



Newsletter 11



Autumn Term Academic Year 2013

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Friday 29 th November	SPSA Christmas Fayre 5pm to 7.30pm
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
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Party - Foundation (Nursery and Reception - including Rec in R/1)
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Party - KS1 (All Year 1&2 from BC/ES, CAH and JM/PH classes)
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Party - Year 3&4
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Party - Year 5&6
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
Luke 1v45 'You are blessed because
you believed that the lord would do
what he said'

Dear Parent/ Carer

I am pleased to report that **the Poppy Appeal** through the school raised £177.08 this year. Thank you for your support. Thank you too for the continued generous donations of food and toiletries for **the Exmouth/ Budleigh Larder** and also for the numerous Raffle/Tombola Christmas gifts for the **SPSA Christmas Fayre**. It is wonderful working at a school where parents/carers are so willing to contribute, setting a good example in citizenship to the children.

The week end after our Christmas Fayre on the 29th November, there are a busy few days ahead. **Friday 6th December - Late Night Shopping with parade and carol singing.** **Saturday 7th December - Church Christmas Fayre (10 am to 1pm).** **Sunday 8th December - 10 am Family Service at St Peter's Church.** This is a lovely time for the children but a hectic one for many adults. If you are able to come to any of the above events it would be very much appreciated and marvellous to see you as the school is involved on all three days. As part of the community we are delighted to play our part.

We shall **celebrate the beginning of Advent** with a special biscuit designed for the

occasion, available next Monday for 40p from the tuck trolley at morning playtime.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER - PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2014

Children born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010

I am writing to advise you that the online facility for admission to Primary School in September 2014 is now open at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. It is essential that parents and carers apply before the closing date of 15th January, 2014 as late applications will not be considered above timely ones where schools are oversubscribed.

If your child is in the St Peter's nursery class an application for the St Peter's school still needs to be made. If you are aware of people living locally with a child who is not in our nursery then I should be grateful if you could alert them to this message and the closing date. The school will be happy to advise you about admission.

In the reception area we have a hard copy of the First Step booklet and an application form. There is also a helpline and this can be accessed emailing to admissions@devon.gov.uk or telephone 0845 155 1019. Parents will be advised by Devon County Council of the allocation of a school place on 16th April 2014 by email and hard copy letter by 2nd class post.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to parents who have already returned questionnaire. We have received 92 at time of writing - currently less than 50% return. Spares are available from the office. Please, please, please do take the 30 seconds or so it takes to complete and return as it makes a big difference. Hand in to office by Friday and don't forget to collect your raffle ticket! And yes, Mr Perkins will keep nagging people continuously on the playground!!!

Twitter

Mr Perkins will not be completing a twitter dance this Christmas - we have moved to 1,507 tweets and have not reached 300 followers (currently 290). The race starts now for 350 followers before 2000 tweets.....

Christmas music

Rehearsals have started for KS1 and KS2 and have begun very well with some lovely singing. The Christmas band (Y5/6) children have had their first practice and classes are beginning to practice their performances...

Here is a reminder of upcoming musical events...

SPSA Christmas Fayre - Choir 6:15 school hall

Late night shopping - Everyone Friday 6th December - 6pm public hall

St Peter's church Fayre - String group - Saturday 7th December - church

Family Service - Everyone - Sunday 8th December - church

KS1 performance - Thursday 12th December - 10.00 - church

KS2 performance - Monday 16th December (rehearsal all day in church, concert at 7pm in church)

Foundation News

Early Literacy Evening

The Foundation Stage Unit held their termly 'evening parents event' on Tuesday 12th November 2013. The staff presented an overview of the importance of phonics; how this links to reading and writing; the stages of writing that children typically go through and letter formation. Parents/Carers were then invited to come into the FSU to try out some activities and resources that support these elements and to receive hand-outs for ideas to use at home. The evening was well attended with 44% of parents with a child in Early Years attending and several parents from outside of St. Peter's. All Parents/Carers were extremely positive about the evening. The main feedback was from parents who had attended although they had an older sibling at the school. They reported that they were surprised how things had changed again, things had been forgotten, there were new messages as their children had differing learning styles and that they had been inspired with new activities. I will be re-running this event for Parents/Carers who were unable to attend soon. You will receive a separate letter in your child's tray so please keep a look out! Look on the school website for quotes from other parents and photos to inspire!



STOP PRESS***

Parents of Nursery aged children

Do you need to start that Christmas shopping? Dreading the thought of having to take your little one around the shops with you? Why not book them in to Nursery for the day for a special offer price of £22 for 9am – 3pm. Your child will have lots of fun all day and you will get a peaceful shopping trip, maybe even a cheeky coffee?! We have spaces on;

Monday 2nd,
Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th,
Wednesday 18th,
Friday 6th, 13th.

These will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Please see the office to book.

Mrs Broad – Foundation Stage Leader

Gymnastics and Netball on Friday 29th November

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Ms Kilburn will be unable to host gymnastics on Friday 29th November.

Furthermore, due to the SPSA Christmas Fayre, there will be no Netball on Friday 29th November either. Stallholders often drive onto the playground in order to set up their stalls.

Multiskills and Skipping Club on Friday 29th November

There will be no Multiskills or Skipping Club due the SPAS Christmas Fayre. Stallholders will be setting up in the hall during the afternoon.

Tennis on Thursday 28th November

Coach Liam is continuing to offer fantastic Key Stage 2 tennis coaching on Thursday mornings from 7:55 to 8:45am. The cost remains £1 per session.

Cross Country on 18th December

Please accept my apology for the error in my letter dated 25th November 2013. When this was noticed in the afternoon we immediately printed and distributed an amendment for all Key Stage 2 pupils.

Wednesday 18th December Key Stage 2 Races 10:45-12:00

Pupils in Key Stage 2 are invited to represent their House in our Year 3/4 Boys race, Year 3/4 Girls race, Year 5/6 Boys race and Year 5/6 Girls race. The distance of the race will vary depending upon their age.

All the races will take place on our school field (weather permitting).

To add extra spirit to the event, Key Stage 1 pupils and Key Stage 2 pupils may choose to wear a Santa hat when running. Pupils in Foundation may wear a Santa Hat or a Reindeer headband. The SPSA will be selling Santa Hats at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 29th November for £1 each.

Sportshall Athletics

On Wednesday 20th November 2013, twelve pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 represented St Peter's Church of England Primary School at the Exmouth Sportshall Athletics event.

This is one of the most popular events in the Exmouth Primary School Sport calendar with eleven schools in attendance. We finished in 6th place overall with a particularly strong performance in the standing long jump! Esme Kilburn-Thompson also set the record for the furthest shuttlecock throw!

Visit <http://classes.st-peters-school.org.uk/class-posts.html> to see two videos of our fantastic athletes in action.

Year 6 Assessment and Reporting Evening

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who attended the Assessment and Reporting Evening on Monday 25th November. I hope that the the information and resources we provided will help support your child during their final academic year at St Peter's Primary School.

Visit <http://classes.st-peters-school.org.uk/welcome-to-year-6.html> to view or download a copy of any of the attachments. Further feedback once you have used some of the reading, mental mathematics and spelling resources would be much appreciated.

Mr Lee – Y6 teacher and Sports Coordinator

SPSA News

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Tombola last Friday. Year six won, so well done them!

End of Month - Second Hand Uniform sale Thursday 28th November

The monthly second hand uniform sale will be taking place in the music room at 3:15 on Thursday 28th November rather than the Friday due to the Christmas Fayre. As usual the clothing is bought on a donation basis.

SPSA Christmas Fayre, Nov 29th, 5-7.30pm at St Peter's Primary School

Children, Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, Grandmas, Grandads, Friends and all other Christmas Shoppers! It's here! The school Christmas Fayre is this Friday 29th November. The emphasis is on affordable games, activities and fun for all the family. We will have a café selling hot dogs, potato wedges, soup and drinks, including mulled cider and wine (all profits from the café will go to the typhoon Haiyan disaster relief efforts). Stalls will include local crafters and retailers, class calendars, as well as SPSA cakes. Of course, Father Christmas will be in his grotto (still only £1.50 per entry) and this year you will be able to make and take home your own Christmas Pudding for only £1, not to mention win a cash prize in the raffle!

Christmas Fayre - Raffle Tickets

You should have received your raffle tickets that went out in book bags this week. The raffle will be taking place at the Christmas Fayre on Friday. There are some brilliant prizes again this year including CASH prizes, so it is well worth a go. The tickets are £1 a strip. Please can you return the envelopes to the school office by Thursday 28th November. We look forward to seeing you there.

Class Photo Calendars

Class Photo Calendars are now displayed in your child's classroom window. You can order the photo calendars at the Christmas Fayre on Friday and they will be selling for £2 each. You can buy as many as you want! They are a lovely keep sake or present for the Grandparents!

Attention all Bakers! - Cake Donation Request

Please could you, or someone you know, make a cake for us to sell at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 29th November? We would love to sell your delicious home-made cakes for

people to buy and take home. We will be collecting your cakes on the stage in the playground at pick up time on Friday 29th November.

Stall Volunteers for the Christmas Fayre

We could do with a few more helpers to help on a couple of stalls at the Christmas Fayre. If you are free to help on the evening of the Christmas Fayre please could you let Kate Harrison know.

Decorations Required!

Please could any parents lend Rebecca from the SPSA some decorations to deck out the grotto? This can be anything from Christmas soft toys to lights, cushions, blankets, tinsel and baubles-all would be really appreciated.

If you can bring anything to school reception in clearly named bags by the Thursday. Rebecca shall start decorating after lunchtime on the Friday. Rebecca will make sure that they are returned in good order after the event.

Christmas Dinners

Thank you for returning your order forms for Christmas Dinners. Today parents who have sent in order forms will receive their Christmas dinner tickets. Please keep hold of these and bring them with you on your chosen sitting. There are still spaces available so please return order forms and payment by Wednesday 4th December.

Lunch Bunch Cafe Dinner numbers for week commencing 18/11/2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Average
91	106	114	67	129	101
Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100

Menu Change

From Thursday 5th December the menu will change from fish pie to pasta bake. The fish pie has not proved a popular choice and we hope the change will improve our numbers for Thursdays Week 2! To rebalance the menu in week 2, from the 19th December meatballs and pasta will be replaced by a cottage pie.

Many Thanks.

Best wishes

Malcolm Elliott, Headteacher

Community News

A Book is a Brilliant Christmas Present Because.....

Budleigh Salterton Library is launching an exciting Christmas competition on the 30th November. We will be asking you to write a small piece about why you think a book makes a brilliant Christmas present.

Best Books in Exmouth have very generously donated our first prizes. Two lucky winners will both receive a gift voucher to spend in their shop, as well as a drink and a piece of cake in their café!

Bargain Arts, The Rowan Tree, and The Card Shop Too, all in Budleigh, have kindly donated some lovely runners up prizes.

The competition is open to children between the ages of 5 and 11, who are library members. If you are not a library member, it is free and simple to join. The closing date for completed entries is Saturday 21st December. Everyone who hands in a completed entry will be entitled to hire a DVD from the children's library, free of charge!

Good Luck!

Students and staff warmly invite you to join us for our annual

Heritage Craft Christmas Fair and Open Studio

Cedar Room, Bicton House, Bicton College

Sunday 1st December, 10am - 5pm

Meet artisans and breeders, join in some delightful demonstrations and take the opportunity to purchase gifts.



Demonstrations and sales:

- 🐿 Christmas table decorations and door wreaths
- 🐿 Willow weaving
- 🐿 Felted accessories

Exhibitors include:

- 🐿 Alpaca Society South West
- 🐿 Alpaca breeder - Richard Vickery
- 🐿 Gwen Hartley - Textiles
- 🐿 Angie Mudge and associates - jewellery and felted accessories
- 🐿 Joan Prowse - Needle felt sales and demonstrations
- 🐿 Sue Borrett, Sim Taylor and associates - spinning, knitting and crochet
- 🐿 Debbie Judd of Neighbourworks - knitting enterprise
- 🐿 School of Floristry – Bicton College
- 🐿 Fibrecraft – Bicton College
- 🐿 Willow weaving – Bicton College



Enjoy complimentary light refreshments including Bicton College's very own mulled apple juice.



Call Gill Burbidge for more information

01395 562368





Friends of St Peter's Church
The Lawn, Budleigh Salterton



Christmas
FAIR
SATURDAY 7th December

St Peter's Church from 11am

Entrance £1.00 to include Coffee

Come and Enjoy our Variety of Stalls

All proceeds in aid of the Church Fabric

For bid sale at the above event,

Yamaha Keyboard PSR – 240 including Sony Dynamic Stereo Headphones MDR-V150
reserve of £20.00. The keyboard will be on display for demonstration.

Possibly an ideal Christmas present?