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Spring Term Academic Year 2014

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Thursday 13 th February	Messy Church - The Peter Hall, Budleigh.
Friday 14 th February	British Heart Foundation - Whole School Skipping/Dodgeball
Friday 14 th February	SPSA Coffee morning 9.00am to 10.00am in the school hall
Friday 14 th February	SPSA Cake Sale - 3.30pm in the playground
Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM
Thursday 27 th February	Year 3 Roman Day
Start of term	Monday 24 th February
Wednesday 5 th March	FSU Family Fun Day Out
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st	National Science and Engineering Week

Collective Worship

Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5v16

Dear Parent/Carer

Well, another busy term seems to have flown by in a sometimes literal whirlwind of activities, learning, fun and achievement. I'm sure we are now looking forward to a well earned rest over the half-term week, teachers and pupils alike, ready to return refreshed and invigorated for the exciting challenges and learning ahead in the next term.

Mrs Broad

Foundation News

Follow the overwhelming success of St. Peter's 'Early Literacy' event last year, the St. Peter's Foundation Stage Unit staff hosted an 'Early Numeracy' evening for parents on Thursday the 6th February. This event was open to both parents of children attending the school and members of the open public who have children aged from 3-5. The event ran from 7.15pm - 8.30pm was again extremely well attended with over 44 people making the effort to brave the weather! Parents and Carers had the opportunity to see how children progress through mathematics from Nursery to the end of the Reception Year. They saw how children record in mathematics, the language they are introduced to at each stage and why doing it through play is so important. Some of the parents' comments on the evening were "Another excellent session! I came away with lots of ideas of how to 'play' with my son mathematically! The tips on computer programmes, games, books and the ideas on how to 'trick' them into learning through play were

invaluable!" another parent commented. "A really great evening, presented really well and made really interesting. I enjoyed the practical tasks and trying out some of the ideas that the children may do." another parent said "A brilliant session with a lovely informal feel to it. This was a great overview of Early Maths and we were given excellent ideas and booklets to go away with. Well prepared and presented. I liked splitting into the different age groups to find out more."

Look out for more of these evenings from the Early Years staff at St Peter's School by checking our website www.st-peters-school.org.uk



Motor Mechanics in FSU

Exmouth Community College Auto Motor Mechanic students visited the children at St Peter's Foundation Stage Unit on Thursday February 6th. The children learnt about the protective clothing a mechanic has to wear and saw how strong the steel toe boots are when a heavy tyre was put on them! The student mechanics explained how to look after a car; checking the oil with a dip stick and wiping off with kitchen paper; putting in screen wash; checking tyre pressures and taking the car to a garage for the MOT. The children learnt the names of the tools a car mechanic uses and pretended to use them, with the help of the mechanics, on both toy cars and one that the children had made themselves. This wonderful real life experience has motivated the children to really engage in amazing imaginative play in our role play garage.





Online Reading Resource

Website recommendation from one of our parents. There is a free online reading resource called 'Oxford Owl'. It offers 250 free online titles for children to read or to have read to them. These ebooks are all tablet friendly too. All you need to do is log on to the site at <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>, and then set up an account using your own password. Please let us know any feedback on these resources or any other websites that you have found useful in order to pass these on to other parents. Many thanks, Mrs Broad.

Please can parents return toys cars that belong to our Nursery - we seem to be missing quite a few.

Mrs Broad

British Hearth Foundation Fundraising Friday 14th February

Since the letter was sent I have been advised by the British Heart Foundation that any Reception or KS1 child who raises more than £50 will be given a digital skipping rope (which will be sent by the British Heart Foundation once all sponsorship money has been collected). Additionally, any KS2 child who raises more than £50 will be given a dodgeball (which will be sent by the British Heart Foundation once all sponsorship money has been collected).

All pupils who participate in the event will receive a certificate from the British Heart Foundation.

All your sponsorship money needs to be paid by cheque made payable to 'British Heart Foundation'. We would like to submit all sponsorship cheques to the British Heart Foundation on Monday 3rd March 2014.

Mr Lee

Lunch Bunch Cafe

Dinner numbers for week commencing 27/01/2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Average
87	102	117	76	138	104
Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100

Please note that the week after half term we will be on week 1 of the menu.



Cinnamon Valentine biscuits available at break time on Friday 14th February, 40p each.

Catering Manager

SPSA News

Bags2School

Please bring in your Bags2School filled on Tuesday 25th February. By getting involved in you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys. We will receive £500 per tonne or £0.50/kg which will be a great boost for our fund-raising. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. We do not accept: - Duvets, bedding, household linen - Pillows and cushions - Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats) - Curtains - Towels - Soiled or wet clothing - School uniform - Corporate clothing and workwear - Shredded or mutilated textile material - Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Coffee Morning - This Friday 14th February - School Hall - 9am - 10am

Come in out of the wind and rain and join us in the school hall this Friday February 14th! You will be welcomed with a cuppa, biscuit and a friendly face! Open to all and including little ones.

Bake Sale - Friday 14th February - The Stage on the Playground from 3.30pm

Please buy one of our wonderful cakes from the outdoor stage on the playground.

SPSA Meeting - Thursday 13th - School Staff Room - 19:30

SPSA meeting this Thursday 19:30 in the school staff room. The meeting is open to all parents of St Peter's Primary School. If you would like to become more involved then please speak with Donna Hitchcock or e-mail - donnahitchy@gmail.com, Lorraine Ralph -

lorrainefullam@hotmail.com or Ruth Cheeseman on ruthcheesman@rocketmail.com.
Thank you for your continued support.

Community News

HALF TERM ACTIVITY - OTTERTON MILL HOSTS NATURE DAY WITH THE RSPB

East Devon's Otterton Mill is hosting a Nature Day with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), on Friday 21st February during half term week. The event will feature a range of nature-based activities for all ages, including fun stuff for kids. The day is designed for anyone interested in learning more about the amazing array of wildlife found in Devon's gardens, countryside and seas.

Nature lovers should look for the RSPB stand in the Mill's main car-park. Entry and participation in the activities is free.

Throughout the day, there will be a series of guided nature walks setting off from the Mill, and following the path along the River Otter. RSPB experts and volunteers will on hand offering advice and information on local wildlife, as well as running a range of children's activities. Anyone wishing to join the RSPB as a member can also do so on the day.

Mill co-owner Caroline Spiller said: "Otterton Mill has a long-standing partnership with the RSPB and hosts regular RSPB days throughout the year. We're delighted to support the work of Europe's largest conservation charity, and help our visitors connect with the incredible array of wildlife within Devon and especially the Otter Valley".

The guided walks will leave the Mill at 11am, 12am, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm, and will last approximately 30 to 40 minutes. There is no need to book. Anyone interested in taking part should just turn up at the RSPB stand 5 minutes before the walk commences.



**IT'S THIS THURSDAY
13TH FEBRUARY
IN THE PETER HALL
BUDLEIGH
SALTERTON**

STARTS 3.30 PM

GIVE IT A TRY!

LOVE

