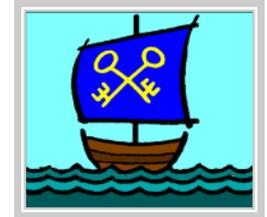


ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Friday 18th December 2020

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Please visit the school website www.stpeterscatholicprimary.com for dates for the full academic year, together with other information about the school that you may find useful. Dates on the website are subject to change, possibly at short notice, due to the covid situation.

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January inclusive – Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January – Inservice day – School closed

Tuesday 5th January – Children return to school



This week

We began the week by celebrating the third Sunday of Advent. The children planned their own special liturgy, focussing on what gives them joy. It is perhaps a little challenging to think of joyful situations outside of school at the moment. However, the children of St Peter's have provided much joy recently. They have had a great week! Our virtual pantomime visit was a great success as well as a very noisy disco. It was fabulous to see year 2 joining in from home too. I did think that the ceiling was coming in at one point! Thank you to DJ Squirrel (Don't ask!) for his amazing set. I hear that he flew in from Ibiza especially.

Whilst it was disappointing that Year 2 had to go home, we must reflect on the fact that we have been relatively lucky. Once again, I thank you for your amazing support. You have kept us all going and we are lucky to work with you all. A huge thank you to our year 2 families.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we have been able to support a number of families within our community over Christmas, as well as raise funds to support the planned refurbishment of the reception toilets as well as the replacement of laptops. I, along with many other members of staff have been fortunate to be part of the St Peter's family for a long time and I have been constantly amazed by the levels of kindness and support shown to all. We would all like to thank you for your kind gifts and messages and prayers. Please continue to say many prayers for a safe reopening in the New Year!

Listening to the children this week, reading and speaking during class liturgies, we have been reminded of the need for love at this tricky time. As the children have said, God's greatest gift came unwrapped and in the simplest form. A tiny child, to give us all hope and joy. Hearing the children sing and read brought a tear to many an eye this week but it also made us remember that despite things being a little bit uncertain, we must all have hope. It will be ok.

Please also remember that you ALL NEED A BREAK. Enjoy not having to do the school run and all of the other jobs that we cause for you! Please take care of yourselves and stay safe.

With much love to you all and let's hope that 2021 is better!



Hampers

We are delighted that we were able to provide hampers to some of our families. They were very gratefully received and we hope will make a difference over the Christmas period. We would like to thank the following for their support in enabling us to provide the hampers –

Tesco Stores
Shoreham Deli
Mr Shaw
Mr & Mrs Ingram

Truffles Bakery
Real Patisserie
Mr Fitzgerald
Reception parents

Shoreham Beach Bakery
Wickenden Meats
Mrs Quinn
Year 2 parents



Christmas Fundraising

****£4,191****

This is the amount we have raised over the Christmas period! Wow ! What an amazing amount of money and more than we could ever have dreamt of raising in the current climate. Thank you so much for your support of our Christmas activities.

A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Dzekawong for their fundraising page which has achieved the fantastic total of

£1,150 thank you to everyone who very kindly donated. Thank you for donating raffle prizes, for purchasing raffle tickets, thank you for purchasing Christmas cards, tea towels, mugs etc and thank you for your donations to the Christmas event on Monday. It was lovely to see the children in their Christmas clothes; they had a lovely day making crafts, watching the pantomime and the younger children even met Father Christmas (socially distanced, of course). We hope they enjoyed their Santa gifts! Year 2 have been very busy with Mrs Andrews on zoom this week and doing all sorts of activities. They will have their Christmas event when we return in January and we are hoping that a certain gentleman will make a return visit to the school especially to see them.

We couldn't have raised anywhere near this amount of money without your amazing support – 'thank you' doesn't seem enough but we really do mean it and are overwhelmed by your generosity and support.

Lottery

A reminder that the first draw in our school lottery takes place on Saturday 9th January 2021. Saturday 5th December saw the 9th jackpot of 2020 within the lottery – that's £225k that has been won by jackpot winners so far this year.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to win. Visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for St Peter's Catholic. Good luck! Don't forget that everyone who supports St Peter's in the lottery, before 19th December 2020, will automatically be entered into a draw to win a Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle.

Community Support

The Gateway Hub is a local community support group, based in Fishersgate, set up by a group of volunteers during the Covid pandemic, to support local families. They can supply clothing, toiletries, cleaning products, toys, games and food items. Please do get in touch with them if you need anything. Tel. 01273 978566. Additionally, if you are able to donate any unwanted items, please let them know. They really are doing a fantastic job for our local community. In addition, those children and families that are not eligible for free school meals are able to access support for food and essentials, should they be required, via the West Sussex County Council Community Hub. The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 8.00am – 8.00pm 7 days a week and will be operational throughout the Christmas holiday period.

Please, if you do need any help, get in touch with either the local Gateway Hub on 01273 978566 or the WSCC Community Hub on 0330 222 7980.

As always, you can contact the school for anything and we will do our best to provide any support that we can.



Free School Meals (FSM) Eligibility Criteria *****IMPORTANT*****

From 1st April 2018 the Government are applying a change to the criteria for award of means tested Free School Meals (FSM).

The new criteria to be eligible for free school meals require that parents and carers are in receipt of one of the following benefits –

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit



- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra £1,345 per child which can fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This funding is vital to the school, particularly at the moment so we urge you to apply. If you think your child(ren) may be eligible for free school meals, please contact Mrs Matthews in the school office.

Sunrise Breakfast Club

We are delighted that so many children are enjoying coming to our Sunrise Breakfast Club. The Breakfast Club is open every day from 7.45am and costs just £3.50 a session. Sessions can be booked and paid for using the online payment system sQuid. For further information please contact the school office. It is possible to pay for your child's sessions at Breakfast Club using childcare vouchers. We are currently registered with the following organisations – Fair Care Services Ltd, RG Childcare, Computershare Voucher Services, Edenred, Sodexo, KiddiVouchers, Fideliti, Salary Exchange, Gemelli Employee Benefits, Government Tax Free Childcare scheme. If you use another childcare voucher provider please let us know.



Best of Buddies

Best of Buddies runs every afternoon after school from 3.15 – 5.15pm. For more information please contact Mrs Awedan Tel. 07923 318935 or email bofbuddies@gmail.com



Kind regards

K Crees

Mrs K Crees

Headteacher

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BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



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WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot

To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: **St Peter's Catholic**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older