



NEWS FROM ST. PETROC'S SCHOOL

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News from the Friends



Last Saturday was St Petroc's annual Bazaar at the Park House. The traditional stalls were heaving with toys, bric-a-brac, books and jumble. They were complemented by local businesses selling all sorts of goodies from homemade puds, pork pies and sausages through to jewellery (some made by the Year 4 and 5 girls), organic soaps and cycling helmets! Many children visited Father Christmas in his Grotto and the café was very popular – especially the bacon rolls! The Year 6 children organised fund raising games and there was face painting and crafts for the little ones. It was a well-supported event and a fun day for all the family! The highlight was the raffle which had 18 quality prizes this year, many of which were kindly donated by local businesses. The Friends of St Petroc's would like to thank everyone who supported us.



Official Opening of 'The Dolphins' - Wednesday 7th December

STOP PRESS – The Governors have appointed Mr Matthew Way to be the new Headmaster. He will take up his appointment in September 2012. Some of you have already met Mr and Mrs May at the recent wine tasting, but he will be attending the official opening of 'The Dolphins' next Wednesday 7th December at 7.30 pm and this will be a good opportunity to talk to him.

We encourage as many parents and well-wishers to come for a glass of wine with the Governors and staff on this occasion which has attracted quite a lot of press attention. The oldest Old Petrocian, 103 years old Mr Arthur Madge, and Fisherman's Friend John Cleave, will be cutting the ribbon.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Nicola Olver as Nursery Manager. She will also be available to meet parents on Wednesday.

Carol Service – Wednesday 14th December

After consultation with all those concerned, the programme for the Carol Service is now as follows (please note return to traditional time):

- 2.00 pm Final Assembly
- 3.00pm School finishes, parents collect children and their belongings (Years 1 -6)
- 4.45 pm Parents deliver children to St Michael's
- 5.00 pm Carol Service at St Michael's - Father P Judson. All parents and friends welcome
- 6.30 pm Mince Pies at school

Kindergarten and Reception to finish at 12.00 noon

Lost Property

Could parents please have a look at home for a black coat with a white lining that has been missing for some weeks. The coat belongs to Finley Cox in Year 3 and may have the name Sam Cox written inside

Ark Angel Bookshop Painting Competition

This year St. Petroc's again took part in the Ark Angel Bookshop nativity painting competition. Congratulations to the following winners:

Category 1 (Reception, Years 1 & 2) 1st Emma Sainsbury, 2nd Mitzi Irish, Joint 3rd Liberty Fell and Jacca White.
Category 2 (Years 3 & 4) Joint 1st James Ball and a pupil from Jacobstow.
Category 3 (Years 5 & 6) 1st Millie Coates, 3rd Dylan Jones, Commended Jessica Biggs.

Old Petrocians Information

The school was very pleased to be able to give lunch to two notable Old Petrocians on Wednesday 23rd November, James Rowland and David Perkin. They are both very keen to support the Centenary celebrations and made useful suggestions on how to appeal to all age groups. James is investigating adding a golf day to the programme and also reminded us that some attention is probably due to Miss Cherrill's grave. The matter of staff, as opposed to pupils, also arose and we would be grateful to hear of any address for old teachers who could adorn our Centenary weekend.

Love in a Box

I am delighted to report that approximately 40 'boxes' were donated this year and will certainly put a smile on the faces of deserving children in Eastern Europe. Including other boxes that were brought to St. Petroc's, 104 were collected last Thursday, 24th November. Thank you to everyone who took the time to put together a box.

Pictured from left to right helping to load the boxes are Ella Henry-Brock, James Sainsbury, Charles Pillman, Freddie Stephens, Kitty May, Daisie Coates and Saffron Rae.



Sporting News

Boys Match Reports

U11 Rugby v Shebbear – Wed. 23rd November

We won the toss and chose to play uphill first. After some great passing Frankie Bamford scored early on with Rocco Dyer converting it. After half-time Shebbear tried to break through our defence but with great side-stepping from Harry Shaw and hard work in defence from Dylan Jones, Toby Briggs and Ryan Norland they were stopped. With Shebbear dropping the ball we saw our moment, fly hacked the ball and scored with Rocco converting again. Frankie scored a further brilliant try, which was again converted. Well done to everyone.

U9 Rugby v Kelly College – Thurs. 24th November

Kelly won the toss and decided to start. Kai Gordon did a great run and scored a try. Although we all passed well and worked well as a team, Kelly kept mentally strong and soon they were 4-1 ahead. We battled on with James Ball and Charles Pillman making extremely good tackles. Despite Daniel Shaw, James Ball and Eddie Steedman scoring amazing tries and Fin Cox running very fast and scoring 2 more brilliant tries, it was not quite enough to beat the opposition and the final score was 10-6 to Kelly. Thank you to Mr Hilton for encouraging the team.

U9 Rugby v Shebbear – Wed. 30th November

St. Petroc's won the toss and decided to start with the ball. With a downhill advantage, Daniel Shaw took the ball and ran down the pitch, scoring our first try within 20 seconds. Good tackling and rucking by St. Petroc's resulted in further tries, putting us well ahead halfway through the first half. Shebbear fought back well, scoring once before the break. In the second half the teams fought hard. St. Petroc's scored 3 more times before the whistle. The final score was 7-3 to St. Petroc's. Special mention goes to Daniel for 5 tries. Thank you Mr Hilton and Mr Whitmarsh for your support. Man of the match was James Ball for excellent rucking and offloads and Oliver Cummings for outstanding tackling.

Girls Match Reports

Girls' match reports in next Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

December

Mon 5th 2.30 pm Choir to sing at Eventide Nursing Home
Tues. 6th 2.30 pm Choir to sing for the Rotary Club's Christmas Dinner at The Falcon Hotel
Wed. 7th 2.00 pm Kindergarten Nativity Play
7.30 pm Official Opening of 'The Dolphins'
Thurs. 8th 2.30 pm Choir to sing at Fairfield Nursing Home
Fri. 9th 10.00 am Year 6 to Kingsley School to see 'The Canterbury Tales'
Mon. 12th 3.30 pm House Matches
4.45 pm Red Teas
Tues. 13th 10.00 am Carol Service rehearsal at St. Michael's Church
Wed. 14th 12.00 noon Kindergarten & Reception finishes
2.00 pm Final Assembly
3.00 pm School finishes