



Newsletter 06



Autumn Term Academic Year 2013

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Wednesday 16 th October	Nursery Family Fun Day Out
Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October	No Clubs due to Parents evenings
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening'
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Thursday 24 th October	SPSA Bake Sale from 3.30pm
Friday 25 th October	NON PUPIL DAY – STAFF TRAINING
Monday 28 th to Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 4 th November – Thursday 7 th November	Year 6 residential to London
Sunday 10 th November	Family Service 10.00am, 2.00pm Memorial Service, 2.45pm Church Service
Monday 11 th November	1940's day at St Peter's School
Tuesday 12 th November	Introduction to Reading and Writing for parents 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Monday 18 th November	Parent Forum 7pm
Tuesday 26 th November	Full Governors
Friday 29 th November	SPSA Christmas Fayre
Friday 6 th December	Budleigh Late Night Shopping
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Dinners
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Dinners
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Xmas church rehearsal
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinners
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Xmas play 10.00am St Peter's Church
Saturday 14 th December	Breakfast with Santa 9.00am St Peter's Church
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	No Clubs this week
Monday 16 th December	KS2 Xmas rehearsal St Peter's Church all day
Monday 16 th December	KS2 Xmas concert 7.00pm St Peter's Church
Thursday 19 th December	9.30am Christmas church service, St Peter's Church
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term – 3.30pm School closes for xmas break
Tuesday 7 th January 2014	Start of the Spring Term

Collective Worship
 1Timothy 1v2 May God the Father and
 Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy
 and peace

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you so much for the generous Harvest gifts of food for the Exmouth Area Community Larder last week. The organisers were very appreciative of your effort and wanted me to pass on their sincere thanks. As a school, **we shall continue to collect the food each week** on the mornings of Thursday and Friday and I hope that you will be able to continue with your support.

It was also wonderful to see so many families **at church for the Harvest Festival last Sunday**. I thought the children sang the Harvest samba very well and the church family were delighted to have the children with them for this annual celebration. On Monday, the Year 6 School Council members, with me, **took a potted flowering plant as a gift from the church to** selected people living in Moor Haven and Green Haven. The children carried out their duties courteously and the receivers of gifts were delighted to see the children and receive a harvest token.

Please remember, that next week we shall be **running two open evenings** (Tuesday and Wednesday) for parents and the teachers to talk about how the children have settled into their new class and how they are progressing with their learning. **A separate letter has been sent out with the details** and slips from Parents showing their preferred day and time which should have been sent back to school. If we are not in receipt of your completed slip then a day and time will be chosen for you.

You should have received a message from me earlier in the week **re.tomorrow's industrial action by teachers. I have been informed after lunch by my teachers, that on this occasion, no one will take action and therefore the school will remain OPEN. It has been a difficult decision for them to make.** I attach with this letter the flier from the NASUWT union giving the reasons why it has been necessary for some of our local colleagues in neighbouring schools to strike. A national day of further protest is planned for later in the term if headway between the Government and the Unions has not been made.

As part of whole school improvement at St Peter's we have been adopting an approach called **THRIVE**. Mrs Cawthera has participated in professional development since the summer to qualify her as **THRIVE co-ordinator**. All Teaching and support staff at St Peter's have recently been undergoing training in Thrive by Mrs Cawthera. The principles of this training draw on the latest research - from current neuroscience, recent attachment theory, and the current models of effective learning and child development.

Understanding these principles will help staff respond to needs being signalled by a child's behaviour so that we may better support their emotional and social development. Assessing children with Thrive will give us targeted strategies and activities to engage or re-engage children with learning and realise their potential. We shall then use relational, play and arts-based activities in small group sessions, in 1:1 withdrawal sessions, or in class as lessons progress. Parents can also be supported with activities at home.

We have begun to use the Thrive approach already to assess the emotional health and well being of each class. After discussions with class teachers, and studying the results of these assessments, we may wish to complete individual assessments for particular children. You may receive a letter with a request for a meeting with Mrs Cawthera and possibly your child's class teacher to help them support your child with their emotional management.

Gymnastics on Friday 18th October

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Miss Kilburn will be unable to run Gymnastics on Friday 18th October.

Cross Country Thursday 24th October

Apologies for an error on a letter sent out to parents recently. It should have read:

"Our first event in the Cross Country House Competition will be the Exmouth School Sport Partnership Cross Country on **Thursday 24th October** at Bicton College."

SPSA News

Cakes and buns required! - Year 3, Miss Back's Class At the end of almost every half term St Peter's School Association hold a bake sale to help raise funds for our school. As you may know, we try and spread the responsibility for making and supplying the cakes throughout the school during the course of the year. This term it is the turn of Year 3, Miss Back's class! It would be

really great if you could please bake / supply cakes for this sale and bring them in on Thursday 24th October in the morning in a sealed and named container. This is always a fun way to raise funds and a nice way to end the half term! Thank you for your support.

SPSA bake sale

Thursday 24th October 2013 from 3.30pm - outdoor stage

Please buy one of our wonderful cakes on Thursday 28th March 2013 from 3.30pm on the outdoor stage in the playground.

Lunch Bunch Cafe Dinner numbers for week commencing 7/10/2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Average
78	95	112	67	116	94
Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100

A great week for dinner numbers especially as all of KS1 were out on a school trip.

Next Thursday 24th October will be Fish & Chips as the school is closed on Friday 25th October for staff training.



Armistice Special Menu on the 11th November

World War II Menu

Garden reared chicken and home grown vegetable casserole

Home grown new potatoes

Dumplings and garden peas

Bread & Butter Pudding

Many Thanks.

Best wishes

Malcolm Elliott, Headteacher

10 GOOD REASONS WHY TEACHERS ARE TAKING

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Since December 2011, teachers have been Standing up for Standards by taking pupil, parent and public-friendly action to defend their pay and conditions of service which enable them to focus on teaching and learning, but the Secretary of State for Education has refused to enter into meaningful discussions, so teachers are now taking part in a rolling programme of strike action to persuade the Coalition Government to engage in genuine dialogue.

1 Teachers' pay and conditions are part of the entitlement of all children and young people to high standards of education

Teachers' pay and conditions are linked to the entitlement of children and young people to be taught by highly skilled professionals, who have working conditions which help them to ensure high educational standards. The current system of pay and conditions has meant that our education system is seen as the sixth best in the world.

2 Teachers' jobs are being lost due to the cuts

As a result of the Coalition Government's cuts, thousands of teachers have lost their jobs. This has a direct impact on pupils who are no longer receiving the support they deserve.

3 Teachers' jobs are being lost because of the employment of unqualified staff

As a result of Coalition Government changes, schools are now free to employ unqualified people, instead of qualified teachers, to teach pupils.

4 Teachers' jobs are being lost because of changes to the curriculum

Changes to the curriculum have led to thousands of art, music, drama, RE and ICT teachers losing their jobs, reducing the opportunities for pupils to study these subjects.

5 Bureaucracy is increasing workload, which is getting in the way of teaching and learning

Unnecessary paperwork and bureaucracy means that teachers have less time to spend on the teaching and learning of pupils.

6 Good teachers are being driven out of teaching

Half of teachers are seriously considering quitting the teaching profession due to changes to pay, pensions, working conditions and jobs.

7 Teachers are Standing up for Standards

Teachers are passionate about doing the best for all their pupils and about delivering high standards for all. Teachers believe that the changes to their working conditions will mean that they are not able to focus sufficiently upon the needs of their pupils.

8 Specialist teaching jobs are being cut

Access to specialist support for pupils with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities is being cut, making it harder for teachers to meet pupils' educational needs.

9 Class sizes are increasing

Coalition Government cuts have meant that, as teachers have lost their jobs, class sizes are once again increasing within schools, denying pupils the individual support and attention they need.

10 Strike action by teachers is action of the last resort – the Coalition Government needs to listen

Since 1 December 2011, NASUWT members have been engaged in action short of strike action. The NASUWT has been seeking meetings to resolve the dispute but the Secretary of State is refusing to engage in genuine dialogue. Teachers have no choice but to take strike action as a last resort.

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Community News

WHY NOT COME ALONG?



IT'S ON THURSDAY
17TH OCTOBER
IN THE PETER HALL
BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

STARTS AS SOON AFTER 3.30 PM AS YOU CAN BE THERE!

ARTS AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES, A TIME OF WORSHIP, THEN A MEAL TOGETHER. IT'S REALLY FUN FOR ALL.

IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN YET, GIVE IT A TRY!