

So Lockdown Two begins. We are really aware of the difficulties that this might bring to our community, so I want to start by stating the three priorities we have as a school over these next few months:

- 1) Looking after our children
- 2) Looking out for each other
- 3) Education.

No matter what happens, we are going to do everything we can to get everyone through this. Our dedicated staff are up for the challenge of **balancing the emotional and academic needs of your children**. We continue to flex our curriculum to allow time for emotional care and nurture, and also for focussed curriculum work and catch up.

Everyone has been affected by the course of the pandemic in the last nine months, and we are meeting the needs of your children in lots of ways. We are just about to start a programme of catch up for some pupils, and Mrs Cawthera has been given more time to help support the emotional needs of pupils and families.

**We are also here to help you.** Let us know if you are struggling and we will do our best to support you. Don't forget to use the Budleigh COVID support group - <https://www.budleighsupport.co.uk/> A really wide range of people have accessed support so far, so please do feel that you can pick up the phone and get what you need: advice, deliveries, financial support, or directing to services.

We are going to use the last week of term for '**Christmas Cracker' week**. The whole week is going to be devoted to having fun, spreading the Christmas message, and doing things a bit differently. More info on that very soon! There won't be any nativity productions or services in the normal way this year - but we will be doing something for you all. We appreciate that Christmas is going to be much harder on everyone. We are going to share some ideas for how you can do Christmas on a budget. I will also be speaking to the children to make sure their expectations are realistic.....

We are trying to **carry on with as many things as normal**. Swimming is going to continue, and so will the before and after school clubs (including Killer: she's back!). Don't forget that it is **non-uniform on Wednesday** for Remembrance. We ask pupils to wear something red, or get faces painted, in exchange for any donation towards the Poppy Appeal. Don't worry if you can't give anything this year. Please still come in non-uniform. Club uniforms are welcomed too (i.e. Brownies or Cubs). We will be holding an online service at 11am, with a minute's silence. There will not be a memorial service this year or any church event.

Lastly, a big thank you to our community cafes over half term. **The Gingerbread House, Wesley's Cafe and Granny Gothards**, all provided free school meals. It proved to be really popular - showing us that families really do need help right now.



To the left we have some stunning coral reef models finished by Ash class.

To the right we have Beech class watching the planets orbit the Sun (Lorelei). *The watermelon is Jupiter. Harry is Saturn (Melon) and is further away. Phoebe is in the background, right up by the football post. Don't know if you can see her.....she's Uranus. Charlotte was Neptune and was in the hedge!*



### **In today's newsletter:**

- Small notices
- Budleigh Library news
- Learn to teach with DPSCITT
- Admission policy consultation

### **Small notices**

- **DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS**
  - The school gates and hatched lines are not for dropping off. Please find a proper parking space. Dropping around the corner near Moormead is a better idea. *I would rather your child is late than you parking illegally.*
  - At pick up, please do not wait outside of the school gates. Either come and wait on the playground with everyone else, or arrange a collection point further away from the gates to meet your child. This is to avoid any congestion.
  - Please wear a face covering unless you are exempt.
- Don't forget - **PTA AGM** Thurs 12th Nov 20:00. An email link to the meeting has been sent around. We are looking for a new committee - so please consider stepping forwards!
- **Parents evening** will be online this term. I will send out instructions over the next few days.
- We are still working on the **class photos** - more details soon.
- **Overdue library books:** Ms Atkins has checked all over the school and is now satisfied there are no more to be found. So if you have an overdue notice and you can't find the book at home, you will need to replace it ASAP please.
- Small, but important reminder - our excellent Senior Administrator, **Siobhan Trapnell**, is moving on to pastures new. She has been at the school for 16 years so we will miss her hugely.
  - I am compiling a book of memories for her. If you have anything nice to say, please email me so I can add your thoughts: [head@sps1.org.uk](mailto:head@sps1.org.uk)
  - There will be a collection if anyone would like to contribute to her leaving a gift or send in a card.

## **School meals - IMPORTANT FROM MON 9th NOVEMBER**

**Due to shielding measures, for the duration of this lockdown, we will only be able to provide school dinners to children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and those children in other year groups who qualify for free school meals.**

Therefore, if you normally pay for a school dinner, you will have to provide your child with a packed lunch.

I am really sorry that we have to do this, but you will understand that things are very tricky right now. We will resume full service as soon as possible.

The menu will also need to change - it can be viewed on the website here -

<https://www.st-peters-school.org.uk/parents/menus/>

## **Budleigh Salterton Library Update**

Budleigh Salterton Library is currently closed for browsing. However, we are still offering a book collection service. If you are interested in making an appointment to collect some books, please get in touch to find out how it works. You can also order books online for delivery to our library. Take a look at the Devon Libraries website to find out more details. The good news is that we are currently offering free reservations for everyone!

It is worth noting as well that we are offering a delivery service for those who cannot leave their homes at the moment.

Please don't hesitate to contact us. We always do our best to help everyone with their reading requirements!

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[www.devonlibraries.org.uk](http://www.devonlibraries.org.uk)

[facebook.com/BudleighSaltertonLibrary](https://facebook.com/BudleighSaltertonLibrary)

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## Have you considered teaching?

We have helped people just like you start a successful career as a Primary Teacher.

Find out more about our course by joining us at our open evenings (5.00-6.30pm):

Friday 27th November : **Exeter**

Monday 30th November : **Ivybridge**

Wednesday 9th December : **Barnstaple**

**Book your place now at: [www.dpscitt.ac.uk](http://www.dpscitt.ac.uk)**



## **DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS**

### Drop offs

- One parent only. Any gate.
  - Nursery - 9am (at the Nursery gates)
  - 08:45 - Cedar, Sycamore and Cherry
  - 08:55 - Willow, Rowan and Chestnut
  - 09:05 - Beech, Ash and Oak

### Pick ups

- One way system: Enter via Moor Lane gate - Exit via the Green Gates.
- Wait on a blue dot in the playground.
  - 15:00 - Nursery
  - 15:15 - Cedar, Sycamore and Cherry
  - 15:25 - Willow, Rowan and Chestnut
  - 15:35 - Beech, Oak and Ash

## **What's going on soon?**

### **Term dates:**

<https://www.st-peters-school.org.uk/parents/term-dates/>

### **PTA AGM**

Thurs 12th Nov 20:00

**Mufti day** - Wed 11th November for Remembrance Day

### **NON PUPIL DAY**

Monday 23rd Nov

### **Parents meetings**

Wb Monday 23rd Nov

**Last day of term, school closes at 1.30pm Friday 18th Dec**

### **New term starts**

Tues 5th Jan

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## **Consultation on our Admissions policy for 2022-23**

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2022-23. We are consulting on this between 1 November and 8 January and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish. You will see where there are changes, the text is in red – either something we propose to add or, if it has a line through it, something we propose to remove.

One of the proposals is to add children who have been adopted from state care outside of England to our oversubscription criterion 1. This is in anticipation that the Department for Education will require this change for all schools as it has just consulted on changes to the School Admissions Code. It is possible that the Department's timescales may mean that the Code is not amended before the end of February, when we have to formally set our policy. If that is the case, we may have to determine our policy without that change and then alter it later in spring or summer. We are bringing it to your attention though as a change in policy that we expect to have to introduce.

Other than changes in red and dates moving forward a year, the way our policy will work is the same as in the previous year, 2021-22 which you can also see below.

If you have any comments, you can make them to Devon County Council which is co-ordinating the consultation. Further information is at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements). You will be able to view the proposed policies for all state-funded schools in Devon and the Local Authorities policies there too.

The consultation ends on 8 January and all policies must be determined by 28 February and published in the same places by 15 March.