

Christmas IS coming!

Special Christmas Events

With the current Covid restrictions we cannot hold most of our usual seasonal events that involve parents e.g. Christmas Fair, Christmas performances etc.

However, staff at St Peter's have carefully planned a series of events for pupils in their class bubbles to ensure they still experience the magic of Christmas. These will include:

- Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's Church (10th - 13th December) All classes will be making decorations for this tree and our own tree in the Pier Hall.
- Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December
- Christmas Dinner - Tuesday 15th December (see below for booking details)
- KS2 Christmas Party Day - including party games, party food, Christmas quiz and special visitors (flying in remotely!) Wednesday 16th December (Party Clothes)
- Reception/KS1 Christmas Party Day - including party games, party food and special visitors (flying in remotely!) Thursday 17th December (Party Clothes)
- Christmas Worship - Friday 18th December
- 'Panto with a Difference' - an all-star staff cast! Friday 18th December
- Outdoor Nativity for Reception (with some special animal visitors!) This will be filmed and shared with reception parents (For parents of reception children, further detail to follow)

Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 15th December

We will be having a slightly different Christmas Lunch this year as we will be eating in classrooms. However, we know it will be great fun as always!

To ensure we order enough ingredients, we need families of children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) to pay for your child's Christmas lunch **by 30th November on Parentpay**. Please select either turkey or vegetarian option.

If your Key Stage 2 child is entitled to free school meals, we will assume they will be having a Christmas lunch.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they have universal free school meals and you do not have to pay for their Christmas lunch. Please book their lunch [HERE](#) by 30th November.

Please make sure you book by the deadlines so that the kitchen can order enough ingredients for Christmas dinners. We may not be able to accommodate requests after this date.

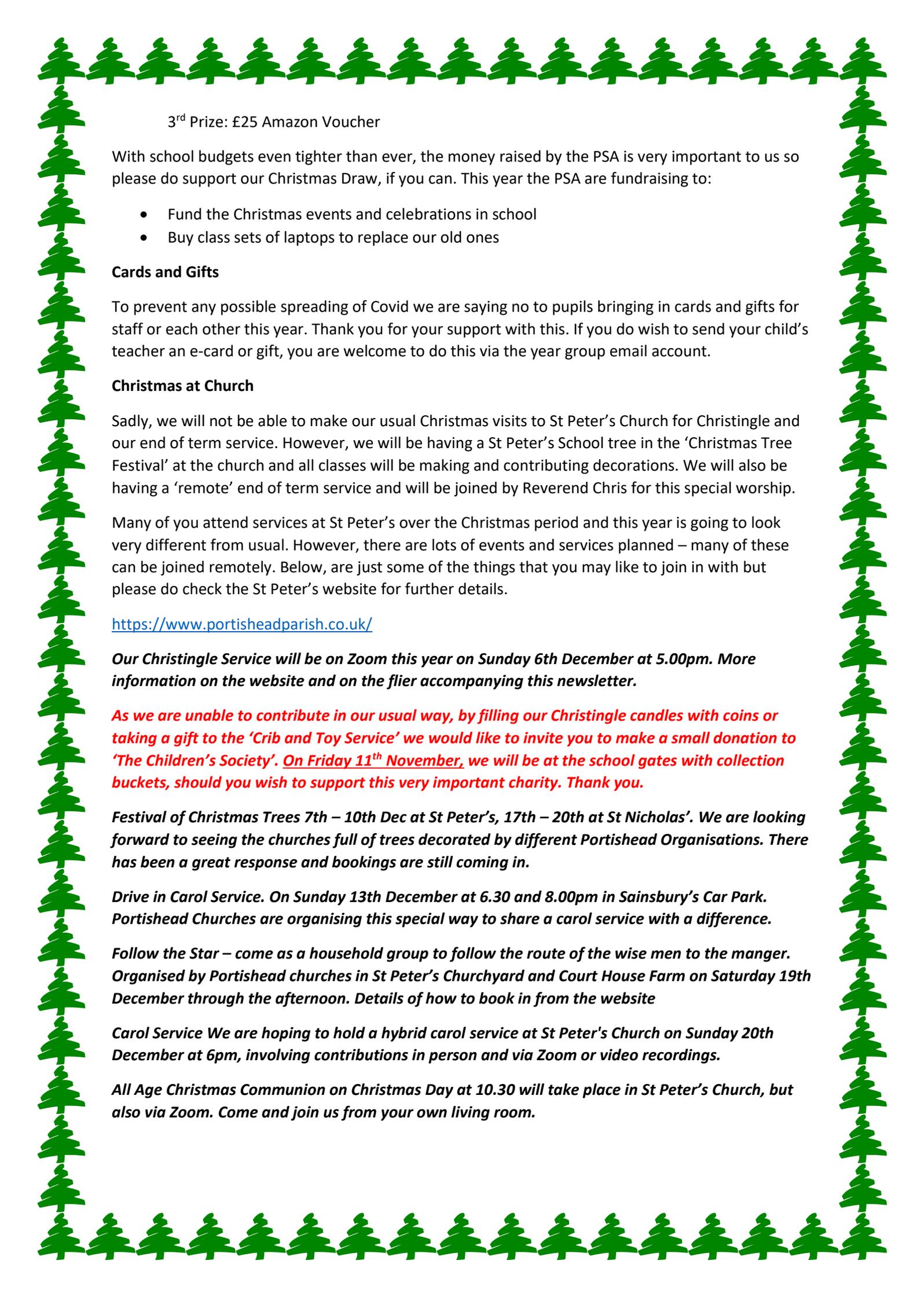
PSA Christmas Draw

Without our usual fantastic Christmas Fair our PSA have come up with an alternative to fundraise and celebrate the Christmas season – a Christmas draw! You can make donations of multiples of £2.50 on Parentpay - for each £2.50 donation, you will get your name in the draw e.g. a £10 donation means your name goes into the draw 4 times! The draw will be made on Monday 14th December and we will announce the winners on Parentmail and Facebook.

Prizes are:

1st Prize: Luxury Hamper

2nd Prize: £60 John Lewis Vouchers



3rd Prize: £25 Amazon Voucher

With school budgets even tighter than ever, the money raised by the PSA is very important to us so please do support our Christmas Draw, if you can. This year the PSA are fundraising to:

- Fund the Christmas events and celebrations in school
- Buy class sets of laptops to replace our old ones

Cards and Gifts

To prevent any possible spreading of Covid we are saying no to pupils bringing in cards and gifts for staff or each other this year. Thank you for your support with this. If you do wish to send your child's teacher an e-card or gift, you are welcome to do this via the year group email account.

Christmas at Church

Sadly, we will not be able to make our usual Christmas visits to St Peter's Church for Christingle and our end of term service. However, we will be having a St Peter's School tree in the 'Christmas Tree Festival' at the church and all classes will be making and contributing decorations. We will also be having a 'remote' end of term service and will be joined by Reverend Chris for this special worship.

Many of you attend services at St Peter's over the Christmas period and this year is going to look very different from usual. However, there are lots of events and services planned – many of these can be joined remotely. Below, are just some of the things that you may like to join in with but please do check the St Peter's website for further details.

<https://www.portisheadparish.co.uk/>

Our Christingle Service will be on Zoom this year on Sunday 6th December at 5.00pm. More information on the website and on the flier accompanying this newsletter.

As we are unable to contribute in our usual way, by filling our Christingle candles with coins or taking a gift to the 'Crib and Toy Service' we would like to invite you to make a small donation to 'The Children's Society'. On Friday 11th November, we will be at the school gates with collection buckets, should you wish to support this very important charity. Thank you.

Festival of Christmas Trees 7th – 10th Dec at St Peter's, 17th – 20th at St Nicholas'. We are looking forward to seeing the churches full of trees decorated by different Portishead Organisations. There has been a great response and bookings are still coming in.

Drive in Carol Service. On Sunday 13th December at 6.30 and 8.00pm in Sainsbury's Car Park. Portishead Churches are organising this special way to share a carol service with a difference.

Follow the Star – come as a household group to follow the route of the wise men to the manger. Organised by Portishead churches in St Peter's Churchyard and Court House Farm on Saturday 19th December through the afternoon. Details of how to book in from the website

Carol Service We are hoping to hold a hybrid carol service at St Peter's Church on Sunday 20th December at 6pm, involving contributions in person and via Zoom or video recordings.

All Age Christmas Communion on Christmas Day at 10.30 will take place in St Peter's Church, but also via Zoom. Come and join us from your own living room.