

Autumn 2019 Newsletter 4

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Forest School

Year Two, Year Four and the Pre-school have already been down enjoying our forest school area this term. This term, each class is going to undertake a different job within the forest school area to help maintain it. The Year two children worked hard as a team laying the bags of bark that were kindly donated by the school's PTA. The pre-school children decorated pebbles ready for them to be turned into new noughts and crosses markers for the children to play with. If anyone has any spare wellies, overalls or waterproofs that their children have outgrown, I would be very grateful for them, to keep in school as spares.
Many thanks Mrs Dennis.

All at Sea

The learning in Year R has gone swimmingly! To end our 'All at Sea' topic we have celebrated with a dressing up day. Our class was full of pirates, mermaids and sea creatures. In the afternoon, Little Beacons children joined us for a pirate themed treasure hunt and we all enjoyed eating the treasure we had found.



DMAT Mobile Phone Policy

The Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust has a new mobile phone policy and has also updated the safeguarding policy. To view the DMAT policies, please follow this link: <https://www.dartmoormat.org.uk/policies-and-documents.html>



Year 5 and 6 World War 2 Rationing Day

On Thursday, year 5 and 6 learnt all about rationing and why it was introduced during the Second World War. In the morning, both classes came together in the school hall and discussed their ideas on rationing. They then designed menus for their families (based on rationing allowance), posters and cooked some World War 2 recipes – sweet potato chocolate spread and fruity potato cakes. The experience ended with the children tasting the different recipes and comparing them to modern day equivalents. It was a fantastic day and many of the children were surprised by how tasty the recipes were.

Sustainability Plea

If you have any spare, clean takeaway (white plastic) tubs which could be used for school packed lunches, please bring them into the school office. If your child is having a school packed lunch, please remember to send them in with a sandwich tub.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

We have spaces with Tor Loram, Nick Bryant and Matt Petherbridge for instrument lessons. If your child would like to learn a musical instrument, please let us know. The children have also enjoyed an assembly with a drum teacher. If you are interested in drum lessons please add your name to the list in the office.

Parents' Evenings

Please feel free to shelter in the hall between parent evening appointments.

St Petrock's (Exeter) Ltd

Harvest Festival Wish List 2019

At St Petrock's, we provide a range of emergency, advice, health, welfare and housing services to help individuals who are homeless housed lead more settled and independent lives.

In 2018/19 we saw an increase of 20% in visits to our drop-in centre services. We now regularly see 60-80 people a day.

If you can assist by donating any of the items listed below, we would be very grateful - it will help us to provide some of the 10,000+ cooked breakfast and lunches we serve each year to those in need.

Thank you for your generous support with Harvest Festival donations

Packaged Goods: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Sugar - granulated & castor* Instant coffee* Hot chocolate* Cup-a-soups* Long-life fruit juices* Fruit squash* Herbs/spices* Marmite/Vegemite* Stock cubes* Instant gravy mix* Mint/apple sauce* Stuffing mixes* Branston pickle* Mustards* Mayonnaise* Tomato ketchup* Brown sauce* Marmalade* Strawberry jam* Peanut butter	Packaged Goods: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Baked beans* Pasta sauces* Jars of curry sauce* Custard powder* Biscuits (sweet) Tinned Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ravioli* Macaroni cheese* Tinned tomatoes* Tinned vegetables* Tinned fruits* Rice pudding* Tinned custard* Condensed milk* Evaporated milk* Tinned meats/meat pies* Corned beef* Tinned fish* Tinned curries	Cleaning Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Anti-bac hand soap* Biological washing powder* Anti-bac cleaning spray* Washing up liquid* Washing up sponges* Rubber gloves* Tea towels Toiletries: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Shower gel* Shampoo* Combs/Brushes* Disposable razors* Shaving foam* Baby wipes* Men's roll-on deodorants Pet Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Tins of wet dog food* Packets of dry dog food* Dog treats and biscuits
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We regret that we are unable to accept donations of fresh produce or windfall apples. If you would like to arrange a collection, or would like to organise a talk about our work, please contact Lucy on lucy@stpetrocks.org.uk.

St Petrock's (Exeter) Ltd. www.stpetrocks.org.uk. Telephone number: 01392 422396. Charity number: 1090155

Harvest Festival

Our harvest festival will be held in school on Tuesday 15th October. The festival is just for staff and pupils, but, on Thursday 10th October, we are having a visit from Lucy Patrick who works for St Petrock's charity in Exeter. She will be giving a talk on the work of the charity and encouraging the children to bring donations into the Harvest Festival for St Petrock's foodbank. Parents are welcome to join us on the 10th at 9:15 for this assembly.

Food Bank Collection

The wish list for donations is opposite; please be reminded that anything perishable cannot be accepted. We are collecting for Okehampton Foodbank as well as St Petrocks. Okehampton specifically need tinned fruit, tinned vegetables and tinned meat or meaty soups please. The collection point will be in the hall from next week and will be delivered to the foodbanks by Miss Chalcraft. Many thanks in advance.

Clubs this week

Please note that, although year 4 netball and years 4,5,6 football clubs will go ahead, there will be **no cross country or hockey clubs** this week due to parent's evenings.

SIMs Parent

New parents and parents who have not already registered, should have received an invite to register with SIMs parents to check that the data we hold for your child is correct and enable you to give consent for medical treatments, photographs, off site visits etc. Please log on to check your data and give consent. If you require any help, please let me know.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 7th October and Tuesday 8th October – Parents' evenings.
October half term – Monday 21st – Friday 25th October
Last day of Autumn Term – Thursday 19th December