



Newsletter 14



Autumn Term Academic Year 2013

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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
Friday 10 th January 2014	School Cross Country Event

Collective Worship
2 Corinthians 6v6 We prove ourselves
by our purity, our understanding, our
patience, our kindness and by our
sincere love.

Dear Parent/Carer

I feel very privileged that it has fallen to me to write the last newsletter of the term and indeed of 2013. I feel very proud of the school as I write. It is a pride that comes not from an Ofsted report or SATs data, but from seeing a happy school community engaged in a broad range of valuable and rewarding pursuits at this lovely time of year. Since the SPSA Christmas Fayre three weeks ago we have had a steady stream of excellent events in and out of school, in which the children have both gained wonderful experiences and represented themselves and the school brilliantly through their behaviour. Events like these really show the importance of the 'school triangle' - Hard work, passion and dedication of staff (and volunteers), good will and support of parents and most importantly the enjoyment and engagement of the children. I would like to congratulate all sides of the triangle for making this festive period at St Peter's so enjoyable.

2013 has been an eventful year. I won't list everything that has happened, but we were pleased the school got the recognition it deserves in Ofsted and are pleased with the performance results the school has achieved. 2014 looks to be a very important year for St Peter's; a new science garden and solar panels on the roof and indeed even a new Headteacher will mean that we could have a very different school this time next year. In the midst of this uncertainty, one thing I know for sure is that if the three sides of that triangle above stay as strong as they are, St Peter's will continue to move forward in leaps and bounds in the new year.

Christmas dinners: I would like to congratulate the kitchen and office staff for their efforts last week and indeed parents for your support, spirit and good humour. We had

536 Christmas dinners in 3 days (70 more than last year) and the feedback was very positive. A special mention to Y6 who helped make the dinners run smoothly.

Whoops-a-Daisy Angel: KS1 and Reception put on a wonderful nativity performance last Thursday. Well done to all involved and a special nod to the costume department as ever!



KS2 + Ensembles concert: KS2 also did a fantastic job in the church on Monday. I know I am heavily biased, but I do think the quality of performance was very high for a primary school. Judging by tweets and comments from parents, I am not alone in this view. Lots of people worked very, very hard and I thank them for their effort and support. I hope to be able to put videos and photos on website and out via twitter soon.



British Heart Foundation: At KS1 Nativity and KS2 concert a collection was made for our Christmas charity the British Heart Foundation. I am delighted to tell you that we raised £399.49 for this good cause. Thank you so much for your contributions.

Y5/6 Football: Well done to all the children who represented the school against Broadclyst (a school twice the size of ours) last week. A 4-0 win for the girls and a 2-2 draw for the boys. Special mention to Tiegan who scored all 4 goals for the girls!!

Swimmers with Paralympian David Hill: Some Y5/6 swimmers along with those from Raleigh Federation had a wonderful opportunity to train with paralympic swimmer David Hill at the swimming pool at St Luke's in Exeter last week and represented the school very well.

Y6 Tag Rugby: Thanks to the Exeter Chiefs Academy squad for running the event against Newton Poppleford yesterday. Our teams were very successful.

Christmas Church Service tomorrow: Tomorrow is our service at St Peter's church at 9:30am. We would love for you to join us. Please see your class teacher if you can help us walk to and from church. We will be leaving shortly after registration at 9.00am.

Next term dates: Please be advised that Monday 6th January is a non pupil day and children return to school on Tuesday 7th January. Clubs will start the week beginning 13th January. A list will come home on Wednesday 8th.

Mr Perkins

Premier Football

This Thursday is the last session for football coaching this year. Premier Football will start again on the 16th January 2014

Foundation, KS1 and KS2 Cross Country - Friday 10th January

The Cross Country event has been rescheduled for Friday 10th January. 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 a 'New Year's Resolution Run' which will take place at 10:15.

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.

Further details will follow in the New Year.

Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 17th December, pupils from Year 6 represented St Peter's Church of England Primary School in a Tag Rugby Tournament against Newton Poppleford Primary School.

Pupils have been developing their evasion skills, communication, passing and tactical awareness with students from the Exeter Chiefs Academy based at Bicton College. The improvement made by all pupils has been outstanding.

Hopefully, we will be able to arrange some more Tag rugby fixtures for the new year.



Boys' Football

On Wednesday 11th December, thirteen Year 6 pupils represented St Peter's Church of England Primary in a football friendly against Broadclyst Primary School.

The determination, communication and commitment shown by all pupils was excellent.

The game ended 2-2.

Players of the match were Will White and our star goalkeeper Rhys McGauley.

Girls' Football

On Wednesday 11th December, seven Year 5 and Year 6 pupils represented St Peter's Church of England Primary in a football friendly against Broadclyst Primary School.

It was great to see the girls working as a team and supporting each other throughout the game. Our opponents are very keen for a rematch.

The game ended with a 4-0 victory.

Players of the match were Tiegan Gibbins and our star goalkeeper Isabelle Williams.



Mr Lee

Lunch Bunch Cafe Dinner numbers for week commencing 16/12/2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Average
87	171	171	194	130	151
Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100	Target 100

Thank you all for making Christmas Dinners 2013 our best ever!

Have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Juliette and Sara (our kitchen staff).

Lost shoes

A pair of black Clarks girls laced shoes went missing after the girls football tournament last week. Please can parents check P.E bags. If you do find them please return to the school office.

SPSA News

Bag2School Collection in February

Following the success from the previous Bag2School collection we have organised another textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the SPSA. By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, 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, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). We will receive £500 per tonne or £0.50/kg which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. Further information will be sent out after the Christmas holidays and will be scheduled to take place in February. Thank you to everyone for supporting us this year and Merry Christmas.

DON'T MISS THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

AT



Thursday 19th December

**TEMPLE METHODIST
CHURCH and HALL**



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.



Christmas Stories under the tree on Monday 23rd December
3.30pm to 4.00pm at Budleigh Library.

Come in pj's and bring your teddy, and stay for a festive snack afterwards

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.

