



## The Dark Night Spectacular

Thank you for all the lovely feedback about the Dark Night event: parents, children and staff alike all had a wonderful time! We were very grateful for the support from the whole school community to be able to make this event happen. So many happy memories were created.



## Science Night from Dr Gardner

We are lucky to be on the judging panel for the Royal Society Young People's Science Book Prize 2023 this year. St Peter's have been sent the 6 shortlisted books and we will judge them for ease of reading, interest, look and feel and inspiration. Judging will take place in Science club and across the school where the books will be shown to all the children over the next few months. We get to keep the books, so anyone who is interested will have the opportunity to come and borrow the books to enjoy for themselves.



## KS1 Nativity Reminders

Mrs Bolton has asked me remind families in KS1, that costumes are needed in a named carrier bag by the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

At the end of the performance, there will be time for parents to take photos of children wearing their costumes for your memory books and home albums.

## UKS2 Reminders

Mrs Armitage has asked me to remind all children in Year 5 and 6, that they need to have their Christmas Fayre games ready by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December but please don't bring them in any earlier please, as we won't have anywhere to store them!

## Christmas Church Service

Every year, we have a school Christmas Service at St Peter's Church - this will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm.

Space in the church is limited and so, although all the children will attend, we are inviting **Year 6 parents only** this year.

## School Council Blog

This week we mainly talked about lunch times and things we might change. KS1 asked to have parachute games again. KS2 asked Mrs Sullivan to investigate an outdoor table football game. Year 5&6 asked for another International Day. Mrs Sullivan is going to ask the teachers.

By Florence and Lizzy

## Christmas updates

### Coggeshall Christmas

Thank you to everyone for their chocolate donations last week! We sorted the chocolate in record time thanks to a great team of volunteers, and then the following day at Coggeshall Christmas we sold out after just a few hours. We made over £950 in profit, which is an incredible figure!



### Christmas Fayre

On Thursday (7<sup>th</sup>) we will be having our FOSP Christmas Fayre from 3.30 - 5pm. Come along and...

- \* Enjoy the warming mulled wine, hot dogs and tuck on sale
- \* Buy some festive crafts, decorations and sweets made by the staff and children in classrooms
- \* Purchase a tea towel with the children's self-portraits on
- \* Play some Christmas games created by Year 5 and 6 pupils (bring plenty of spare change to spend!)
- \* Visit Santa in his grotto (ALL PRE-BOOKED SLOTS NOW FULLY BOOKED)

We will be sending a map of the locations of stalls and activities around to help you navigate the fayre.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the high volume of people attending and limited space, buggies and prams will need to be left outside the school entrance, as they will not fit.

Finally, as always, we need volunteers. We currently don't have enough parents to help with the bar or food and we also need support selling raffle tickets and tea towels. You can see the slots we need filling and add yourself here: <https://volunteersignup.org/L8FMC>

### Christmas gift stall

Our popular Christmas gift stall will be running on three dates - 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please don't leave it too late to pay as we don't want any disappointed children! You can buy tickets here: <https://fospschool.co.uk/fosp-events/>

We also do need volunteers for this, again, to ensure the children aren't disappointed and they all have a chance to pick their presents. Please sign up to help here: <https://volunteersignup.org/L8FMC>

### Letters to Santa

The post box is now in the School Foyer until this Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup>). Santa has lots of messages to reply to, so please make sure the child's name, age, and class is clearly visible. Donations are welcome - you can include this with your letter or in a separate envelope to our FOSP box, or you can donate via our website: <https://fospschool.co.uk/#donate>

A reply from the North Pole along with a yummy biscuit will be handed to the children who take part on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please note, the biscuit contains gluten and dairy. If your child has any allergies, please clearly write a note with the letter or on the envelope so we can arrange an alternative treat.

### Portrait tea towels

If you're looking for an easy present for a friend or family member this Christmas, look no further than the tea towels that have been produced with the children's self-portraits on! These can be purchased at the Fayre as mentioned above, and can be purchased from our online shop on our website: <https://fospschool.co.uk/shop/>



## FOSP update

This first term of the new school year is always our busiest and we are delighted to say that we have already raised over £10,000! Thanks to everyone's fundraising efforts, this money has been supporting the school with a number of requests including specialist staff training, ukulele lessons, new ukuleles, revision and homework books, and a new shed for the pre-school.

We appreciate that it can be hard juggling family life, work and many other commitments that everyone has, however we have really struggled to find volunteers for events and it has put more pressure on those already involved or coordinating our activities. After Christmas things will calm down, but we do still have plenty planned that we will need support with. We would ask that parents try to consider ways they can help - if you have never volunteered before, it might sound a bit daunting, but it could be as simple as baking a cake, wrapping some presents for a lucky dip (with paper and tape provided), going to a disco and selling tuck, or putting a few posters up around Coggeshall.

If you ever want to find out more about FOSP or get in touch with us, just head to our website: <https://fospschool.co.uk/>

## School dates

| December        |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 5th             | iRock concerts - parents with children attending iRocks will be invited directly by the iRock team |
| 6th             | Deadline to post letters to Father Christmas   |
| 7th             | Christmas Fayre - 3.30-5pm (volunteers still needed)   |
| 8th             | *Acorns (pre-school) Christmas Carols  |
| 8th, 14th, 15th | FOSP Christmas present stall (see link in FOSP update)   |
| 11th            | *EYFS/KS1 Christmas lunch  |
| 12th            | *KS2 Christmas lunch   |
| 13th & 14th 2pm | EYFS / KS1 Nativity  |
| 15th - 10am     | *EYFS / KS1 Nativity   |
| 20th - 1.30pm   | Christmas service at church - year 6 parents <b>only</b> can attend                                |
| 21st - 3rd Jan  | Christmas holiday  |
| January         |  |
| 4th             | Non pupil day  |
| 5th             | Start of the Spring term   |