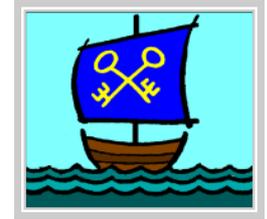


ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Friday 22nd January 2021

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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-19 situation.

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February – Half Term
Monday 22nd February – Inservice day – school will be closed
Tuesday 23rd February – children return to school.



This week

We began this week thinking about names. We listened to the story of Jesus naming St Peter and talked about the meaning of our own names. Do you know where your name originates from? Were you given it for a special reason? We have asked the children to find out. St Peter was named Cephas, meaning “rock”. Jesus knew that he was dependable and strong. This story had made us think about the strength that you are all having to show at the moment. We are aware that so many of you are facing challenging times at work and home. To all of our front line parents, facing daily challenges, we send our love and prayers. We especially think of those of you who are working for the NHS and in care homes. Seeing news reports from intensive care units puts all of our struggles in school into perspective. We have also heard from many of you who are working under very stressful conditions.

In addition to this, being at home delivering home learning is a massive challenge. We know that you are tired and so are the children. For this reason, and following very positive parent feedback, we are bringing back “Take a break day”. You all need it!

Wednesday 27th January will be very different. You will be set tasks that require less parent intervention and there will be no Zooms. The children will have the chance to complete tasks that are creative and engaging but there will be less pressure. Use this time to have a break. You need it.

It is important to mention that at this current moment in time, we have no information about schools re-opening after half term. It was interesting to hear on the news that parents will receive two weeks’ notice. We will wait and see! We will contact you as soon as we have information to share. At the moment, it is still vital that you remain at home unless you have no other choice. We need to continue to do all that we can to keep our school community safe.

Finally, I have some sad, but also happy news to share.

Mrs Sherwin has retired and will not be returning to St Peter’s when the school re-opens. Everyone loves Mrs Sherwin! She will be missed by all. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication over the past six years. I know that years 5 and 6 will particularly miss her. Mrs Sherwin would like you all to know that as soon as she is able to, she will come and say a proper good bye. Whilst this is sad news for us, we wish Mrs Sherwin a very happy retirement. She has lots planned once she is able to leave the house!

As always, thank you for your continued support. It keeps us all going.



Easyfundraising

Help us get 2021 off to a great fundraising start for the school by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 4,300 retailers including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more. This will make a BIG difference to us during this difficult time. To date, we have raised just over £200 and have 42 supporters – let’s see if we can increase this to 50!!

Sign up today – https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/spcps/?referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

Sustrans Outside In

We have been asked by Sustrans to make parents aware that they are relaunching Sustrans Outside In, a free resource to help parents who are looking after their children at home. Sustrans Outside In provides fun ideas and inspiration for parents to bring education, health and wellbeing activities into their home. Parents can access resources by registering for the free parent newsletter. Over four weeks, you will receive weekly videos, themed activities, games and challenges designed by their experienced school officers. If you are interested please visit the subscription page www.sustrans.org.uk/Outsideln

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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- ⊗ 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 20th Feb. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

Visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for St Peter's Catholic.