PETE THE PUPPET – EAT THE BISCUIT

Chris: OK. I'm looking forward to meeting Pete this month. Sue told me he's bringing a friend – a really nice friend. That'll make a change. Shall we see if we can wake him up? After three shout, "Hiya Pete!" One, two …

Pete: *(Pete appears before the count is finished and loudly shouts)* Hello, everybody, great to see you all.

ChrisWow, Pete, you gave me a fright. We hadn't finished counting.

Pete: Well, Chris, last month you complained because it was difficult to wake me up. But I just wanted to show you that I'm really EXTREMELY full of energy. I've had a great month and I can't wait to tell you all about it.

Chris: What is it, flying with the Red Arrows again? Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro? Winning an extreme pie eating competition?

Pete: No, no, Chris. I've found a way of getting my thrills the easy way! I don't have to go to EXTREME lengths to do stuff.

Chris: There are no short cuts in life, Pete. You have to work hard to make life work.

Pete: *(Confidentially)* Well actually, Chris, there is an easy way. I've seen it right here in Scampton.

Chris: I'm all ears, Pete. What have you discovered?

Pete: It's teaching, Chris. Did you notice that over Christmas the children were away from school for 2 whole weeks!

Teacher: (Shouts out). Teaching! Easy!? See me later, boy!

Chris: Teachers are really clever, Pete. The only qualification you've got is Pete the Puppet, B.Sc.

Pete: B.Sc – that's an EXTREMELY good qualification. I bet I'm the only B.Sc here.

Chris: Anybody here got a B.Sc? *(If nobody else owns up John Bev will).* What does B.Sc stand for?

John or an other: Batchelor of Science.

Chris: Yes, and you went to University for your B.Sc didn't you? Well I know that Pete only went to Yarborough Swimming Pool. His B.Sc is a Bronze Swimming Certificate! Come on, Pete, what do you think you could teach?

Pete: All my EXTREME sports, of course. Paragliding, mountaineering (and doing all the extreme special effects in things like the X – treme factor with my mate Simon Roof Vent and Cheryl Coke)

Chris: I don't think you'll get many takers, Pete.

Pete: *(Superciliously)* Actually, Christopher, I've already been teaching my first pupil!

Chris: *(Shocked)* Really? Who's that?

Pete Well, he's sat down there on the front row.

Child stands up with Gloopy's bag

Chris: You've been teaching a bag?

Pete: NOOOOooo! My friend Gloopy is in the bag. He's shy. Come out Gloopy and meet the people.

Child: Gloopy comes slowly out of the bag and looks round

Child: Say hello to everybody, Gloopy. *(Gloopy whispers to child).* He's shy. He doesn't want to speak.

Chris: Nice to meet you Gloopy. Well, Pete, what have you taught Gloopy?

Pete I've taught her to whistle, Chris.

Chris: To whistle? *(Politely to Gloopy):* Gloopy, would you mind whistling for us?

Child: *(Gloopy whispers to child)* Gloopy says she can't whistle.

Chris: She can't whistle. I thought you said you'd taught her, Pete.

Pete: Absolutely correct. I said that I'd taught her. I didn't say that she learnt it. I can't help it if she's stupid.

Chris: Stupid! Never call anyone stupid, Pete

Pete: Oh sorry I meant she was inattentive at times and must try harder – that's more like teacher language isn't it

Chris: Well remember Pete, that puppets learn in different ways

Child: *(Gloopy whispers in child's ear)* Gloopy says she likes to learn by doing…you know like watching a film – then discussing what she has seen with other people.*(Gloopy whispers in child's ear again)* She also says that she likes learning to be informal and not to be judged, like Pete's always doing.

Chris: Sounds just like what happens at the Alpha course – See Pete, there are other ways of teaching and learning other than stuffing it down people's throats! Why don't you come along and see how it can be done?

Pete: Sounds interesting Chris – Can I sit at the back and watch

Chris: I can do even better Pete – why don't you join the group then YOU can learn by experience.

Pete: OK Chris – see you there then – bye Gloopy *(Gloopy goes back in the bag)* – bye Chris - bye everybody