



Autumn Term 2011

Events Diary

Sunday 25th September - Harvest Festival St Peter's Church
Wednesday 28th September - FSU - No Pen Wednesday
5th October - KS1 Trip to Penny well Farm
Thursday 6th October - FSU Come & Play Day
Sunday 9th October - Family Church Service - Theme - Invitations 9.30am
Thursday 13th - Messy Church
Friday 21st October - SPSA Coffee Morning
Wednesday 28th September - FSU No Pen Day
Monday 24th - Friday 28th October Half-Term
Monday 31st October - Inset Day
Monday 31st October - Year 5 & 6 London Trip
Thursday 10th November - Messy Church
Sunday 13th November - Family Service - Remembrance Service
Tuesday 29th November - FSU Learning Jamboree
Thursday 8th December - Messy Church
Sunday 11th December - Family Service at St Peter's Church
Friday 16th December - End of Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Service at church this Sunday (25th) will commence at 11 am and not at 9.30am as stated. We hope to see as many families there as possible. We have been asked to sing a harvest song as part of the service. Harvest gifts should be bought to the classroom on Friday morning. We have been asked not to give marrows and other fresh items. The Church has sent a suggested list of items which might prove helpful.

Harvest Festival 'Most Wanted List'

Sugar, coffee, orange squash, cereals, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, tinned fruit, rice pudding, tinned/powdered custard, gravy powder, shaving foam, disposable razors, men's shower gel, shampoo, men's roll -on deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, anti-bac hand soap, washing up liquid, scourers/sponges/j-cloth, washing powder, dishwasher tablets, dry and tinned foods.

Award system 2011 - 12

I shall be discussing the school award system with the School Council this coming week but at the moment the star of the week awards are not being used. This is partly due to changes to the collective worship organisation and secondly to differing opinion about the value of the award.

In the meantime the following has been implemented. At the end of each month in the newsletter, children who have received the Head Teacher's award will be published. This will be awarded to children who have made an exceptional effort with their learning.

Furthermore, as it is a time when we are leading up to the Olympic Games 2012 focus is being given to the 7 values of the Olympic and Paralympic organisation which are Excellence, Friendship, Respect, Courage, Determination, Inspiration and Equality.

These values are being used as a focus for our collective worship and strongly linked to the Christian ideal. After half term children who show they are able to demonstrate a value will be awarded an Olympic certificate signed by Lord Coe.

Time keeping

This is a polite reminder. Children need to be in the playground for 8.55pm when the start of the school day officially begins. Our aim is to have registration completed by 9am when the first lesson starts. If there is a delay of 5 minutes every day, this has a negative impact in children losing 25minutes of learning a week. Thank you for your support in getting your child to school on time.

Retirement Gift

The Governors and School would like to mark the retirement of Mrs Roberts with a short informal ceremony at school on the morning (9 – 9.30am), Wednesday 19th October. It is hoped that as many parents as possible might be able to stay. We shall be collecting for a gift and families might like to make a contribution towards a present. This should be sent it in an envelope marked clearly with **Retirement gift and the family name**. It can be given to me in the playground in the mornings or handed in at the office.

Menu Change

KS1 are out on a school trip, Wednesday 5th October. Lasagne will be the choice for Wednesday and Roast Pork will be on Thursday 6th October.

Tour of Britain

Some of our Year 6 attended the schools Tour of Britain events. All the children who represented us did so with credit to the school and their families, they also enjoyed the afternoon.



FSU - No Pen Wednesday 28th September

A chance for parents of F1 and F2 to come and to see why speaking and listening are so important as the first stages of communication, reading and writing. We will be showing all the activities and games you can play before your child even thinks about picking up a pen!

This will be between 9 – 10.30 and/or 2 – 3.30 (3pm for F1)

SPSA 100 Club

Thank you to all those who have returned their applications. We are well on our way but there are still plenty of places left, so if you are interested please dig out your application form and return it in the envelope provided. The deadline for entry is 30 September 2011.

Packed Lunch Guidelines



The School Food Trust has produced some information and advice on healthier packed lunches. [Research](#) carried out by the Trust suggests that the nutritional quality of school dinners are benefiting from the introduction of [the food-based standards](#) and [the nutrient-based standards](#) for school food. These improvements are not reflected in the nutritional quality of packed lunches.

Overall aim of the guidelines:

To encourage a happier and calmer population of children and young people.

To ensure that all packed lunches brought from home and consumed in school (or on school trips) provide the pupil with healthy and nutritious food that is similar to food served in schools, which is now regulated by national standards

Packed lunches should include:

- at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day.
- meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus, peanut butter and falafel) every day
- oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks.
- a starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other type of cereals every day.
- dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard everyday
- **Please do not include Babybel cheese in the red wax package. These stick to the floor in the hall and are extremely difficult to remove!**
- only water, still or sparkling, fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies.
- Water is available at school, other options need to be sent from home.

Second hand school uniform

We have had a number of donations in the last few weeks. Thank you! Ms Kilburn has asked if we can extend the request to include football boots! If you have any clothes or football boots you would like to donate (clean please!), please can you leave them in the marked box by the main school door.

School Vacancy

Play Leader Post – (temporary).

£6.63 - £7.64 per hour (depending on experience)

Play Leader required for Monday and Friday lunchtimes. 11.55am – 1.15pm.

Please apply by application form, available from the school office or download from St. Peter's Website

www.st-peters-school.org.uk

Closing date: 23/09/2011 at 12.00 noon.



Devon

Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception Year and Year 6

Please see attached letter.

Mr Malcolm Elliott

Acting Headteacher



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The NHS needs to have a good understanding of how children are growing across the country so that the best possible health services can be provided for them. As a result, every year all children in England in Reception Year and Year 6 have their height and weight checked. This important programme is now in its seventh year.

Your child's class will be taking part in this year's measurement programme. Measurements will be supervised by trained staff from NHS Devon and taken in a private area away from other pupils. Children who take part will be asked to remove their shoes and coats and will be weighed in normal indoor clothing.

Routine data, such as your child's name, sex, address, postcode, ethnicity and date of birth will also be collected. This information will then be used within the NHS to help us understand and plan services for children in Devon.

The records of children's heights and weights will be made anonymous before being submitted for analysis at a national level, but may be stored locally on child health records.

All information and results will be treated confidentially. No child's height or weight will be given to school staff or other children.

We encourage you to request your child's results following the measurement. If you would like to receive the results, please complete Form 1 overleaf and **return to NHS Devon**.

Further details regarding the programme are provided in the enclosed leaflet. If you wish to feedback any comments, compliments or complaints on the service provided by the trained staff please contact aimee.skerratt@nhs.net (01392 267762).

Opting your child out of the programme

If you are happy for your child to be weighed and measured, **you do not need to do anything**. If you do not wish your child to take part, please complete Form 2 overleaf and **return to the school**. Children will not be made to participate if they do not wish.

Yours faithfully

Dr Virginia Pearson
Joint Executive Director of Public Health
NHS Devon/Devon County Council

FORM 1:

Receiving your child's results

If you **would like to receive** your child's results please complete this form and return it to NHS Devon at the address on this form.

Requesting your child's results

I wish to receive my child's results.

Child's name: _____ Child's date of birth: _____

Child's school: _____ Parent's/Carer's name: _____

Home address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to: Weighing and Measuring, Public Health Department,
NHS Devon, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QL

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FORM 2:

Opting your child out of being weighed and measured

If you **do not wish your child to participate**, please complete this form and return it to your school.

Opt-out slip

I do not wish my child to be weighed and measured for the National Child Measurement Programme.

Child's name: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____

Child's school: _____

Parent's/carer's name: _____

Parent's/carer's signature: _____

Please return to: School attended by your child