



Autumn Term 2011

Events Diary

Thursday December 1st - FSU Learning Jamboree
Friday 2nd December - Budleigh Late Night Shopping
Monday 5th December - Age Concern 2pm choir to Public Hall
Tuesday 6th December - Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 7th December - Christmas Dinner
Thursday 8th December - Christmas Dinner
Thursday 8th December - 10.00am - 11.00am KS1 Christmas Performance, St Peter's Church
Thursday 8th December - Budleigh Ladies choir, Methodist church (ukulele, drummers, choir)
Thursday 8th December - Messy Church
Saturday 10th December - Breakfast With Santa 9.30am - 11am - at Peter Hall
Sunday 11th December - Family Service at St Peter's Church
Monday 12th December - 10.30 - 11.00am choir singing at Budleigh Hospital
Monday 12th December - Xmas concert rehearsal - pm
Monday 12th December - KS2 Christmas Performance 7pm, St Peter's Church
Tuesday 13th December - Choir - Age Concern - 2pm
Friday 16th December - End of Term

Tomorrow, Thursday 1st December, Mr Charlie Francis from **the NSPCC** will be coming back to St Peter's to collect the sponsor money from the children who will need to put their contribution in **the NSPCC** box in the

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Many congratulations to the SPSA for a wonderful **Christmas Fayre** held last Friday that was superbly organised by Trudie Burne and Kate Harrison who were very well supported by the strong SPSA committee. The profit was approximately £1400 due to the generosity of families who came and spent their money. Everyone was thrilled with the excellent response

We now look forward to this coming Friday when the school will participate in the **Late Night Christmas Shopping** event. Responses so far have been encouraging and we have over a hundred children taking part. It is not too late to join us, complete the form at the end of the letter.



St Peters School Christmas Fayre - Fri 25th November

The atmosphere was amazing at St Peters School on Friday, as it hosted its traditional Christmas Fayre. People turned out in their hundreds to support the school, and enjoyed a variety of stalls for shopping and fun.

The café was busy all evening serving homemade soup and potato wedges, with intervals to listen to the School Choir. There was a variety of games, manned by some past and present pupils, and some teachers kindly gave their time to help in this area too. Messy Church and Creation Station provided some imaginative craft for the children to get stuck into. One of the most popular areas was Father Christmas' Grotto, the man in red and his elves were kept very busy all evening, chatting to over 100 children about their Christmas wishes.

The main organisers, Trudie Burne and Kate Harrison of the SPSA (St Peters School Association) would like to thank everyone who supported this event; the stall holders, the volunteers and the visitors, which enabled the SPSA to raise **over £1400** for the school and it's children. "It is really great to see that when we open the doors of the School for an event like this, the community are really keen to support us, it highlights that the school is at the heart of our community, and we hope to continue to see more new faces

at future events." Said Kate Harrison on behalf of SPSA.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to the 78 parents that have completed a **questionnaire** about the school, your opinions are valued by the governors and the leadership of the school which help us to gauge levels of satisfaction and to address areas of concern. If we don't know we can't grow. I should be grateful if all responses could be returned by **Friday 2nd December**. Questionnaires available from the web-site <http://www.st-peters-school.org.uk/LettersArchive> and in the office. I shall let you know the outcome next week when the returns have been processed and analysed.



KS2 Christmas Concert

In a change from previous years, the Christmas Performance for KS2 children will be in the evening of **Monday 12th December in St Peters Church, Budleigh Salterton** to provide a special and memorable event.

The Concert will **begin at 7pm and KS2 children and Choir members will need to be brought to the Peter Hall (behind the church) for 6:45 pm and be in school uniform.**

The concert will feature small performances from each class as well as songs from the school Choir and band, Christmas Carols, Musical ensembles and a gymnastic performance - finishing with some whole school songs to teach the parents! The reasons for the change are to:

- Allow the older children in the school to perform a concert as a special event.
- Develop links with the church community
- Include as many children as possible to be seen by as many parents as possible
- Allow opportunities to perform for those who have worked hard in extra curricular groups.
- Provide some contrast and progression from the Nativity style performance in KS1

We do recognise and understand that this could mean a late evening for some children but we they are participating at a very special occasion.

I really hope lots of you can join us for this performance as well as bringing friends and family.

Although, I cannot say for certain, **I would expect the performance to finish around 8pm**. Children will enter and leave the concert and therefore all children will need to be collected by an adult from the Peter Hall.

Please catch Mr Perkins on the playground if you have any questions.



Christmas hats & jam jar lanterns - This Friday - Late Night Shopping procession from the Public Hall - meet by 5.45pm

If your child/children will be joining us for the procession, please bring with them an **empty clean jam jar** with the label taken off, with some kind of homemade handle on it to use as a lantern (please note, this handle needs to be long enough so that the heat of the candle is not too much, too close, for their hands) - if you do not have a tea-light candle, the SPSA will provide this at the hall. Also, if you are still in need of a **Christmas hat**, the SPSA will bring some along for £1 each on the night. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 5/Year 6 Boys Football

On 24th November, nine pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 represented our school in an away fixture against Otterton Church of England Primary School in the Devon Primary School Football League. Despite a disastrous start which resulted in a 2-0 deficit, good communication between players and great determination brought the score back to 2-2 at half time. In the second half, the team controlled the game and our defensive unit looked much stronger. The final result was Otterton Church of England Primary School 2 - St Peter's Church of England Primary School 4. Scorers: Matt Garnett (3) and

Charlie Mears (1). Well done!

Year 2/Year 3 Boys Football

On Monday 5th December we will be playing a 'friendly' seven-a-side football match against Otterton Church of England Primary School. This is an away fixture and kick off is scheduled for 3:30pm due to the light conditions.

If your child would like to represent our school, and is able to attend the forthcoming fixture, we are having a skills session/team selection session from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on Friday 2nd December. Please accept our apologies for the short notice of this skills session/practice match, but the fixture was only confirmed on the evening of 28th November.

Our school field is being used for a Year 5 and Year 6 girls football match on Friday so we will need to use the playground. Your child will need trainers (football boots will be needed for the match), football socks, shorts, t-shirt and a full water bottle. Warm clothing is also recommended.

If your child would like to attend the skills session/proactive match please ask your teacher for a letter and return the reply slip. Please be aware that we will be asking parents to assist with transport to and from Otterton FC (Stantyway Playing Field).

Forthcoming Football Fixtures

2nd December: Key Stage 2 Girls football match against Marpool Primary School. This is a home fixture and kick off is scheduled for 3:30pm

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Football Boots

Miss Kilburn would be really grateful of any unwanted football boots particularly size 11-5. If you do have any you can leave them in the box in the school foyer or hand them to Miss Kilburn in the playground.

KS2 Netball Practice - Cancelled

For the following two weeks (including this week) there is no Netball after school on Thursday, instead there is Gym Practice for KS2.



I have pleasure in letting you know of this month's awards. There are more than usual as it covers a 5 week period. The Headteacher's awards are for exceptional attainment, progress and effort.

Headteacher awards for exceptional effort and for high standards in learning and behaviour - November, 2011

Name	Year	Reasons for award
Molly Turner	1	For her high level independent writing attainment in her story booklet.
Molly Turner *	1	For exceptional effort with her Home-learning in Mathematics resulting in a progress towards their understanding of number patterns within calculation.
Abigail Rose	1	For exceptional effort with her Home-learning in Mathematics resulting in a progress towards their understanding of number patterns within calculation.
Georgia Curtis	1	For exceptional effort with their Home-learning in Mathematics resulting in a progress towards their understanding of number patterns within calculation.

Eva Cassidy	1	For her high level independent writing attainment in her story booklet.
Cerys Morgan	1	Very well produced half term diary showing excellent presentation skills for age and well constructed sentences.
Carly Cox	2	For outstanding attainment in Gymnastics over the half term resulting in exceptional standards.
Chloe Annan	2	For exceptional effort in Gymnastics over the half term resulting in good progress.
Baxter Williams	2	For exceptional effort in Gymnastics over the half term resulting in good progress.
George Moger-Taylor	2	For exceptional effort with Home-learning especially with Mathematics where the learning was extended by parent support (beginning of algebraic pattern)
George Moger-Taylor *	2	For exceptional mathematics attainment for age – able to round up and down to the nearest 10 applying 3 digit numbers.
Alex James **	2	For exceptional mathematics attainment for age – able to round up and down to the nearest 10 applying 3 digit numbers.
Jade Mitchell	2	For exceptional effort with Home-learning especially with Mathematics task.
Ryan Horne	3	For exceptional attainment in unguided writing. Very good use of descriptive language in writing that created a dramatic atmosphere to a story opening.
Harry Yolland	4	For exceptional effort in writing tasks over the first half term resulting in good progress.
Rory Craib	4	For exceptional effort with independent mathematical home-learning showing initiative and a real interest.
Rory Craib*	4	For exceptional effort in preparation for the Roman day. Rory researched independently Roman soldiers and presented his learning through a slide show on a computer.
Rory Craib **	4	For demonstrating a logical approach to solving a mathematical challenge with determination and was able to explain his thinking clearly to Mr Elliott.
Amber Sturgeon	4	For exceptional effort with Mathematics class learning. Amber has understood the concept of perimeter of regular shapes and calculates this accurately.
Bechan Wills Dixon*	4	For exceptional effort with Mathematics and continuing the learning at Home independently explaining her ideas with exceptional clarity.
Bechan Wills Dixon**	4	For an exceptional piece of creative verse in which she defines Science creatively.
Emily Rose	5	For demonstrating in Guided mathematics clear explanations using mathematical language her understanding of multiples when making comparisons of fractions.
Lukas White	5	Very good progress in Mathematics made with understanding of place value of 4 and 5 digit numbers and then applying this to problem solving in project.
Evie Kilburn Thompson*	5	For high quality in art where she created an imaginary landscape in water-colours.
Bethany Page	5	For a superb week's learning in Mathematics resulting in excellent progress with her understanding of Fractions.
Theo Burne* Joseph Blyth Ben Lightfoot Page*	5	For high quality long story writing reflecting the style of Michael Morpurgo. The stories demonstrated strong story lines and sound structure.
Thomas Hartnell	6	Exceptional attitude to his project work over 3 days and working with others collaboratively and supportively resulting in quality outcomes.
Nathan Pym *	6	For excellently written letters (that show good and appropriate

Lauren Brewster* Hollie Allway Ben Shiel* Jay Hill Katie Brindley** Hayden Saxton Hope Evans** Thomas Blackham		structure) to pen-pals at the Brayton Junior School, Selby, North Yorkshire
Jay Hill* Hayden Saxton**	6	For consistently, demonstrating high standards of presentation in writing and showing that they have a consistent, cursive (joined style) of hand-writing and are ready for a pen.

* denotes second Headteacher

** denotes third Headteacher award resulting in a special certificate from the Headteacher

Star of the week awarded by the class teacher

Week ending	Name and Class	Reason for Award given by class teacher
21 st October	Freddie Squire Class 3CH	Freddie is an excellent role model to his peers. He is always ready to learn and he perseveres even when he is struggling with something new. He is a kind and well mannered member of the class and he tackles everything with a smile.
4 th November	Jon Dobel Class 4 CT	John is a reliable class member with excellent attitudes. He is inquisitive about learning and frequently develops interests independently at home. He also engages well in the lessons showing commitment and making a strong contribution in 4CT which is much appreciated by everyone.
11 th November	Tia Donovan Class 5VD	Tia always tries hard in every lesson and Home Learning. Tia is making considerable progress above and beyond what is expected. Tia is willing to do additional work at home.
18 th November	Ruby Humphries Class 6PL	Since returning from the London residential, Ruby has been a very focussed learner, particularly in Mathematics. During lessons, Ruby has actively sought to share her ideas, challenged herself, been a good work partner and shown increasing maturity without losing her infectious spirit. Well done Ruby!

Malcolm Elliott

Acting Headteacher

Return slip to confirm that my child will participate in the procession in Budleigh Salterton's Late Night Christmas Shopping event on Friday 2nd December (approximate time - 5.30pm – 7pm)

Name of child

Class

Number of adults who will accompany child in the possession.-----

Signature of parent/ carer-----

Please return slip to box on the piano in the Hall by Monday 28th November.