



18th March 2021

## Spring 2021 newsletter 8

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's the end of the second week of everyone returning to school, and I am so pleased how well it has gone. The children have settled down really well - they have loved seeing each other! We're getting back into excellent routines already, with the teachers giving the children time and flexibility to get used to school again. The learning is already progressing again.

The Community Challenge has now raised an amazing £8,000 and counting. Every effort counts - here are some highlights:

- Lucia (year 3) running 5km a day!
- Oscar and Isla skipping a half marathon!
- Rudi (Reception) cycling 50km over 5 weeks!
- Seb (year 3) baking 100 cupcakes in one day!
- Alex (year 6) for raising nearly £1k already.

It's not too late to join or contribute. <https://www.stpetersfundraising.com/>

- I am only £60 short of my total. I've done six sea swims now - and the last two times my arms went so numb I couldn't swim anymore!

Edward, Sean, Alfie, Riley, Ruben & Henry have been involved in a Lockdown challenge with their Brixington Blues U7 team mates. They were challenged to do a least 5 miles a week of exercise and between them all they have done significantly more, a team total of over 1,300 miles! The Willow boys' contribution was 457 miles, well over the 5 mile weekly target. Nice work lads.

Well done to Alfie and Riley who won Year 1/Year 2 Devon School Library Service 'Toilet Roll Book Character' competition (for the whole of Devon). They are pictured below with the books which were given to St Peter's as part of the prize. Nice work boys!

### 200 club winners

Congratulations to:

1. Reg Broome £53.50
2. Andrew Nelligan £32.10
3. Mrs J Wood £21.40

### In today's newsletter:

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## Pickups - three notices

1. Please remember there is a **one-way system in place** at pick up that applies to all parents. You can not wait by the gates for your child to come out to you, and you must only enter by the Moor Lane gate (by the library). This is an essential control measure for COVID.
2. It has also been noted that some cars have been leaving their engines idling when they're waiting to pick-up/drop-off. Some of our parents have a serious lung condition, so standing next to diesel fumes every morning and evening is damaging their lungs. Please could you consider switching engines off.
3. After school last week, some younger children were reported playing and climbing on the graves in the burial ground opposite the school. This is incredibly dangerous, and disrespectful. Please keep a close eye.

## Easy Fundraising - please support the PTA

Don't forget you can easily raise money for the PTA each time you shop, including on Amazon! Just a few clicks and you can help us out.

- There is <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> - choose [St Peter's Budleigh PTA](#)
- And <https://org.amazon.co.uk/>

## Easter Sunflowers!

### Bicycles and Scooters

As a school, we are keen to encourage 'Active Travel' to and from school. The physical health, wellbeing and environmental benefits of walking, scooting, skateboarding, roller skating or cycling to school are significant.

At present, we are taking a precautionary approach, keeping pods apart to the very best of our ability, and we do not want to relax our risk management procedures too soon. The bike storage area can become a very congested area. However, **from Monday 19th April (after Easter)**, assuming that cases and hospitalisations maintain the downward trend and remain low, pupils will be permitted to store their scooters and bicycles etc in our dedicated storage areas.

As many of you will be aware, we currently have a Portaloo located near the bike storage area. We had to locate the Portaloo to allow access for regular servicing - it wasn't our first choice of location. Unfortunately, this does reduce our covered bike storage capacity slightly, so we would like to politely request that all children who bring scooters/skateboards to school please store them in the uncovered area.

### What's happening with residential?

We still need approval from the government and County Council to go on all trips, but I am very optimistic that we will be able to take year 4 and 5 to Escot, and Year 6 to London.

- **Year 4 and 5 Escot.** Parents should have received a letter regarding this residential. I have spoken to the pupils about the trip. If you want to watch my information film and share it with them again, please watch it here - <https://youtu.be/NtLc9esouFg>. If any pupils have worries or concerns about going, please let me know. We try to ensure all pupils attend, and we have lots of strategies to support children with any worries. A final letter for the trip, including the kit list, will be sent home after the Easter holidays.
  - *Final payments are due by the end of April. Please let me know now if you think you might struggle with this deadline.*



- **Year 6 London.** A letter regarding this trip will also come home after the Easter holidays. Because this involves a trip to the capital, we will want to be assured that there is a low level of COVID risk.

## **Clothing for Multi-Sports (Monday) and Multi-Skills (Thursday) Clubs**

If your child is in Rowan or Chestnut and attends Multi-Sports (hosted by Mr Patchett) on a Monday, then they have permission to wear sporting suitable clothing, e.g. shorts/joggers/leggings etc, with a school jumper on top. This will then eliminate the need to get changed before the club.

If your child is in Cherry or Willow and attends Multi-Skills (hosted by Ms Betty) on a Thursday, then they have permission to wear sporting suitable clothing, e.g. shorts/joggers/leggings etc, with a school jumper on top. This will then eliminate the need to get changed before the club.

Please can you ensure that your child brings a healthy snack and a full water bottle to each club session.

## WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY?



### Have you considered teaching?

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**Tuesday 23rd March**  
**Wednesday 28th April**  
**Tuesday 25th May**

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