ST PETER'S CHURCH SCHOOL Moor Lane, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6QF Telephone 01395 443167

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Spring Term 2013

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Wednesday 23 rd January	Parent Forum at 7pm in the staff room				
Friday 25 th January	SPSA Second Hand Uniform sale at 3.15pm				
Tuesday 29 th January	Resources Governors Meeting at 7pm				
Tuesday 5 th February	Teaching and Learning Governors Meeting at 7pm				
Sunday 10 th February	Family Service at St. Peter's Church at 10am				
Monday 11 th February	Bags2school collection 9am-1.00pm				
Friday 15 th February	SPSA Coffee Morning 9am-10.am in the School Hall				
Friday 15 th February	SPSA Bake sale 3.15pm				
Monday 18 th February to Friday 22 nd February -	Half Term				
Friday 1st March	SPSA Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.15pm				
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day				
Thursday 7 th March	Parents E Safety Session led by South West Grid for Learning				
	5.30-7.00pm				
Thursday 7 th March	SPSA meeting at 8.00pm				
Sunday 10 th March	Family Service at St. Peter's Church at 10am				
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents Evening from 4-7pm				
Thursday 21 st March	Parents Evening from 4-7pm				
Friday 22 nd March	SPSA Chocolate Easter Bingo at 6.30pm				
Monday 25 th March	Whole School Cross Country				
Tuesday 26 th March	Resources Governors Meeting at 7pm				
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Church Service at 10am				
Thursday 28 th March	SPSA Second Hand Uniform Sale at 3.15pm				
Thursday 28 th March	End of Spring Term				
Thursday 28 th March	SPSA Bake Sale at 3.15pm				
Sunday 14 th April	Family Service at St. Peter's Church at 10am Collective Worship Forgiveness				

Dear Parent /Carers,

At last the snow has fallen much to the delight of the children especially those who have been on a 'Bear Hunt' making their experience one to remember.

What happens if we have a prolonged snow fall?

As Headteacher I have to make a risk assessment of the situation early in the morning as I need to ensure that the children will be safe once they are at school. Frequently schools close

because there is inadequate members of staff available to ensure safety. At St Peter's with the exception of one teacher and myself none are resident in Budleigh Salterton with them living in Exeter and across East Devon. Most classroom support personnel though either live locally or in Exmouth. We have a few local, known supply teachers to call upon. Should I need to recommend school closure this must be ratified by the Chairman of Governors.

Parents will be notified of school closure or the need to collect their children from school in 3 ways which are by the school web-site, texting and through Radio Devon. A morning decision should have been made by 8am at the latest. I need add that I would only close the school if conditions were grave.

Appearance of St Peter's Children

Thank you to everyone for their support with school uniform. In the main our children are appropriately uniformed but I am seeing quite a few fashion accessories occurring in Years 5 and 6 since Christmas and a disregard to the way the uniform is worn. I am sending to you a polite reminder as to why the school requires uniform and I should appreciate your support in reinforcing appropriate dress.

School Uniform Reminder

School Uniform at St Peter's should:

- *promote a sense of pride in the school in line with our ethos.
- *engender a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- *support positive behaviour and discipline.
- *be practical and smart.
- *identify the children with the school and encourage identity with the school.
- *prevent children from coming to school in fashion or 'designer' label clothes that could be distracting in class or create a sense of competition.
- *make children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and help nurture cohesion between different groups of pupils; is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents.
- *be designed with health and safety in mind.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in our school. Neither do we allow children to wear trainers to or in school; this is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list unless it is playtime or PE.

Hair

All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart and ready for school. Hair must be tied up in PE. In swimming, we request that all children wear a swimming cap. Hair cuts must be appropriate, practical and smart to promote a sense of pride in line with the school ethos and a feeling of equality amongst the children. It has come to our attention that some of the children are deviating away from the school uniform (particularly in Upper Key Stage 2). We would be really grateful if you could ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform as laid out in our prospectus st-peters-school.org.uk/OurSchool/Prospectus for the reasons stated above. Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated. If you wish to view the full version

of the school uniform policy please refer to the following link <u>www.st-peters-school.org.uk/Policies</u>

Reminder

Any child who has been sick should be regarded as infectious and kept away from school until vomiting or any diarrhoea has stopped for at least 48 hours i.e. if a child has been sent home from school please keep them home for the next day.

Monkey Bars

Children must not go on the monkey bars before the start of the school day. Please can you ensure that your child does not go on them at this time. Children are allowed on the monkey bars at breaktimes (on the day that their teacher is on duty) so do have an opportunity to go on them during the week. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Please label lunch boxes

It would be very helpful if every lunch bag was labelled with your child's name as there are many of the same design and manufacture which leads to children picking up the wrong bag and in some cases eating the wrong food.

Online Safety for Parents

There is a very useful CD Rom on Online Safety available for parents. It can be viewed by following the link below.

http://www.childnet.com/kia/parents/cd/

Parent Forum- Tonight (23rd January) at 7pm

Just a reminder that we are having a Parent Forum meeting in the Staff Room tonight at 7pm. Hopefully all our representatives can make it.

Lunch Bunch Cafe

Lunch Numbers week commencing 14/01/2013

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Average
Actual	83	85	100	79	120	93.4
Target	100	100	100	100	100	100

- Remember Burns biscuits next Friday 25th January. Celebrate at break time with a traditional Scottish shortbread available from the Tuck Trolley for 40p.
- Chinese New Year dinner on Monday 11th February. Book for a family lunch. Tickets available from the School Office, please purchase before Wednesday the 5th February 2013. Spaces are limited so book early. £2.00 for a child dinner and £3.00 for an adult dinner.

How do I qualify for Free School Meals?

For more information call this helpline number 08451551019. Application forms for free school meals are in the main entrance foyer.

If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to Free School Meals for a four week period only, please call us on 0845 155 1019 for advice.

Community News

Devon League Event Level C 27th January 2013 Peak Hill, Mutters Moor and Bulverton Hill,



Location: SY109 873

Parking: The event parking is at Peak Hill car park on the west of Sidmouth. Follow B3176 Station Road to sea front and turn right. Continue to top of hill.

Times: Registration is on the day from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm. Please fill in a registration form and proceed to registration.

Start: 10.30am to 12.30pm, close to car park. Courses close at 2.30pm.

Courses: Level C: Yellow, Orange, Light Green, Short Green, Green, Blue,

Cost: £5 adults, £1 juniors. SI Card Hire £1; Lost card £30.

Terrain: Mostly wooded with variable runability and some open including some intricate contour detail and glorious coastal views.

Map: 1:10,000 printed on waterproof paper. New and extended map, 2012.

Safety: Whistles and full leg cover are compulsory. Waterproof jackets may be advised in bad weather. Competitors take part at their own risk.

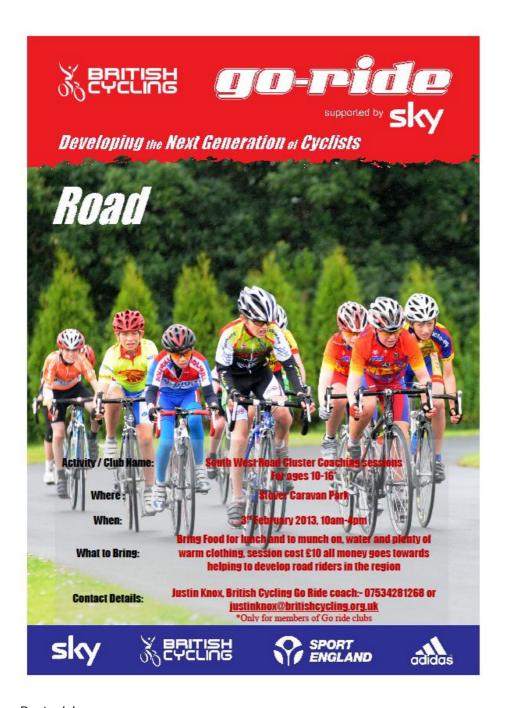
Cancellation: In the event of severe weather conditions being forecast, the event may be cancelled at short notice.
Ring the Organiser (up to 10pm) or email to find out.

Facilities: Public toilets at Connaught Gardens opposite Manor Road Car Park on approach to Peak Hill.

Dogs: On lead.

Officials
Organiser: Liz Bramley 01395 519799 (before 9.30pm)
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John and Ben Chesters
Controller: Dave Bramley

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Best wishes Mr Malcolm Elliott Headteacher

