



# St Peter's Post

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## St Peter's Christmas Dates 2011



Christmas Post Box Goes Up - Monday 5th December

**(Please can you make sure that full names, including surname and classes are clearly written on the envelopes)**

Production Performance Programmes available-Wednesday 7th December

Production Performance Programmes available - Thursday 8th December

**(Available from school office 3pm - 3.30pm)**

Sants'a Fun Run - Tuesday 6th December - 12pm

School Christmas Lunch - Thursday 8th December 12pm

**(Hat Theme is STARS - Hats to be brought in on the day)**

Williton Christmas Festival - Thursday 8th December

**(Departing from Danesfield at 6.30pm Singing starts at 7pm, outside council offices.)**

P.T.F.S.A. Christmas Bazaar - Friday 9th December - 6pm - 8pm

Christmas Performance "Ned's Christmas Discovery" - Tuesday 13th December - 2pm - Danesfield School Hall (Limited spaces available)

Christmas Performance "Ned's Christmas Discovery" - Wednesday 14th December - 6pm

**(Drop off time for children at Danesfield 5.40pm-Collection time 7pm)**

St Peter's Christmas Party Day - Thursday 15th December

**(Children can wear their party clothes to school)**

Christmas Candlelit Service - St Peter's School Hall - 2.15pm

**(Please note: This is a quiet act of worship and therefore not suitable for babies or very young children)**

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### St Peter's School

#### Christmas Production 2011

##### Ned's Christmas Discovery

All children will be taking part in this production and will be working hard practising over the next few weeks.

The performance will take place at Danesfield Middle School.

During the performance we will be running a raffle to raise money for accelerated reading books and also a bucket

collection for our nominated charity. **Toilet Twinning.** For further details on the charity go to: [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org).



Ned's Christmas Discovery

### ELM CLASS

Year 2 have been busy learning about Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot. We learnt that Guy Fawkes was a Catholic who wanted to be able to go to his own church. He plotted with his friends to kill King James. We have designed warning posters that could have been used by the king! We also wrote poems, made a song and some children even entered a Guy Competition at school. Everyone had 'chocolate sparklers' for taking part in the competition and 1st, 2nd & 3rd places were awarded house points. The children highly enjoyed making 'Guy Fawkes Hat Cookies' - yum yum!

Miss Roberts



### ASH CLASS

#### Ash Class

As part of our Healthy Eating topic and Design Technology, Ash Class have designed and made their own vegetable soup. Firstly, we looked at different boxed, tinned and packet soups to see what sort of vegetables were in them. After that, we looked at a variety of vegetables and tasted them to see if we would like them in our soup. On Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, we peeled and chopped all the vegetables and made 3 different types of vegetable soup. We invited our parents in during the afternoon to taste our delicious soup.

We are now busy with our Science topic on sound and have been making musical instruments including shakers, twang boxes and drums - which we hope to play during our music lesson with Mr. Kirby!!

Mrs Prentice

### OAK CLASS

This half term we have been very busy in Oak class. The children are happily settled into school and have been learning lots. Their reading and writing skills are getting much better and they love doing phonics everyday where we 'grow' new sounds and words. The children have been working very hard on their homework each night, using their very own 'sound book' at home. This really helps them to become more confident with their reading and writing, so a big well done to parents for helping their children with this at home. We have been focussing on pattern and colour and have learned the actions to the rainbow song. In numeracy we have been continuing to practise counting, recognising numbers and matching correct quantities. Also, we have been learning how to make repeating patterns using two or three different colours or shapes. The children have made these using beads, paint and printing. We have also made repeating patterns using Espresso on the interactive whiteboard. We made cakes for Children in Need which was very exciting! Also, we linked up with our friends at Little Horseshoes for a special road safety day. Everybody in Oak class were asked to bring in their bikes or scooters and helmets from home. We went out onto the big playground and carefully rode around cones and hoops. We had so much fun and the children loved showing how well they can ride their bikes! The children love going outside, so we have been making the most of our lovely school grounds. The children enjoy our outdoor learning activities which they have access to all day. We all put on our wellies and went exploring in the environmental garden. The children loved looking around and finding 'shortcuts'. It was very exciting. At the moment we are learning the Christmas story and have been busily practising the songs for the Christmas play.

Miss Budd

### FIR CLASS

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November Fir Class went back in time to the days of Queen Victoria. The children arrived, suitably dressed, to a classroom without computers, smart boards or a view into the playground! Instead they found desks in rows, a makeshift blackboard, slates, chalk, ink pens, a dunce's hat and a cane. The children started the day with a bible story, then did vocal gymnastics and pencraft, followed by times tables. At all times they were respectful when adults entered the room and sat without talking (well most of the time) in fear of punishment! After lunch it was time for drill and a lesson all about the potato. The whole experience helped the children learn how strict Victorian schools were and gave them an insight into how a child might have felt. It must have been very scary attending school at that time. Fortunately, Fir Class thoroughly enjoyed the day and the children went home excitedly telling their parents all about their day.

Mrs Coombes



### YEW CLASS

Yew class have been busy preparing for our Christmas play over the last couple of weeks! This is a very exciting time for us in year 4, especially as we have the responsibility of taking on all of the speaking parts! We have also enjoyed learning lots of new things, including: looking at 'circuits and conductors' in science, making rangoli patterns in art (both hand drawn and using ICT) and thinking about 'stories with issues and dilemmas' in literacy. In literacy, we are now beginning to plan and write our own playscripts. We have looked at our Christmas play and thought about stage directions which we could add to make it even better! Our topic this half term is 'local history.' We will be researching our school 'house' names to investigate where they come from. We will also be looking at castles, with a particular focus on Dunster Castle. We are improving all the time with our clarinet playing and the class can now play a variety of tunes, including 'Jingle Bells!'

Mrs Atkins

**November Gold, Reader and Writer of the Week Awards**

**Gold Awards**

<b>Briana Izzillo –Boomer</b>	<b>Bethany Morgan</b>	<b>Jack Denton</b>	<b>Isabelle Blois</b>
<b>Ollie Dawson</b>	<b>Alfie Cox</b>	<b>Josh Brooks</b>	<b>Keely Walsh</b>
<b>Romany Jarretrock</b>	<b>Dylan Gladdin</b>	<b>Nabilah Hussain</b>	<b>Neve Ware</b>
<b>Ethan Croucher</b>	<b>Eloise Welsh</b>	<b>Silas Lock</b>	<b>Thomas Devine</b>
<b>Ceinwyn Lock</b>	<b>Bart Kubaczewski</b>	<b>Malika Fdaouch</b>	<b>Adam Cainey</b>

**Reader of the Week Awards**

<b>Mya Potter</b>	<b>Joshua Nuttycombe</b>	<b>Daniel Lake</b>	<b>Tom Dawson</b>
<b>Leo Abbott</b>	<b>Lauren Henson</b>	<b>Destiny Coles</b>	<b>Aidan Chambers</b>
<b>Thomas Allen</b>	<b>Daniel lake</b>		

**Writer of the Week Awards**

<b>Isabelle Allen</b>	<b>Lia Welsh</b>	<b>Skye Nicholas</b>	<b>Daisy Pollard</b>
<b>Amy Wilde</b>	<b>Aiden Gallagher</b>	<b>Shannon Taylor</b>	<b>Kaitlyn Mizen</b>
<b>Ethan Carr</b>	<b>Robbie Whitehead</b>		

**Maths Award of the Week**

<b>Tomasz Kub</b>	<b>William McGwyer</b>	<b>Kodie Ware</b>	<b>Sam Austin-Thompson</b>
<b>Leo Ravenhill</b>	<b>Natalie Harland</b>	<b>Taylor Howen</b>	<b>Levi Sargeant</b>
<b>Oliver Trunks</b>	<b>Amy-Rose Parsons</b>		

**Children in Need**

**Friday 18th November 2011**

As a whole school, we have raised £220.51! Thank you to everyone who baked, bought cakes and made donations to dress up. This is a fantastic amount and well done to everyone.

Cheryl Howells



**Sponsored Run/Walk**

Following our sponsored walk/run earlier this year we raised enough money to buy another bike rack which is now in place also activities for Alisha's Garden at playtimes. Many thanks for your support.

**Requests from St Peter's**

We are looking for donations of comics in school to be used in Alisha's Garden at playtimes. If you have any unwanted comics you would like to donate to school they would be greatly appreciated.



We are also hoping to start a second hand uniform shop in school. If anyone has any unwanted items please send them into the school office.

**Stockland Cross Country****Thursday 3rd November**

Congratulations to the following pupils who ran in the above event.

River Sheppard - 21st

Taylor Howen - 35th

William McGwyer - 28th

Ethan Carr - 64th

The PTFSA would like to thank everyone who supported their Bonfire Theme Disco on Friday 11th November a total of £154.85 was raised.

The winners of the best costumes were:

Matthew Weedon

Emma Maye Cooke.



Don't forget their up and coming  
Christmas Bazaar

on

Friday 9th December 6pm - 8pm.

**Football Tournament****Monday 14th November 2011**

On Monday 14th November selected pupils from St Peter's took part in a football tournament at Danesfield Middle School. Both our Team A and Team B came first :-). Well done to all pupils who took part.

We return to school on :

**Wednesday 4th January 2012.**