

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

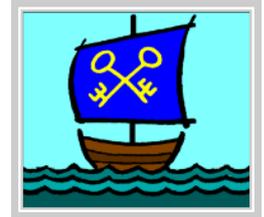
## Newsletter

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Please visit the school website [www.stpeterscatholicprimary.com](http://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.

### **This week**

Thank you for all of your hard work at home. We really appreciate how hard it is for you. We have no idea how you are managing to juggle home-school and work. Whilst we have wanted to provide you with as much live lesson time as possible, we appreciate that the situation is not ideal. Despite doing what we can to avoid timetable clashes, we are aware that some of you are still finding this a challenge. We would like to be able to give you all plenty of notice about links and lessons but we are running the school on a day to day basis. Currently, we are several members of staff down so all teachers and teaching assistants are running both in and home school lessons at the same time. It is hard to predict staffing patterns and availability with cases on the increase.

If you find yourself really struggling, then please do get in touch. Email us or call and we will see what we can do to support. Even if it is just someone to listen! One of our staff members gave an insight into the trials of online learning. It went along the lines of:

- One child is sort of doable - but only sort of.
- Two children is very intense and a bit gets done but only if you get up VERY early and bribe them
- Three or more children – NIGHTMARE. Any success is out of pure chance.

***All of the above should forget about getting any actual work of their own done.***

I thought that I would share this with you. Please try to take a step back if it all gets too much. As we said before, reading is hugely important. If your child has refused to complete literacy work but has read then try not to panic. Writing and maths tasks should be attempted. Ask us for help if you need it. If you have to adapt tasks slightly to get them to do it, then do! If you get to an afternoon and you really need to complete your own work then do! Other subjects can be caught up with at any time. I would imagine that weekends are quiet – you could save some things for then.

During the first lockdown, we held a “take a break day”. This went down very well and was required about three weeks in. We plan to do this soon. This will enable children to focus on tasks set with less parental support and will enable you to all catch up with what you need to do.

We began the week by focusing on the Baptism of Christ and we asked the children in school how they might see Jesus each day. The children said that they saw Christ in the kind actions of others, on the news when they saw NHS workers and in the love and care they receive from their families. We continue to pray for you all each day and ask that you are all kept safe.

Please let us know if you need anything,

### **Hot School Meals**

A reminder that all children currently coming in to school are entitled to have a hot meal at lunchtime. There is no need to send your child(ren) in to school with a packed lunch.

### **Lottery**

Our first lottery draw took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – congratulations to this week’s winner and thank you so much for donating your winnings (£27.90) back to the school. We raised £37.20 from this week’s draw. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the lottery. If you haven’t already and would like to do so please visit [yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for St Peter’s Catholic. Good luck! We currently have 93 supporters of our lottery. It would be fantastic if we could achieve 100!!

The prize of the Nintendo Switch Bundle was won by a supporter of Lymm High School. There is a new prize available to everyone who buys tickets before 20<sup>th</sup> February – a Robot Prize Bundle containing a robotic vacuum cleaner and a robotic lawnmower! Please see leaflet at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for supporting our lottery.

### WhatsApp Groups

We are aware that most year groups have a class WhatsApp group for parents to communicate with other, reminders etc. However, can parents please be mindful of what they are putting in the group and that messages are not offensive to others reading them. We know that the WhatsApp groups are outside of the school's control but would just ask you to be thoughtful of what you are posting. Thank you.

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

From 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:bofbuddies@gmail.com)



Kind regards

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Headteacher

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**+**

**Eufy BoostIQ RoboVac Cleaner**

- ⊗ Support your school this term
- ⊗ Weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- ⊗ Ticket cost just £1 a week
- ⊗ Help boost school funds when we need it most

**Buy A Ticket**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).