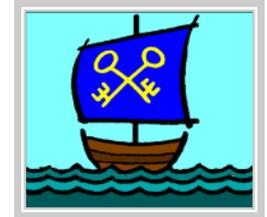


ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Friday 26th February 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.



This week

With only one week left of Zooming and home schooling, it seems that there is light at the end of what has been a rather long tunnel! We are so looking forward to seeing you all once again. Please do take the time to read through the information sent out; we are essentially reverting back to arrangements put into place in September. We know that the children will need to be gently eased back into to a classroom routine and will continue to adopt a recovery curriculum. Please remember that we need to avoid queues and crowds in Eastern Avenue, so do not arrive before the gates open at 8.35am.

The children in school have decided to act on Pope Francis' message for Lent. Pope Francis would like us to make this a Lent of love because if ever a little more love and understanding is required, it is right now. Each class has been set the challenge of showing kindness and love in creative ways for other members of the school community. This week, we have spotted anonymous messages around the school, sharing kind thoughts and words. We hope that this will continue as we journey towards Easter.

Let's all try to make our last week of Zooming a good one. Please encourage your child to turn their camera on when participating in lessons. They most certainly should do this when being spoken to or asked a question. Teachers are reporting that lots have started to turn cameras off. It is hard to engage with the children and assess where they are within a lesson, if they can't be seen.

Parents evening is going to be a bit different this term. Whilst Zoom appointments worked to a point, the time taken to set them up in between appointments made the whole process unmanageable. We had hoped to be able to introduce our new system last term but it was only made available to us in January. For those of you who have had experience of secondary parents' evenings, it is very much the same process. You will be logged in and your appointment will cut off when it has ended. The next session starts automatically. For this reason, I do have to warn you that if you are late or you miss your appointment, we are unable to wait for you or start it at a different time. If you have an IT related issue on the night, we will of course make an appointment to talk to you at another time. Equally, if we have an issue at this end, we will email you to let you know and will rearrange appointment times. Whilst not ideal, it is the best solution that we can find at this time. We thought it most important to offer something to you all. The focus of this parents' evening will be to talk to you about how home schooling or time in class has been going. Parents' evening will understandably have a very different feel to it but we feel it important that you have a chance to ask any questions that you might have.

Thank you for your continued support. You have all be amazing. Not long to go so hang in there!

World Book Day

World Book day this year is on Thursday 4th March 2021 and we will again be celebrating the day. This year, however, will be slightly different as we are extending the activities over Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March.

On Thursday, teachers will hold a zoom story session over the course of the day. Children attending school are welcome to dress up as a book character. Children learning at home are also welcome to dress up as well but also have an additional challenge – to make a book character potato! There are some examples below. Please email your

potato characters to Mr English – menglish@stpetersshoreham.co.uk Children attending school are, of course, welcome to bring in a potato character as well if they wish.

On Friday we will hold a 'Story Time' assembly as usual and, during this, we will share the book character potato pictures that have been sent in.

Children will, as usual, receive a £1 book token – these will be given out to all children week commencing 8th March. The vouchers are valid until 28th March so plenty of time to use them!



Hot School Meals – KS2 Children

The Chartwells website is now open for parents to order school meals for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 for when schools re-open on Monday 8th March. Please visit www.mealselector.co.uk

Wraparound Care

Our Sunrise Breakfast Club and Best of Buddies after school club will be re-opening from Monday 8th March. We are aware that some parents have already booked places for Breakfast Club and we will be arranging credits for the unused sessions – this will be done with the summer term bookings. If you haven't already booked a place please log on to sQuid, the online payment system, and visit the bookings section. For any enquires about Best of Buddies after school club, please contact Mrs Awedan – 07923 318935 or email bofbuddies@gmail.com

BT Wi-Fi Vouchers

We have successfully applied for some free BT Wi-Fi vouchers to enable pupils, who can't normally access the internet at home, to do so to help keep students learning during the lockdown. The free Wi-Fi will be provided in the form of a unique user name and a unique password which, once logged in, gives access to BT's UK network over 5 million hotspots until 31st July 2021. If you don't currently have internet access at home, or very limited access, and would like to take advantage of one of the vouchers, please contact Mrs Matthews in the school office who can give you further information. Email – office@stpetersshoreham.co.uk

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.

During the period of time that schools are closed parents of children who are eligible for free school meals will receive a weekly supermarket voucher (£15.00) to help with the cost of lunches. This is available for children who are not in school. Children in school will continue to receive a hot meal at lunchtime. During February half term the value of vouchers will be increased from £15.00 to £20.00 per child and will be available for all children eligible for free school meals.

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.



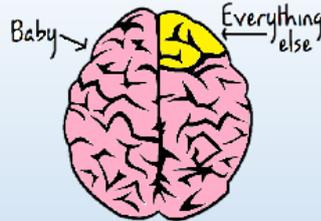
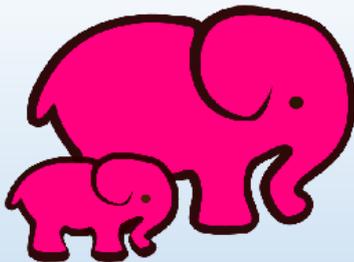
Best of Buddies

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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Are you a parent with a child under 6?

Research needs you!

We're carrying out research into memory and sleep in parents.

You would be required to complete a memory game on your phone and answer some questions about your daily activities.

You would be entered into 3 prize draws if you complete the study.



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