



## Newsletter 39



### Summer Term 2011

#### Events Diary

Leavers' Service- Thursday 21st July at 10.30am

End of Term- Friday 22nd July

Autumn Term Starts Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will obviously be the last newsletter of this academic year. I should like to take the opportunity to wish you all a happy summer holiday with the children. I cannot believe that my first term has past so quickly. It has been very rewarding and enjoyable. The encouragement that Mr Perkins and I have received has been tremendous and we thank you for this. The return date is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Staff News

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Lewis, last week, had a baby boy and they are both doing very well.

Ms Catherine Kilburn will also be officially part of our staff team from September. As many of you know Ms Kilburn whose main job is Sports lead teacher and co-ordinator for the South Dartmoor learning community regularly uses her expertise in a voluntary capacity to enhance the PE provision of our school. She will be working with the school for one day per week and along with the new PE subject leader Mr Sidaway Lee will raise the profile of sport in the school which is one of the key areas for improvement over the coming school year. Research tells us that there is a strong correlation amongst pupils who engage in sports they have better self esteem which in turn impacts on stronger academic achievement and personal well-being.

#### Draft Home-learning Policy

Many thanks for your responses which were extremely positive about the proposed changes. With the first newsletter in September the amended policy will be sent out again and we shall be asking you to sign your agreement.



#### Chess Tournament

Five young pupils represented our school last Friday in an informal match with pupils from Drakes School. Our children have only been learning to play chess this term with teacher Kevin Hurst. I am pleased to report that the matches ended with a draw. Kevin hopes to expand on numbers learning to play in the new term. It is an excellent game that develops the ability to think logically and strategically.

#### Music Concert

I should like to congratulate Mr Perkins, school choir and musicians who took part in last evening's concert. It gave me great pleasure to see so many children perform and enjoy themselves. Music making is also another learning experience that helps children to develop self esteem and a sense of well being. I hope to see more children benefitting from choir and instrumental learning next year.

#### Exercise Books

Children will be bringing home this year's finished exercise books. The class teacher may be asking some families to return them in September. This is at my request as it is anticipated the school will have an inspection next term and the inspectors may need to have access to some of last academic year's learning.

#### Year 2 National Assessments

The following table shows how well the children have done in their learning of the core subjects. – Writing, Reading and Mathematics. The Local authority and OfSTED use this data to make judgements about how well a school is achieving.

The table shows a summary of the National Curriculum assessment results of pupils in the school (2011) and nationally (2010) at the end of key Stage 1 as a percentage of those eligible for assessment. The number of eligible children is 30. Figures may not total 100 per cent because of rounding.

		Level w	Level 1	Level 2c	Level 2b	Level 2a	Level 3
<b>Reading</b>	School	0	17	0	20	43	20
	National	3	12	12	23	28	26
<b>Writing</b>	School	3	23	10	40	17	7
	National	4	15	21	28	20	12
<b>Mathematics</b>	School	3	7	20	27	33	10
	National	2	9	16	26	26	20

Level w represents children working towards level 1 but who have not achieved the standards needed for level 1. Their attainment is well below age related standard.

Level 1 represents children working below age related standards.

Level 2c, 2b, 2a represents children working at age related standards.

Level 2c shows pupils who are less secure in the age related standard.

Level 2b represents pupils with secure standards at this level.

Level 2a shows good attainment at the age-related level.

Level 3 represents children who are attaining higher than the expected level for their age.

### **Mathematics Workshop at St Peter's for Parents**

Mrs Harrison, the school mathematics subject leader is to organise a workshop for parents on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 5-6pm. The school is to focus on mathematics in the coming year to further raise attainment. We are advertising this event early to allow families to share and organise child care arrangements. More information will follow in early September.

### **Big Toddle**

Well done and huge thank you to all the Nursery Children who took part in the Big Toddle. Thank you to parents, family and friends who helped to raise £200 for Dr Barnardo's and £60 for St Peter's Foundation Stage Unit.

### **School Uniform**

Mrs England will be in school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 12-3pm in the school hall to sell school uniform ready for the start of the new term.

### **School Uniform Requirements (*Uniform is optional in Nursery*)**

St. Peter's bottle green sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan

White Polo Shirt or white shirt long or short sleeved

Black or grey trousers (boys and girls)

Black or grey knee length skirt

Black/grey socks (boys)

Knee length white or black socks for girls (black tights can be worn)

Black or brown shoes no trainers.

St. Peter's green book bags

PE Kit – Black shorts and St. Peter's emerald green t-shirt and a P.E bag

Swimming hat

**Please make sure that all clothing is labelled clearly.**

### **Gymnastics**

Gym Club will be on Thursday morning this week from 8.00am.

### **Burgers**

We have unwanted frozen burgers from the Year 6 leavers BBQ. If anyone is interested please see Bel Woodthorpe. £5.00 for the lot (40 in a box).

### **SPSA Update**

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all pupils, parents, families and friends for all the support for the various events that have taken place throughout the last year. We are busy planning a series of events again for next year and

look forward to your continued support.

### **Second Hand School Uniform**

Following the success of the second hand clothes stall at the summer fete, we are going to be collecting unwanted uniforms through-out the year and selling them at coffee mornings and other events through the year. If you have any clothes you would like to donate (clean please!), please can you leave them in the marked box by the main school door.



### **Coffee Mornings**

We have planned a series of coffee mornings next year, so dates for your diary (all Fridays); 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012.

### **100 Club**

We will be starting a 100 club starting in October. This gives you the opportunity to support the SPSA with a minimum of effort and a good chance of winning a monthly prize. Club members will pay £12 per year to be entered into a monthly draw for prizes of £25, £15, and £10 (the number of prizes of each value depends on the number of Club members). The draw is on the first Tuesday of each month and the winners are contacted immediately. About 50% of the 100 Club's income will be paid out as prizes. Keep an eye out for your letter in September.

Lastly, our next SPSA meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 8pm. As ever new members are always welcome, although we really do need someone to take on secretary duties!! Any support you can give is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!



### **STAR OF THE WEEK**

Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Class	Reason
<b>R</b> - Danny W	Danny is someone who has grown in confidence. Danny shares his ideas and uses his own ideas in choosing time. Danny is a delightful member of the class.
<b>R/Y1</b> - Annabel M	Annabel is our star this week. Annabel did a fantastic story of Grace Darling.
<b>Year 1/2</b> - Chloe A  - Maddie K	Chloe has made me very proud she tries her hardest in all she does. Chloe is kind to her friend's, Chloe is the first to ask if they are ok. This week Chloe did great, great swimming. Chloe is always beautifully behaved.  Maddie has been busy with her writing this week and has really blossomed. Maddie's story contained fantastic describing words and when she read it out to the whole class she read it out with great expression.
<b>Year 2</b> - Zach M	Zach is our star for making great progress with decisions and making the right choices. This week Zach represented the school in a chess tournament.
<b>Year 3</b> - Jasmine H	I am very proud of Jasmine. On Monday she was so incredibly brave, no tears or fuss when she hurt her toe. Jasmine has been a joy to teach this year.
<b>Year 4</b> - Jasmine C	Jasmine has done some excellent work in maths this week. Jasmine has also worked really hard on her riddles not only at school but at home as well.
<b>Year 5</b> - Ben S	Our Star of the week goes to a child in the class who, like last week's stars, sets a very good example in his attitude to work and behaviour. Ben has been a pleasure to teach and I'm sure will make an excellent Year 6. Ben is very calm and gets on with his work with no fuss at all.
<b>Year 6</b> - Whole Y6 Class	Every single person in Year 6 is Star's of the Week. They all stood up and received a big clap from the whole school. Good luck in all you do for the future.

## Music Project Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July



Mr Malcolm Elliott

Acting Headteacher

## WARM WISH BRICK SCHEME



For those of you who are new to the school or don't know about Warm Wish, the Group is made up of parents, swim coaches and other interested parties to raise funds which go towards improving the swimming pool facilities at St. Peter's Primary School, Budleigh Salterton. The two main areas of Warm Wish fundraising are pool parties and the brick wall.

Whilst walking through the playground or attending swimming in the school pool you may have seen the bricks that are mounted either side of the pool entrance. These bricks have been bought by current pupils, past pupils and local organisations in the town. Via the Warm Wish Brick Wall, we give anyone the opportunity to be part of the school's history.

We are now planning the third phase of bricks and are giving those who have not already had the opportunity to buy a brick, to do so.

Each brick will have room for 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. The cost of each engraved and mounted brick will be £25.00 for a personal/charity brick and £35.00 for a business brick. All proceeds from the sale of the bricks will go the Warm Wish Fund to enhance the swimming pool and surrounding area.

If you would like to purchase a brick, would you please make contact with the school office or with Julie Cotton to register your interest. Julie can be contacted on 442496 or email on [WarmWishGroup@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:WarmWishGroup@yahoo.co.uk). Our next order will be placed during September 2011 so please make us aware of your interest before that date.