



## Autumn newsletter 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

So that brings us to the end of half term. I'm really pleased with how everyone has performed and progressed so far. It's not been easy with lots of COVID and other illnesses going around. I hope you all get some downtime over the next week.

We said goodbye to Mrs Suzanne Evans this week. She has been such a valued member of the team, and really fantastic with the reception pupils. We wish her all the best in the future. We have several new members of staff joining the team, and offer them a warm welcome. Mrs Michaela Jones is replacing Mrs Evans, and we also have Ms Katie Taylor, Mrs Angela Beggs and Ms Nadine Smallridge joining our lunchtime staff.



A shout out to some of our super runners. Archie - he's started doing the Parkrun in Exmouth - like so many of you have:

- If you don't know about it, see here - lots of school staff and pupils go every Saturday at 9am - <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/exmouth/>
- Cross Country will soon be starting in school for KS2 :)

And what a great time Archie - 34 mins is faster than most adults for 5km! And he smiled for the whole race. And well done to Maisie, Tilly and Daisy who did an inflatable 5k in Exeter - sounds like fun!

And a special shout out to Isla in year one who has racked up a streak of over 1500 stars on Doodle maths - amazing dedication!

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### Small notices

- **Sycamore Class is after some toy donations for their pet shop role play.** If anyone has any cuddly pets that would like a new home we would be very grateful.

- **Nativity costumes needed.** If you have a costume that you can donate to us, please send it in a bag, which we will quarantine before use. We haven't had donations yet - so please see what you can find!!
- **Clubs for Key Stage 1:** We have made the decision to focus sport clubs on Key Stage 2 in the second half of Autumn term as the light hours and temperatures decrease. There will be at least one sports club for Year 1 and Year 2 in Spring Term, which will probably take place in the School Hall as the light and temperatures will remain low.
- Can anyone volunteer one lunchtime a week to run a **Pokemon club**? The school council has requested this. It will be used as a safe way to play and trade Pokemon cards, which they are all so into at the moment!
- **Term dates** for 2022-2023 have been published [here](#).
- The Eco champions are having a **second hand toy/book** sale at the Christmas Fayre. If you have a clear-out over half term, please save and bring to reception.

## St Peter's Terracycle Recycling - do you know?

It's wonderful we can now recycle some of those tricky items but it's really important the correct recycling is included. Please visit the Eco School page on the school's website to download & print posters of all the Terracycle programmes or one comprehensive list. Thank you for your support. <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/about-us/eco-school/>

## Focus on.....nursery



We've loved being able to welcome parents to stay and play again in Nursery this week and the children have clearly been delighted to have their parents join in with their play. Things are getting very autumnal and lots of pumpkin pies, cakes, cookies and soups have been created in our mud kitchen. Pumpkins have also been painted, washed, drilled and even used as babies! Exploring autumn leaves and seeds has also led to lots of conversation and creativity as children made pictures from the autumn objects and hedgehogs from clay and pine cones.



We have also had a visit from the Cookie Monster who must have known that the children in Nursery hid some cookies the day before. Cookie Monster even came up to the big play equipment with us and crawled through

the tunnel! The children were able to show Cookie how to climb the over the wobbly bridge and how to use the monkey bars as they have had plenty of practise.

## andball festival

Children from Chestnut and Beech class represented the school last week at a handball festival at Exmouth Tennis Centre. They were a credit to the school. They were able to show off all they have learnt in PE lessons and blew us all away with how well they played and the sportsmanship they showed.



## St Peter's Waste Free Poppy Appeal



Our Eco Champions have worked with the Royal British Legion again this year to plan a waste-free poppy appeal. Collections and the sale of poppy pin badges will start when we return to school on Monday 1st November. If you already own a reusable poppy from previous years, we'd love it if you'd wear that and still consider making a donation to this important cause. Children will visit classes to sell poppies and collect donations. You can also pick one up from the school office.

On Armistice Day, Thursday 11th November, we would like to invite children to come to school in poppy coloured non-uniform in exchange for a donation. We will also have poppy face painting taking place in Plum room over lunch time for 50p.

## Please be waste-aware with snacks

On Thursday the eco champions did a litter pick around the school grounds and collected two bucketsful in just half an hour. They kept a tally of the litter that was collected. A large proportion of the rubbish that was collected was coming from snacks. There were lots of fruit/cake/cereal bars and some crisp packets. Please can we ask that children bring in a fruit snack or, if they need something more substantial, that biscuits, crackers or oatcakes are placed in a reusable pot. **Thank you for your help with reducing waste and looking after our school.**



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## Cakes & Clothes Mondays

Thank you to all the classes bringing in cakes and cookies on Mondays this half term and thank you to Ash class for running the stall so superbly in the hall after school. All being well, for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November we are asking if Willow class could bring in some cakes & cookies.

Remember there are also the preloved school clothes stall and the Terracycle recycling stall.

Please bring some change and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

For more information see: [www.stpetersfundraising.com](http://www.stpetersfundraising.com)

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## Amazon Smile & Easy Fundraising

If you shop online, these sites are two really effortless ways to raise money for your School PTA. Essentially the retailer donates a percentage of your purchase. Amazon Smile donates 0.5% and Easy Fundraising works on numerous sites with varying percentages e.g. Booking.com up to 4%.

[smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) Login and choose St Peter's PTA, Budleigh Salterton as the charity you wish to support. Then just remember to use [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) instead of [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk). Once you have done the above you can turn on AmazonSmile in the app: Menu - Settings - AmazonSmile - Turn On.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) Login and choose St Peter's PTA, Budleigh Salterton as the charity you wish to support. Then click through to the retailer or you can install a browser extension so it will flash up when relevant (similar to Honey).

It's about 5 minutes to set these up and join the team of loyal contributors who collectively have raised £2,500 to date - please forward this message to friends and family who may also wish to help. Thank you.

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## Devon CAP are coming back to St Peter's

Devon Child Assault Prevention (CAP) visits our school every two years (and a reminder every other year) to teach the children how to stay **'safe, strong and free'**.

They deliver some great messages to the pupils, which is why we get them to come back each time.

### Want to find out more about what they do and how to keep your child safe?

Wednesday 10th November at the school – 6.00pm – 7.00pm. Please come to the side green gate and make your way to Ash class.

- Find out about our work
- Get top tips on how you can help keep your children safe in the modern world and help them to grow into strong, confident people.
- Be part of a whole community approach to abuse prevention

To book a place, contact the office [admin@stpeters-budleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters-budleigh.devon.sch.uk) **This session is not suitable for children.**

Here's what they say:

*Our workshops are designed to build children's confidence and self-esteem, they are lively and fun. Come and see what we do to teach children knowledge and strategies to deal with some of the more difficult aspects of growing up. We'll discuss keeping safe around bullies, the internet, strangers and known adults and answer any questions you may have.*

*Our Parents' information session is your chance to see what we do, your chance to have your say, your chance to get advice, information and resources. Come along!*

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## Have your say #5

In the last survey we asked how we can support you. Not many replied, so please flag up anything you need as the year goes on.

### Socialisation skills

This week, I am asking you about pupil behaviour. Since the start of the year, the general behaviour has been very good. However, some pupils have struggled with unstructured times. For some pupils, they haven't been in school long enough to learn social skills and develop in a mature way. For others, they are very much vying for a position in the class, and need to practice 'getting on and falling out'.

Very soon, the long awaited Play Project to provide the pupils with more creative and imaginative equipment will be in place. We've also increased the number of adults at play times and lunchtimes to supervise pupils. In class, pupils are getting social and emotional learning time. What else do you suggest? Have your say here:

<https://forms.gle/jgDG2PzTxXcg2Udn9>

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## Quick links

<https://www.stpetersfundraising.com/about-1> - whose cake sale day is it this Monday? **WILLOW**

What's going on in your class? <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/class-info/>

Term dates - <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/parents/term-dates/> - updated for 2022-2023

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

Uniform - <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

Stationery - <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/parents/stationery-requirements-for-pupils/>

Online safety - <https://st-peters-school.org.uk/parents/staying-safe-online-current-advice-for-parents/>

## What's coming up this term?

Every Monday after school - **PTA Cakes & Clothes Mondays** [www.stpetersfundraising.com](http://www.stpetersfundraising.com)

Half term week - Mon 25th Oct

Devon CAP parents session - Wed 10th Nov at the school – 6pm

Armistice day - Thurs 11th Nov. Poppy coloured non-uniform in exchange for a donation. Poppy face painting for 50p.

Non-pupil day - Mon 22nd Nov

PTA meeting - Tuesday 23rd November, 8pm at the Dog & Donkey

**Non-uniform day for the School Council's charity - Friday 26th Nov.**

Late night shopping/Christmas parade - Fri 10th Dec

Christmas Fayre - Sat 11th Dec 11am-3pm

Christmas Cracker week Mon 13th Dec

Flu vaccinations - Mon 13th Dec

Christmas dinner - Wed 15th Dec

Carol concert dates - Thurs 16th Dec @ 6pm - more details to follow

Last day of term - Fri 17th Dec 1:30 finish