



## Newsletter 05



### Autumn Term

#### Dates for the Diary 2012-13

<b>Autumn Term 2012</b>	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October to Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Active Budleigh Festival <a href="http://activebudleigh.co.uk">http://activebudleigh.co.uk</a> )
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Messy Church 3.30pm Peter Hall
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Family Service at St. Peter's Church at 11am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Teaching and Learning Governors Meeting at 7pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery (F1 only) Learning Journey Jamboree Week (Parent Drop in sessions)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents' Evening from 4-6pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening from 4-7pm
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Y2 Trip to Bygones in Torquay
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1 Trip to Bygones in Torquay
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Family Service at St. Peter's Church
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Non Pupil Day</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 SATS Parent meeting 6pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Stocklands Cross Country
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Letters and Sounds Tea Party 7-8pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November - 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Nursery Family Fun Day to the Donkey Sanctuary
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Forum 7.00pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Full Governors Meeting 7pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	SPSA Christmas Fayre

**Collective Worship**  
*Harvest - Sharing and giving thanks*

Dear Parents / Carers

As the start of this year continues to go quickly we are rapidly approaching the week of Parent's Evenings. A letter will be sent home shortly explaining the dates and times and as ever we urge you to do your utmost to attend. Year 5 had an excellent time at Escot and behaved very well. Thank you to the staff that gave up their time. I should like to congratulate the SPSA on a tremendous Centenary Ball on Saturday. Everyone had a brilliant time and lots of money was raised for the school. As we continue to try and raise the number of children partaking in school meals, please find a report from Juliette, our school cook, within this newsletter. Harvest is a busy time in school and one in which we consider things we often take for granted. I hope we are able to donate food to the community on Friday and have a good attendance at Family Service at 11am on Sunday.

**Parent forum** - Last Thursday the Parent Forum met to discuss school meals with our school cook. Lots of ideas and feedback were given about improving the service further. Last year's school improvement plan was evaluated and the new school improvement plan shared with parents. Parent Forum is always an excellent discussion and a valuable tool in ensuring the school is meeting the needs of Parents and children. The minutes will be displayed on the school website in due course. The next Parent Forum will be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and all parents are welcome to attend and join the discussion.

**New parent governor** - We are delighted to announce that Jim Eaton-Terry has been duly elected to be a parent governor.

**Harvest** - As is tradition at St. Peter's we shall again be donating food to St. Peter's Church for them to distribute to sheltered housing around the Budleigh area. This is a great way of us giving back to the community and displaying the Christian value of charity and sharing. Please can suitable donations be taken to your child's classroom on Friday morning where they will be collected and taken to church for distribution. Last year we had wonderful amount of contributions and I'm sure we can do the same again this year.

**Harvest family service** - There is a family service at St. Peter's Church **this Sunday at 11am** followed by a bring and share lunch in the Peter Hall. We would love as many children as possible to attend as we sing our Harvest Time song in the church. The St. Peter's Community Choir will also be performing a harvest song.

**Bikes and scooters** - Another reminder about bikes and scooters please. This week a parent was cut on their leg by a pedal because a child was not being observant whilst moving their bike. Also, 3 scooters have not been collected for over a week now. If they are still left at school on Friday then they shall be removed.

**Social Networking Sites** - As I am sure you are all aware, no child at primary school age is of the age allowed to access and use any social networking sites. Children using sites such as Facebook at Primary school age often cause no end of issues around cyber bullying. We ask you to please support us in this matter. If you have any questions about this please see Mr Perkins or Mrs Lewis.

### **Calling all parents!**

Devon County Council are asking parents to tell them what age children you have and how many hours of childcare you require a week, so they can make sure there are enough childcare places for everyone.

If you are a parent please help by completing the simple 5 minute online survey even if you do not need any childcare. The survey can be found at [www.devon.gov.uk/childcaresurvey2012](http://www.devon.gov.uk/childcaresurvey2012).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Early Years and Childcare team on 0800 056 36 66 or [childcareinfo@devon.gov.uk](mailto:childcareinfo@devon.gov.uk)

### **Year 5 Escot Residential**

With a focus on team building, fun and creating happy memories, Year 5's Camp Wild experience at Escot last Thursday and Friday certainly didn't disappoint! Action-packed from the start and spirits not dampened by the typical British weather, Year 5 were a credit to our school and a pleasure to camp with.

Team building activities on both days made interesting viewing as natural leaders and team players really shone.

Fears overcome on the drop slide (including Miss Kitchen's!) maze madness by torch light at dusk and toasted marshmallows around the camp fire with Will our Camp Wild instructor, were just a few of Day One's highlights.

In bed, lights out and silence (well almost, apart from a fair few torch light treks to the toilets- thank you Mrs Lewis and Mr Thomas), 31 worn out and happy Year 5's were happy campers in their bunk beds.

On Day Two the children really enjoyed the delicious breakfast, creating their own campfires, building dens and we must not to forget the swamp walking which was amazing before returning to school after a really exhausting but fun two days away.

Well done Year 5 for an excellent residential.

### **Go Ride Cyclocross**

Five pupils from St. Peter's Primary School took part in the Go Ride Cyclocross event at Stover School on Sunday 7th October.



Charlie Levi won the Under 12's category race and Jack Crowhurst came second in the same category.

Whilst the race was longer than normal, pupils had a great time and are now looking forward to the next races on Sunday 4th November (Ashburton) and Sunday 25th November (Ottery St. Mary). Letters have been given to members of our Monday and Tuesday night Go Ride Clubs, but all pupils are invited to participate in these races. Please see Mr Lee if you would like further details.

Thank you to all parents for their support with transport.



### **Foundation News**

Last week the Foundation Unit had two come and play sessions for parents to come and explore a range of indoor and outdoor activities and find out how playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking form the foundations for learning through play. Getting messy in the gloop, building tall towers with construction and sipping tea in the home corner were just some of the many of activities the children and parents enjoyed together.

### **The Big Budleigh Ball**

The Centenary Ball was a fabulous success, great venue, great food, great music, and an all round great night enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to all who supported with the organisation, preparation and clearing up of the event and to all those who attended, especially those who donated prizes and to those who gave generously in the silent auction. We are pleased to say that we have made a provisional profit of £3109.15 for the evening. This figure is still set to rise. Roll on BBB 2014!

### **SPSA 100 Club**

Thank you to all who have joined the 2012/13 100 Club. We have had plenty of entries but there are still some spaces left, so if you would still like to take part, please complete one of the forms (available in the foyer) and pass it with the payment to the office or to Lorraine Ralph. The lucky winners for the October draw are Mike Covell, Andrea Crook and Trevor Skelley.

### **Second hand uniform**

We have decided to make second hand uniform available at the end of the school day on the last Friday of every month in the Music Room (during term time). If you have any school uniform which you wish to donate (especially jumpers, which we cannot get enough of), please can you leave them in the box in the foyer (clean please!). Thank you for your support.

### **Christmas Fayre**

Before you groan, please note the date for your dairy, Friday 30 November. If anyone is interested in having a table on the night, please see Trudie Burne or Kate Harrison. Please note it is £10 per table plus a prize to be donated to the raffle. Thank you.

## Jon Maxwell-Batten Workshop



The educational psychologist for our school, Jon Maxwell-Batten, has been studying children who can be challenging at home but who behave well at school

He is keen to share with us the benefit of his knowledge and will be running a workshop at school on Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>, repeating it 4 times.

If you are interested in hearing more about this and how parents can help their child's learning and behaviour, do return the slip below to indicate when the best time for you would be.

*Reply slip can be found at the end of the newsletter.*

### What's Cooking? A Kitchen Update

A big thank you to everyone attending the Parent's Forum last week. It was enjoyable and informative to discuss the future plans for our school kitchen. When the school decided to run our kitchen independently, last April, our target was to serve an average of 100 lunches a day. I am pleased to report that so far we have **increased our meal numbers by over 30% year on year** with a current weekly average of 85 meals a day. We now need to increase the average number of meals served daily by just 15 to meet our target. From a school of 260 pupils this is achievable. The weekly meal figures are published in the newsletter every week so you can see our progress. **The school's decision to keep the kitchen running is dependent on reaching this target.**

In order to reduce our purchasing costs I will be changing one of our main suppliers after half term. We will be using a local company who can offer a range of products suitable for schools. This will allow us to introduce several healthy new products on the menu next half term. One new product is the **Kara new high fibre bun** which provides 3.2g of fibre. Primary aged children should be eating 4.2 grams of fibre daily so we hope this will help! New on the tuck trolley, at morning break, will be the new **Kelloggs Nutrigrain** bars. These have been manufactured to meet the School Food Trust requirements for Healthy schools. They provide children with a tasty treat, without excess fat or sugar plus nutritional benefits. These will be available alongside the usual selection of fruit and drinks.

Sara and I will be working on the new menu over the next week or so. If you have any suggestions please do pop into the kitchen. We are always pleased to see parents and ready to discuss any special requirements your children may have. It is always best to speak to us directly and useful to put a name to a face! If your child has an allergy or is on a restricted diet we can meet their needs and already cater for several children with specific requirements so please do feel free to come in and have a chat.

One suggestion at the Parent's Forum was that we could run a **Cookery Club** after school. If you have a child that would be interested in attending or would like to volunteer to help out please let me know.

Finally, as we are now your independent kitchen, we need a new name. I would like to invite all of you, parents and children, to enter your suggestions into the **Kitchen Name** box in the dining hall. Add your own name and the winner will be cutting the ribbon to announce our new kitchen name at an event in the near future!

Thank you for all your support over our first two terms. It is fantastic that more of you are buying school meals for your children. I hope a few more of you will give us a try, perhaps for our next special menu on Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> to mark Bonfire Night? The menu will be Hot Dogs with Potato Wedges and Beans followed by Starburst Iced Ginger biscuits!

The school kitchen is an important part of our school community, enabling children to eat and socialise together. We will, as usual, be hosting Christmas dinners where families can all eat together in school. I look forward to seeing many of you for lunch this Christmas.

**Juliette Smith,**  
**Kitchen Manager.**

**School Dinners** -numbers of school dinners last week.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Average
Actual meals taken	89	63	104	66	103	85
School's meals target	100	100	100	100	100	100

*Children from Y5 were out on a residential trip Thursday and Friday of this week.*

## Community News



### **The first Active Budleigh Festival is nearly here! 11-15 October 2012**

46 events and activities for you and your family to take part in or simply watch, enjoy and be inspired! All events are listed on the website

[www.activebudleigh.co.uk](http://www.activebudleigh.co.uk)

Best wishes

David Perkins, Deputy Headteacher

### **Reply Slip**

I am interested to hear what Mr. Maxwell-Batten has to say on 25/10/12. I would prefer to attend the following session(s): (please circle) 1-2 pm 2-3pm 3-4pm 4-5pm (free selection of refreshments available ☺)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_





Dear Parents

**WARM WISH BRICK SCHEME**

The Warm Wish Group raise funds towards the improvement of the facilities of St Peters School swimming pool. Our school is very fortunate to have this valuable resource in which many of the children learn to swim and improve their swimming skills before they leave. However, this resource brings with it many expenses and it is for this reason that the Warm Wish Group like to contribute funds to make the pool environment attractive and appealing for the children to use.

In the past we have given families the opportunity to buy an engraved brick and become part of the school's history. You may well have seen the many bricks we have sold mounted on either side of the entrance to the pool area.

We would like to offer families once again the opportunity to buy a brick which will be mounted alongside the existing ones. Each brick will have room for up to 25 characters and will be engraved in a clear black font. You may have several names on one brick, up to this total, or buy more than one brick and have them mounted next to each other, on special request. **(Please make sure that this is indicated on the application form).**

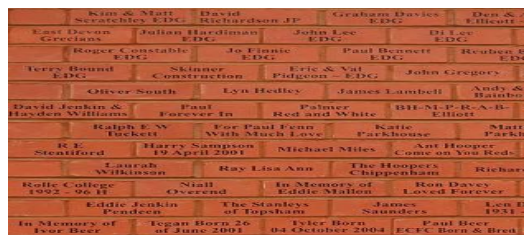
The cost of each engraved and mounted brick will be £25 and is open to all pupils, parents, grandparents and other family members.

Not only will your names be on display for all to see for many years to come, but you will have contributed towards the Warm Wish funds to raise money for the improvement of the swimming pool facilities. We are hoping for some improvements to take place at the end of this year's swimming season, ready for the start of the new season early next year.

If you would like to buy a brick please complete the application overleaf and return, with payment, (cheques to be made payable to Warm Wish Group) in an envelope to the school office.

If you have any queries please feel free to email the warm wish group at : [warmwishgroup@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:warmwishgroup@yahoo.co.uk)

The closing date for applications is **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October**



Example of the brick scheme.

**Be part of the School's History!**

**Many thanks for your support  
From the Warm Wish Group**



**WARM WISH BRICK SCHEME  
APPLICATION FORM 2012**

NAME:  
CHILD'S NAME:  
CHILD'S CLASS:  
CONTACT NUMBER:

**Please write one character per box. Please note that any spaces are counted as one character.**

**Brick One**


**Brick Two**


**Brick Three**


**Brick Four**


SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ( ie. Brick three next to brick two)

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I enclose payment of £..... for .....brick/s  
(Cheques made payable to Warm Wish please)

**PLEASE SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY  
FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Thank you for your support