

Friends of St Peter's News

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HARVEST SHOW AND SPONSORED WALK

After the Harvest Service at St Peter's Church on 14 October, please join us for our Harvest Show and Sponsored Walk. This is a great opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside around Alvescot and celebrate Autumn at our Harvest Show.

SPONSORED WALK

This year we have three routes to choose from – a pushchair friendly village path, and a Meadow (2.5km) or Farm (1.5km) walk. All three start from the Church and finish at the village hall, where we will be hosting the Show and serving refreshments. If possible, it would be wonderful for pupils to collect sponsorship for completing their walk. Sponsor forms and route maps will be in book bags this week.

Any monies raised will contribute towards funding

ParentMail and Active Learn, essential resources that all St Peter's families and pupils benefit from.

Please note: Please take care when walking next to or crossing our village roads, and on public footpaths over fields and stiles – we recommend wellies and waterproofs!

HARVEST SHOW

After your Walk, please join us in the village hall for the Harvest Show, which will include the following fun categories for pupils and their

siblings, in two age groups, age 5 and under or 6 and over:

- Best Nature Crown
- Best Drawing or Painting of St Peter's School
- Best Animal Handprint Art
- Best Animal made from a Vegetable
- Best Decorated or Painted Pumpkin
- Best RAF Cupcake or Cake Decoration celebrating 100 years of the RAF

Entries can be dropped off at the village hall between 9.30 – 10.10 am on Sunday morning. Show entries are

£1 per family, for an unlimited number of entries. Judging will take place after the Harvest service, and you can see all the entries on display in the hall after the walk.

You can also enjoy refreshments including home-made soups, hot dogs and tea, coffee and cake. If you would like to help us by making a batch of soup or serving refreshments, please do email us, as a few extra pairs of hands are needed!

Good luck and Happy Harvest!

KIT SPONSORS

Calling potential sponsors! Do you have your own business or do you have an employer who would like to support our school? St Peter's would love to find a sponsor to help fund a sports kit for sporting and Burford Partnership events – in exchange your logo will be proudly displayed! If this is something that may interest you, please have a chat with Mrs Tagliati in the school office.

50/50 LOTTO NUMBERS

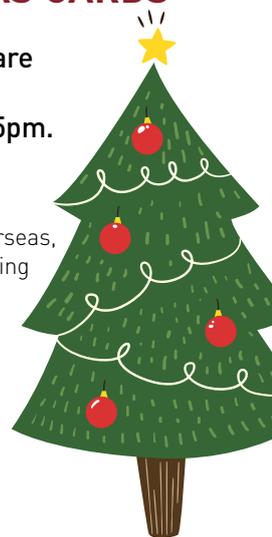
A fantastic chance to win a pot of cash each month! Forms have been sent out via ParentMail or you can collect paper forms from the school office, with the first Draw taking place on 19 October. 50% of funds raised each month go into the prize pot, with 50% donated to school to help fund essential resources and equipment. Please return your form by Monday 1 October to be in with a chance of winning the first cash pot!

For more information, please check out our Lotto Poster around school or email us for details.

FESTIVE FUN – CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Looking ahead to the festive season, we are holding our Christmas Bazaar planning meeting on Tuesday 16 October 2.00-2.45pm. All welcome!

This year we are again hoping to fill Christmas Shoeboxes for various charities, both local and overseas, to share some Christmas cheer, and are also teaming up with Classfundraising to give you the option of creating personalised Christmas card designs at home! More information coming very soon via ParentMail.



LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

A thank you message from Mrs King, Headteacher and Mr Waters, Chair of Governors to our families:

"On behalf of the staff and governors, we would like to say an enormous thank you to Kerry and the Friends of St Peter's for all their hard work in 2017-2018. The events organised by FoSPs not only raised significant funds which have been used to buy a range of resources and treats for all the children to enjoy but

also provided opportunities to come together to forge friendships and strengthen the St Peter's Family.

We are extremely appreciative of your commitment to St Peter's and look forward to all that 2018-2019 holds."

SAM KING & DAVID WATERS

Last year your amazing support helped us to fund lots of resources for school; please take a look at the attached poster which gives you some ideas of how your kindly donated pennies were spent!

PLANS FOR THIS YEAR

This year we are planning some of the popular events and activities from previous years, and have taken feedback from parent questionnaires on board too. One new fundraiser we have launched this week is the 50/50 Lotto; a new, easy way to get involved.

We really appreciate your time and finances are stretched in many different ways, so however you can support us is amazing - whether that's taking part in the Lotto, baking for a cake sale, buying treats at Fruity Fridays or recycling your pre-loved uniform on our rail! Whatever way you choose to support us is wonderful!

As mentioned at the end of last term, this is also an ideal time, with the start of a new school year, to look at how we can make best use of the funds we raise to have a positive

impact on our children's education. Many schools will find the next few years financially challenging, as school budgets are squeezed more and more. St Peter's also faces this challenge, but we are fortunate to have a fantastic, supportive group of parents and friends.

The funds we raise over the next few years will therefore make a real difference funding resources that St Peter's may find difficult to afford from their reduced budget. Specifically, for this school year, our target is to again raise £5,000. We envisage contributing in the region of £3500 towards resources, equipment and training including:

- Active Learn packages for Maths, Grammar, Spelling and Phonics – these can be used both in school and at home, so please do log in and take a look as they are a great resource!

- ParentMail – a really effective and efficient way for school and FoSPs to keep in touch with parents and continue the vital communication between home and school life
- Cornerstones lesson planning package for KS1 and KS2
- Happy Lunchtime training package for all staff

The remainder of the funds raised will contribute towards lovely extras throughout the school year. Your continuing support for our events and activities is much appreciated. If you would like any more information, please do contact us by emailing:
friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com

EASYFUNDRAISE WITH ST PETER'S

THANK YOU to everyone for continuing to shop with Easyfundraising to raise donations for our school – we have just received our latest cheque for £100! If you haven't signed up yet, please do think about doing so as St Peter's can benefit from your online orders at no extra cost to yourself.

It's really easy to register, and you can download an easy to use app to your phone or tablet.

There are no catches or hidden charges, simply:

1. Head to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpetersschoolalvescot/ and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Peter's for no extra cost!

KEY STAGE 2 AMAZON WISHLIST

Last year we added high quality picture books to our Wishlist, as reviewed and recommended by Mat Tobin. These books are great for school or for your own book case at home. Some of these books are perfect for KS2, but many are also suitable for EYFS and KS1, so will be shared across the classes. Pre-loved copies of these books are also available and would be equally valued as gifts to the school.

www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/?ie=UTF8&cid=A3QUW8EGJCXUD1 -OR- search for the Wishlist using **StPetersSchoolAlvescot**.

Once you've decided which book you'd like to donate, please check the book out and add a note to 'gift options' with

your details (for example 'kindly donated by the Brown Family') so that we can add a bookplate inscription. Your chosen book will be a wonderful lasting gift to the school while also promoting a lifelong love of reading.



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If you're planning on labelling new uniform over the summer, please have a look at **www.stamptastic.co.uk** – if you quote our school code **OX182PU** on any orders we can also claim some really generous rewards on your order.