



Newsletter 02



Autumn Term

Dates for the Diary 2012-13

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Wednesday 19 th September	Reunion Tea Party from 2-4pm
Friday 21 st September	SPSA Centenary Children's Disco from 5.30-7pm in the School Hall
Monday 24 th September	Bikeability for Year 5- playground needed all day
Tuesday 25 th September- Friday 28 th September	Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 26 th September	Nursery (F1 only) trip to Exmouth Fun Park (10am-2pm)
Thursday 27th September	Parent Forum at 7pm - CANCELLED
Tuesday 2 nd October	FSU (F1and F2) Come and Play Day 9-10am and 2-3pm
Wednesday 3 rd October	Year 6 to ECC for Author visit am only
Thursday 4 th October	FSU (F1and F2) Come and Play Day 9-10am and 2-3pm
Thursday 4 th October	Year 5 Escot Trip
Thursday 4th October	Parent Forum at 7pm
Saturday 6 th October	SPSA Centenary Ball at the Public Hall
Thursday 11 th October to Monday 15 th October	Active Budleigh Festival http://activebudleigh.co.uk
Sunday 14 th October	Family Service at St. Peter's Church at 10am
Tuesday 16 th October	Teaching and Learning Governors Meeting at 7pm
Monday 22 nd October to Friday 26 th October	Nursery (F1 only) Learning Journey Jamboree Week (Parent Drop in sessions)
Tuesday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening from 4-6pm
Thursday 25 th October	Parents' Evening from 4-7pm
Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November	Half Term
Tuesday 6 th November	Y2 Trip to Bygones in Torquay
Wednesday 7 th November	Y1 Trip to Bygones in Torquay
Sunday 11 th November	Remembrance Family Service at St. Peter's Church
Monday 12th November	Non Pupil Day

Dear Parents and Carers



Centenary day, 18th September 2012 was very memorable for both children and staff. You may have heard that we had a visit from the 1912 Lord Clinton and Lady Alice Ewing (Mr John Beaumont and Mrs Judy Day) who were strong patrons of our school. Their presence at the assembly bought gravitas to the occasion not only were they wonderfully attired in their 1912 costumes but used superb acting skills to impress on us all of the solemnity of the occasion.

The formality of 1912 meant that lessons for the morning were very different from today and that children had to be unquestionably obedient and diligent in their endeavours. The role of the teacher was about control and instruction, the children were surprised about how strict and regimented school life might have been. KS2 boys

and girls were kept apart even at playtime and lunchtime. In the afternoon the children played 1912 games and those at KS2 had races known as treats, winners only received a sweet from Mr Mullins, the 1912 Headmaster. A picnic tea followed on the field. I particularly enjoyed my role as Headmaster and it has been difficult for me to adapt back to 2012. The cane was seen regularly over the day and I am pleased to report that there wasn't an occasion to use it.

I should like to thank everyone for making such a splendid effort with costume and providing a 1912 tea. The children looked splendid and this helped many of them to get into role.

This afternoon our **Year 6 will be hosting a tea party** in the hall raising money for Macmillan Nurses. Past pupils, staff and governors will be visiting from 2-4 pm and will have guided tours and will see our display of old school documents and photos. We hope they will be able to share memories that we intend to record in some form. I hope that there will be a joyful reunion of friends.

I intend for us to have a centenary service of thanks-giving in **April, 2013** to coincide with the actual opening of the building in April 1913. September 1912 was the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone by Lady Alice Ewing.

The centenary week will finish with a **disco party** for the children organised by the SPSA. A separate letter has already been sent out with details. Further details can be found towards the end of the newsletter.

Staff news - Mr Thomas is currently unwell and his class has a supply teacher. Home-learning could be affected if he is off for the rest of the week.

The school library over the holiday has been refurbished and restocked. Please have a look inside to see the improvements. Mrs Richards has made a splendid job of the soft furnishings making it a very attractive environment. It is essential that children who borrow books return them within 2 weeks of borrowing them and not keep them at home. I am afraid that any damaged books will need to be paid for and therefore I hope great care is taken. (If there are any school or library books in your home from last year please return them to the office) . Thank you for your co-operation. Donations of books are always welcome.

Are you in the Armed Services?

If so please let us know as soon as possible because we need to add this information to our records before we have the school census on the 4th October. This could lead to additional monies for the school.

School Dinners -numbers of school dinners last week.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Average
Actual meals taken	74	67	90	65	104	80
School's meals target	100	100	100	100	100	100



Coats

Please could all children have a coat in school each day that they can wear when they are undertaking outdoor learning or during playtimes when it is wet. The weather last week was changeable and whilst days could start with beautiful sunshine, by lunchtime we were experiencing very light rain and therefore children needed to be able to put a coat on.

Swimming Hats

It is important that all children wear a swimming hat in school swimming lessons. If you would like to purchase a swimming hat for your child, they are available from Proserve, Unit 3 Dinan Way Trading Estate. Telephone: 01395 222975 or complete an order form available from the foyer at the main school entrance.

Toys

We ask that children do not bring in toys from home to play with at breaktimes and lunchtimes. The school has a variety of toys and games that the children are welcome to play with during these times.

Reporting an Absence from school

Parents are now able to text the school mobile to report an absence. The school mobile number is 07857464734, please remember to message your child's name and class.

SPSA Centenary Disco this Friday

As part of our School Centenary celebrations the SPSA are holding a Centenary Disco for children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 this Friday (21st September) from 5.30-7pm in the school hall. We hope that you will support this enjoyable event.

Entry will be £1 on the night and refreshments will be available. The children must enter the disco and be collected at the end of the disco from the front entrance foyer.

If you are able to help out at the event then please let Fiona Burnell (our SPSA chair) know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Parents need to complete the permission slip (at the bottom of the Disco letter sent home on Monday) and return it to the school office by the end of Thursday 20th September at the latest. Children will not be able to attend the disco if they have not handed in their permission slip.

Cancelled Parent Forum- Thursday 27th September at 7pm

I am sorry to inform you that this meeting has had to be postponed due to Mr Elliott attending a head teachers meeting on the same evening. The next Parent Forum is now scheduled for Thursday 4th October.

SPSA 100 Club

Application forms will be issued this week for 2012/13. If you do not get your application, please see Lorraine Ralph.

Community News

Active Budleigh photo competition

Have you been out and about with your camera this summer? Taken some great photos? Why not enter our photographic competition!

We invite residents, visitors, children and adult *amateur* photographers to submit digital photos showcasing everything they love about this area under any of three categories:

Active Budleigh. Outdoor Budleigh. Fun Budleigh

Photographs must have been taken in East Devon during 2012. For full details and conditions visit the website at:

www.activebudleigh.co.uk

submit your photos on the website or email:
photocomp@activebudleigh.co.uk

Closing date 30 September 2012

A panel of judges will select the top 7 photographs in each category and these will be displayed at the **Brook Gallery, Budleigh Salterton from 11th– 14th Oct 2012**. The public will then be asked to vote for their favourites - both at the gallery and online - with **winners announced at the Brook Gallery at 4.30pm on Sunday 14th Oct 2012**

Prize winners will receive an enlarged canvas print of their winning photograph



To all ticket holders of St Peter's Centenary Ball – Sat 6th Oct

Reminder: Please return your menu choices/ticket stubs by this Fri 21st Sept. Return box in school reception or hand to Trudie Burne or Kate Harrison.

10 more tickets released!

Due to the high demand we have potentially sold out of tickets this week! SO... we have decided to have an additional table to accommodate the demand! DO NOT delay in getting your tickets if you want some!

On sale MON/WED/FRI school playground

For more info, menu and photos of previous Big Budleigh Balls visit the school website:

From homepage go to Parents/SPSA/Big Budleigh Ball on the drop down menus, or visit:
<http://classes.st-peters-school.org.uk/big-budleigh-ball.html>



Budleigh Salterton Literary Festival 2012 - Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd September

We have been informed that the session on Sunday 23rd September at 3.00pm featuring the children's writer Babette Cole at the Public Hall is **now free** to parents and children of St. Peter's School, tickets available from the School Office.

Best wishes

Malcolm Elliott, Headteacher