



Newsletter No. 5

5th November 2010

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope everyone enjoyed the half term break, the children have settled back into school life very well. There is a lot going on in school this term during the run up to Christmas – be sure to make a note of all the dates for your diaries.

Classes 2 & 3 had a really successful trip to the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon this week to see **George's Marvellous Medicine**. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The trip would not have been possible without the extreme generosity of the Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) who made a substantial contribution towards the cost. Thank you!

As most of you will know, Miss Musgrave got married during the half term break and is now Mrs Lewis. **Mr & Mrs Lewis** would like to pass on their thanks to everyone who made a contribution towards their wedding present. They had a wonderful day and I'm sure you will join me in wishing them the very best for their future together.

We have a much awaited update on the building of the **new school**. Please see the separate letter included with this newsletter for details.

Parents evening will be held on **Monday 29th November**. You will be allocated a 10 minute slot within your choice of one of 3 sessions to come and discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Please see below for full details. Please ensure that you return the reply slip to Mrs Gale in the school office no later than Wednesday 10th November so that we can try to make sure as many parents as possible get their preferred choice of time.

Catherine Davis & Staff

Book Fair

The Well Wisher Bookshop will be bringing a book bazaar to our school library next week to help us celebrate book week. It will contain a wide range of new books including fiction, non-fiction, poetry and picture books particularly selected for St Peter's pupils. Reading is the central building block in any child's learning, and enjoying reading is a pleasure to last a lifetime. Your child will have the opportunity to browse through the books throughout the week, and the book bazaar will be open for purchases from **8.30 - 9.00am**, and **3.00 - 3.30pm** every day next week. St Peter's will receive commission on every book purchased which will go towards new books for the school library.

FRIENDS OF ST. PETER'S SCHOOL (FOSP)

The 'Friends of St. Peter's School, (FOSP) are holding a meeting to discuss the **Victorian Christmas Fayre** with Catherine Davis on Wednesday 10th November from 8.30am. The Victorian themed Christmas Fayre on Friday 10th December will be the main topic for conversation, along with other events happening over the forth coming festive season.

We need a team of people who can help organize things before the day, on the day and at the end of the fayre, many hands make light work!

If you think you could spare some time to help with this particular event, please complete and return the slip below to the school office, you really will be appreciated.

For any further information please speak to Emma Wilson or Rowena Green or e.mail greenland.design@btinternet.com or just call into the School office.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Save the Children

There is a Christmas card and wrapping paper sale being held in St. Peter's Church in aid of Save the Children on **Saturday 20th November 10.00am – 12.00.**

Tea & Coffee will be available.

This is a great way to buy some of your Christmas essentials and help this worth while charity at the same time.

Christmas Lantern Parade

The School will once again be taking part in the annual lantern parade. Mrs Lewis will be running Lantern making workshops on **Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th November from 3.00 – 4.30pm**, and will then be accompanying the children on the parade at 6.30pm on Friday 26th November. Any help with the workshops will be much appreciated. Please let Mrs Lewis or Mrs Gale know if you are able to help.

All children in Years 3 – 6 are invited to attend. Further information to follow.

Mrs Chapman needs a Handyman!

If anybody is willing and able to donate some of their spare time, or knows someone who is, Mrs Chapman needs the help of a handyman to attach some hinges to MDF boards for Class 1. If you can help, please speak to Mrs Gale in the school office. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING & FUNDRAISING FOR ST. PETER'S SCHOOL.

SHOP ONLINE, SAVE MONEY AND RAISE FUNDS FOR US AT THE SAME TIME

Click on www.buy.at/stpetersdevizes.co.uk to take you to the school funds website. Simply do your shopping through this web window and the school will get money from each of the companies you do your shopping through, without costing you a penny extra. It's as simple as that!

Do your Christmas shopping online through our Webshop with over 100 retailers including ebay, Amazon, M&S, Play.com, Asda, Waterstones & Haven. Some retailers offer extra discounts such as free delivery!

As an example, if you bought a new mobile phone on a pay monthly contract at the Carphone Warehouse, the school would earn £40 commission. At Vodafone £90, T Mobile & O2 £35 and Orange £80 with no extra charge to you!

Have a look at www.buy.at/stpetersdevizes.co.uk

Sodexo School Meals

Please can you ensure that all **dinner money** is paid on time, either on the day or in advance. The current cost is **£2.15 per day** and all meals are freshly cooked on the premises. Where possible, please could dinner money be paid directly to **Mrs Soulby** in the school kitchen.

Parents Evening

Parents evening is being held on **Monday 29th November** and it will be a valuable opportunity to come and discuss your child's progress. You will be allocated a 10 minute slot within one of the three sessions.

Session times are 1.00 – 2.30pm, 3.00 – 4.30pm & 5.00 – 7.00pm.

Wherever possible we will try to ensure you are seen within your preferred choice of time slot.

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to Mrs Gale in the school office **no later than Wednesday 10th November.**

Poppy Appeal

The children in Year 6 will be selling poppies during morning break & lunchtime throughout next week. Please send your child in with a donation if they would like to buy one.

Extended Schools Subsidy Fund - Freetime

We are in receipt of funding from the extended schools subsidy project that aims to ensure that everyone has the chance to make the most of **clubs, sport, music and drama** opportunities. The money we have been given will help to pay for children to take part in clubs and activities outside of school.

Families are entitled to this subsidy if they are in receipt of any one of the following benefits: Free School Meals, Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support, Working Tax Credits, Disability element of Working Tax Credits, Incapacity Allowance, Housing Benefit, Local Housing Allowance or Council Tax Benefit.

The money can be used to pay towards the cost of clubs at school, activities outside of school - such as courses at the Leisure Centre, Army Cadets & Scouts, transport home from an activity.

It can even be used to help pay for activities that run during the holidays.

If you think you are entitled to use this money, please speak to Mrs Gale in the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 8th November – Friday 12th November – Bookfair in School

Tuesday 9th November 1.30pm – Class 1 visiting Devizes Museum.

Thursday 11th November 1.30pm – Class 3 visiting Devizes Museum.

Friday 12th November 1.30pm – Class 2 visiting Devizes Museum.

Friday 26th November – 2.00pm – Advent Assembly. Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies will be available.

Friday 26th November 6.30pm – Devizes Lantern Parade.

Monday 29th November – Parents Evening.

Wednesday 1st December – All Reception children stay for lunch from now on.

Thursday 2nd December – Class 3 Tree Planting along the Canal. Time to be confirmed.

Friday 3rd December – Decoration Day in School. Children can come into School in their own clothes.

Wednesday 8th December 1.30pm – Rehearsal for Mayor's Carol Concert.

Wednesday 8th December – Time to be confirmed – Mayor's Carol Concert at the Corn Exchange.

Friday 10th December – 2.30pm – Victorian Fayre with Carol singing and a Victorian Tea Shop.

Tuesday 14th December – 2.30pm – Dress rehearsal for Class 1's Nativity play. Any parent / carer who is unable to attend the evening performance is welcome to come along to watch.

Tuesday 14th December 6.00pm – Class 1's Nativity Play Evening Performance.

Thursday 16th December – Christmas lunch at school. This will also be our Christmas party day and children are invited to come into school dressed in party clothes for the day.

Friday 17th December – Last Day of Term.

Tuesday 4th January 2011 – Return to school for ALL children.

Parents Evening Reply Form

Child's Name _____

Child's Class _____

Monday 29th November	Please ✓ preferred session (You will be allocated a 10 minute slot within this session)
1.00 – 2.30pm	
3.00 – 4.30pm	
5.00 – 7.00pm	

This form must be returned to Mrs Gale in the school office no later than Wednesday 10th November. Thank you.



FOSP Christmas Fayre Volunteers Reply Form

Child's Name _____

Your Name _____

Friday 10th December	Please ✓ when you are available to help.
Before Fayre	
During Fayre (from 1.00pm to set-up/run a stall)	
After Fayre (clearing away)	

Please return this form to Mrs Gale in the school office. Thank you.

