

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to meet so many of you this week. Many of you came today to the coffee morning and there are more on Monday and Tuesday, if you would like to come and haven't yet. It's a nice way of being able to talk and ask any questions you may have. Though I can't promise to know all the answers, I'll do my best to find out!

Coming up we have a Reading and Phonics meeting for parents of Cygnus and Tucana in the school hall. This will give detailed information about how your child learns to read and how you can support. We look forward to welcoming you there. only if possible please. No children if possible please.

There is also a wider curriculum evening, including Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) information for parents of Phoenix and Pegasus classes. See the dates section and please do come along if you can. Again, no children if possible please.

We are trialling weekly newsletters this term and then will seek feedback about communication going forward at the end of term. Next week we will share a full list of important dates for the term as part of the newsletter.

DATES COMING UP

(parents are

welcome at event in bold)

15th eve	FOSPS BINGO
18th 5.30pm	Parent Meet and Greet
19th 2.15pm	
20th 6.30pm	Reading/Phonics mtg R/KS1
21st eve	Burford School Open evening for y6
22nd am	Cross Country for selected pupils
28th 6pm	Curriculum evening for KS2 parents



We welcomed Rev. MacInnes into assembly to help us focus on welcoming others as part of our value of Belonging. He explained to us who he is and his role in the community.

In Friday celebration assemblies, we celebrate birthdays that have happened that week. We don't allow birthday sweets but if you wish to donate a birthday book to the class instead, below is our Amazon wish list. A book plate will be added with your child's name. Children can also share any awards from outside of school on Fridays too, they can be left at the office on Friday morning.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/F4GC6UTJO8W2?ref=wl_sharead

Well done to Humphrey who won the FOSPS sunflower competition over the summer with one measuring 2m 29 cm!

Huge congratulations to the families of Isla and Elsie, and to Henry's family who have welcomed new babies over the summer.



We were very excited to welcome The Oneira Trio to school on Friday afternoon. The trio are award-winning musicians who play flute, viola and harp and we thoroughly enjoyed hearing the beautiful music and seeing the instruments up close. What a wonderful way to end the week!

Have a lovely weekend,

Diana

WHAT HAS MY CHILD BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

- Cygnus** People who help us in our community. We painted emergency vehicles, dressed up as doctors and sang songs about being helpful.
- Tucana** Kindness and how we can be kind to one another. We read a book called 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' Then we thought about ways to fill each other's buckets with kindness, instead of emptying people's buckets by being unkind.
- Phoenix** Writing a recipe for success and developing strategies to add numbers together efficiently. We have also started our topic learning about the Anglo-Saxons.
- Pegasus** The ancient kingdom of Benin in History and English, using a Gattegno chart in Maths and finding out about the Qur'an in RE and using databases in Computing.



AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

Complimentary Cheese and Wine.

A little bit of business and then a chance to socialise.

St Peter's School Hall
Thursday 5th Oct 6.30pm



BACK2SCHOOL BINGO

Join us for a night of fun and games at our Bingo Night! Celebrate surviving the summer holidays with a child-free evening out.

FRIDAY 15TH SEPT 2023 | DOOR OPEN AT 7:00PM

Eyes Down 7.45pm
£2 a game, 4 games - Cash or Card
School parents, guardians, grandparents, friends and local residents all welcome.
Email friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com to book

CASH PRIZES | BAR | SNACKS
Alvescot Village Hall OX18 2PU

Event hosted by Friends of St Peter's School Alvescot Volunteers



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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 21 September 2023

BOOK NOW

4.30 pm Admission Tour
plus Headteacher's
Presentation at 5.45 pm

Guided Tour
from 5.00 pm

5.30 pm Admissions Tour
plus Headteacher's
Presentation at 6.45 pm

The Boarding House will be open between 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm

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Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, UKiA, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES
Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Asking your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game. You could put parental controls on most consoles. Also, you can limit how long your child or friend spends playing. Keeping your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS
Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in games each day. Some parents find it helpful to use a timer to remind their child to stop or pause at a moment's notice. A 15 min break every hour or so is a good practice, and you could remind your child to take breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS
There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and young players often don't realise how much paying for in-game items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins for their favourite character, so you could settle on a fixed amount they can spend each month. If you no longer wish your child playing a particular game even though it's paid, you could agree an exception, and talk about what age could be used to purchase items. You could add context to this boundary by discussing games boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS
Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or do so because they think it's not a big deal. If your child is playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary. You could add context to this boundary by discussing games boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER
Setting time aside to play video games together can be fun. Encourage your child to play with friends, but make sure you're also present. You could play a game together, or you could play a game together, or you could play a game together. Some games can provide a great opportunity to bond together. If you think your child is having fun, encourage them to play together. If you think your child is having fun, encourage them to play together. If you think your child is having fun, encourage them to play together.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS
Help your child to recognise their emotions as they play. Discuss when they feel angry or frustrated, and how they can manage these feelings. Encourage them to talk to you about their feelings, and to take a break if they feel angry or frustrated. Encourage them to talk to you about their feelings, and to take a break if they feel angry or frustrated. Encourage them to talk to you about their feelings, and to take a break if they feel angry or frustrated.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS
A frequent problem when gaming online is unfair players who are 'trolls'. Encourage your child to report and block any players who are being unkind or abusive. Encourage your child to report and block any players who are being unkind or abusive. Encourage your child to report and block any players who are being unkind or abusive.

Meet Our Expert
Daniel Brown is an expert specialising in technology, video gaming, and digital safety. He has written numerous articles and books on these topics, including 'The Digital Parent's Handbook' and 'The Digital Parent's Handbook'. He has also been featured on various TV and radio programmes, and has given many talks at schools and community events.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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