



Newsletter 13



Autumn Term Academic Year 2013

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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 24 th December	St Peter's Church Christingle Service 5-6pm
Tuesday 7 th January 2014	Start of the Spring Term

Collective Worship
Matthew 1v21 And she will have a son and you are to name him Jesus. For he will save his people from their sins

Dear Parent/Carer

As I write we are preparing for the second of three days of Christmas lunches and are in the middle of one of the busiest weeks in the school calendar as Christmas hits full swing here at St Peter's. I have to say that there is a lovely atmosphere in the school at present and children are enjoying all the festive activities whilst showing excellent levels of behaviour, which is fantastic. At this time communication between school and parents is even more crucial than normal as arrangements become detailed for Christmas events. I apologise for the error in the letter about the KS2 concert for example - The children will be dropped off and collected from the Peter Hall behind the church, not the Public hall as stated. Hopefully the website, twitter feed, and whiteboards mean that all have received clarification of this. Please do keep regularly checking the boards, website and twitter so you are completely up to date. If you are unsure of anything please do ask me or at the office. As if all of this wasn't enough you will have noticed work continues on fitting the new boiler and in the ALCOA Science garden.

Christmas Dinners: The kitchen and office staff have been working very hard this week as we hold our Christmas dinners. It is quite a feat of catering and clerical organisation to process around 167 Christmas dinners in an hour and a half for three

days so I commend them for it! Day 1 went very well yesterday and it was so lovely to receive such positive feedback from parents. If you are coming for dinner today or tomorrow I do hope you enjoy your time with us.

Christmas performances: All children at St Peter's (and staff!) have been working very hard in performance rehearsals this week. I would like to wish KS1 good luck with their performance of Whoops-a-Daisy Angel tomorrow in the Church at 10am. KS2 children are rehearsing at St Peter's church on Monday and the concert is in the evening at 7pm. Please see separate letter for details of this day, but be aware of the error in mentioning the Public Hall - it should read Peter Hall (which is behind the church). I hope you will be able to make a donation to our Christmas charity this year which is the British Heart Foundation in recognition of the Defibrillator which was given to our school.

Late Night Shopping: I would like to thank the 90 - (yes 90!!) children and their parents for making Friday evening so special. I have received countless comments about how great the children looked and sounded as they walked through town with drums, ukuleles and bells singing Jingle Bells before performing songs at the Carol Service. It just goes to show that St Peter's school really is the life blood of the town. I'd like to thank Miss Salter, Mrs Gray and Mr Moger-Taylor for assisting in the music and to Mrs Trapnell for leading the procession!

Church fayre: On Saturday the String Group (Crotchety Quavers) performed music at the Church Fayre with great success. Indeed they have been invited back by popular demand. I would like to thank the children and Paul Moger Taylor for giving their time and to all the other children who went to the fayre. They had a successful day and raised £1,264



Family Service: Thank you to the children who finished off this very busy weekend by singing at the service on Sunday with Mrs Gray and to Annabelle and Ffion in Y6 for providing the Violin accompaniment. Again this was very well received by the congregation.

Choir performances: Christmas is a very busy time for our school choir. After singing with the Budleigh Ukulele group at the SPSA Christmas Fayre last week this week we have been visiting care homes in Budleigh Salterton and singing beautifully to the elderly.

Budleigh Ladies Choir Concert: On Thursday evening we will be singing with the Budleigh Ladies' Choir at the Methodist Church. This is very exciting as the Ladies Choir have kindly agreed to donate all proceeds from the event to the school for music resources. This is a wonderfully kind gesture and I thank them very much for thinking of us.

Church service: On Thursday 19th December at 9:30am please join the children in St Peter's church for our Christmas Service. If you can help the classes walk down after morning whistle this will be greatly appreciated - please see class teachers.

Other events next week: Next week sees KS2 Cross Country on Wednesday, Christmas parties and House Cup football on the Friday. Please see Mr Lee for sporting questions and class teachers about parties!

Christmas Church events: Much is happening over the next week at St Peter's Church. you can have breakfast with Santa there from 9-12 on Saturday morning and on Saturday evening at 6pm there is a Christmas concert by the Salvation Army

Mr Perkins



Year 3 -Thorntons Visit

This week year 3 were visited by Thorntons chocolate shop. They talked to the children about where chocolate comes from and how it is made. We then had lots of fun designing and icing our own chocolate plaque. We even got to try lots of different types of chocolate!

Miss Back



Christmas Parties

A reminder that the children will need to bring to school a change of clothes for their Christmas parties next week. See the calendar at the top of the newsletter for the dates.

SPSA

Sports News

Year 4/5/6 Football

On the morning of the last day of term, Friday 20th December, I will be hosting an inter-house Football Christmas Cup competition at St Peter's Church of England Primary. This Year 4/5/6 event is designed to give pupils the opportunity to play for a team in competitive match - and have fun too!

Just to clarify, pupils do not have to take part in the House football competition. I am just keen to offer pupils an alternative to being in their classroom. Participation for this particular event is entirely voluntary.

Cycling

On Friday 29th November, eight pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 represented St Peter's Church of England Primary School at the East Devon Go Ride CycloCross competition at Bicton College.

The standard of competition was very high and every rider show fantastic determination on the extremely challenging course. Unfortunately, our team missed out on a fourth place finish by one second, a third place finish by three seconds and a second place finish by four seconds! It was a very close competition!

Hopefully there will be a second event in the spring.

Old football boots?

Occasionally, Key Stage 2 pupils at St Peter's Church of England Primary School take part in curricular or extra-curricular activities which require football boots. As boots are not required frequently, many pupils do not own football boots.

If you have any old football boots (all sizes) we would be grateful if you would donate them to the school, indicating the size if possible.

Reminder: House Cross Country on Wednesday 18th December

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

Key Stage 1 and Foundation Races 09:15-10:30

Pupils in Key Stage 1 are invited to represent their House in our Year 1 Boys' race, Year 1 Girls' race, Year 2 Boys' race and Year 2 Girls' race. The distance of the race will vary depending upon their age.

Pupils within Foundation will be invited to take part in 'Rudolph's Run!'.

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.

Clothing and Equipment

In order to ensure a prompt start, all pupils (Foundation, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2) should arrive at school wearing their running kit and bring their school uniform, including school shoes, in a bag.

Your child will need: A full water bottle, trainers, PE clothing suitable for running and warm clothing (including a coat, hat and gloves) for wearing watching the other races.

Pupils must not wear any items of jewellery for the event.

Mr Lee

School Clubs

A reminder to parents that there are no clubs next week. New sign up sheets for clubs in the Spring term 2014 will be sent home the first week of term 2014.

Lunch Bunch Cafe Dinner numbers for week commencing 02/12/2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Average
87	100	115	67	127	99
Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100

The first week back after the Christmas break we will be on week one of the menu choice.

Community News

Buddlings @ Budleigh Salterton Library

The Christmas party is going to be on Wednesday 18th December from 3:30 until 4:45pm.

PANTO FOR WARM WISH

Budleigh Salterton Carnival Club will be kindly donating the profits from their pantomime **Jack and the Beanstalk** to our Warm Wish Appeal. They have had the same group of performers back for six years and they always deliver a humorous and entertaining, family friendly show.

**SAT 11th JAN, PUBLIC HALL, DOORS AND BAR OPEN 6:30pm
and PERFORMANCE starts at 7:30pm**

Adults: £10 Children/OAPs: £8

Tickets are available in the playground on Tuesday and Thursdays after school. Also from BS Public Hall or Julie on 442067. Please come along have fun and help raise money for the new swimming pool cover.

Budleigh Library News

Father Christmas has now delivered one of his special post boxes to Budleigh Salterton Library. Every letter posted up until the 21st December will receive a reply.

Here's a reminder of the library opening times:

Monday: 9.30 - 6.00pm

Tuesday: closed

Wednesday: 9.30 - 1.00pm

Thursday: 9.30 - 5.30pm

Friday: 9.30 - 1.00pm

Saturday: 9.30 - 1.00pm

Don't forget to write your name (including surname) and age on your letter so that Father Christmas knows who he is writing to! We look forward to seeing you in the library soon.

