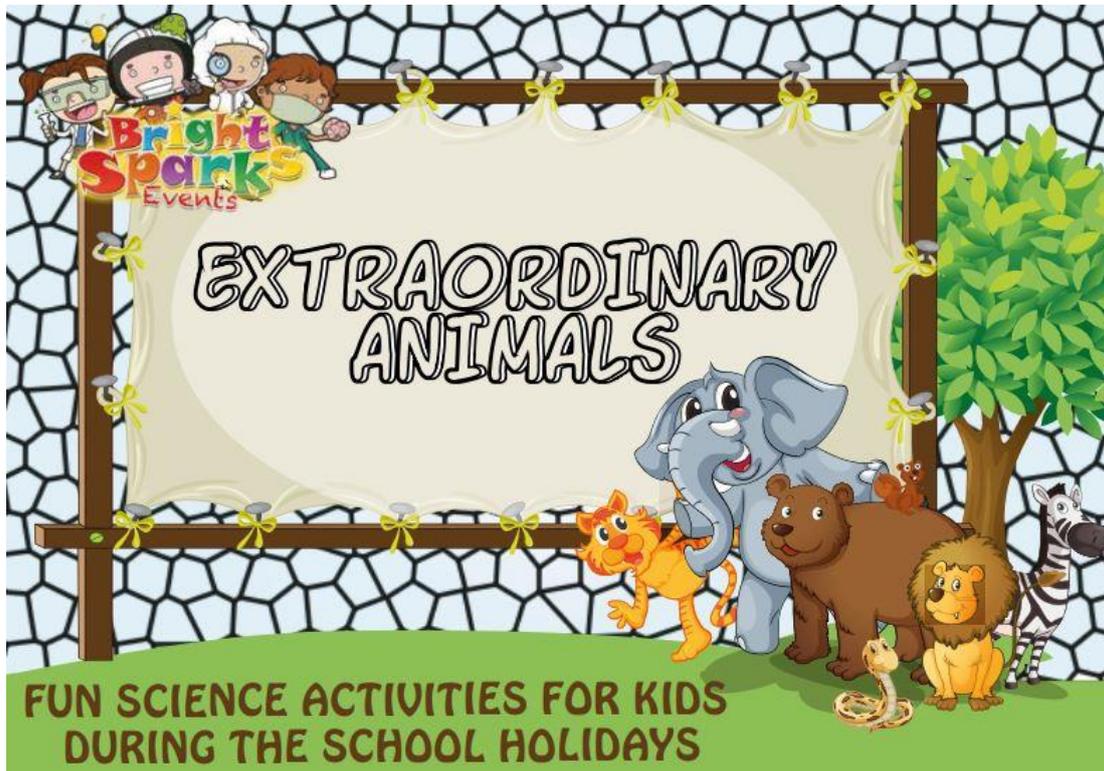


Would your child like to spend a day outside building dens, bug hunting, hunting for Easter eggs, using tools and knives and lighting fires? Then why not book a place on the Hedgehog Club Easter activity days. They cost £38 per child for a whole day which includes hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits and campfire snacks all day. Early drop off and late pick up is available - £48

If you want to book your child a place check the website and follow the booking links.

www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk

Joining instructions will be sent to everyone the week before. See you there.
Email Mandy @ thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Easter Holiday Camps 2024: Venues and Dates

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| Tuesday 2nd April | Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL |
| Wednesday 3rd April | Ardley and Fewcott Hall, Ardley Road, Bicester, OX27 7PA |
| Thursday 4th April | Barton Park Primary School, Barton Fields Rd, Headington, OX3 9WN |
| Friday 5th April | Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Rd, Abingdon, OX14 5HB |
| Monday 8th April | West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0BY |
| Tuesday 9th April | Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN |
| Wednesday 10th April | Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Woodstock, OX5 1RQ |
| Thursday 11th April | Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Curbridge Rd, Witney, OX28 5JZ |
| Friday 12th April | Long Lane Primary School, Long Lane, Reading, RG31 6YG |

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £30 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

Call a member of our team or visit our website for more details

To book, please go to the 'Science Holiday Camps' tab on our website, and click the 'Register Now' button. All bookings are processed through Active Network. Spaces are subject to availability.

Call: 01865 522 775

www.brightsparksevents.co.uk

Fun for children aged 5-11 yrs



**£1 PER SESSION
PER PERSON**



**PRE BOOKING
ESSENTIAL**

EASTER HOLIDAYS

AT CARTERTON FAMILY CENTRE

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| MON 8TH APR | 10-12 | EASTER CRAFTS | AGE 0-8 YRS |
| TUES 9TH APR | 10-12 | EASTER STAY AND PLAY | AGE 0-8YRS |
| WED 10TH APR | 10-12 | MEET PC BEN& FRIENDS | AGE 0-8YRS |
| THUR 11TH APR | 10-12 | SOFT PLAY SESSION | AGE 1-5YRS |

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
TO SECURE A SPACE PLEASE EMAIL-
EASTERCFC24@GMAIL.COM**

CONFORMATION OF YOUR BOOKING WILL BE SENT.

