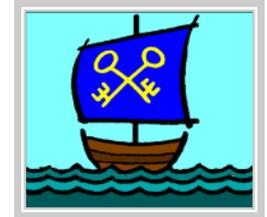


ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Thursday 1st April 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.

Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April inclusive – Easter holidays

Monday 19th April – Children return to school



This week

We have arrived at the end of term! What a term it has been!

It is a shame that we have been unable to hold whole school, Easter celebrations but it does not mean that we have not been able to reflect together. On Monday, we held a whole school assembly focusing on the Easter story. Last week, I mentioned that Lloyd from Brighton and Hove City Mission had been in touch. I am very pleased to tell you that today, the children will be bringing home an Easter activity pack from the team. In addition to this, the children will all be receiving an Easter egg from St Peter's. Thanks to Mrs Matthews, everyone will have something to take home to celebrate Easter and our whole school return!

It has been an absolute pleasure to have the children back. We all hope that it is for good. With Easter being a time to reflect on hope, let us all hope and pray that the summer brings a period of normality for us all. The staff would like to pass on their thanks and Easter wishes to you all. You will all remain in our prayers over the Easter weekend. Thank you for your amazing support. It has kept us going!

Take care and stay safe!

Charity Fundraising

We are delighted to let you know about our recent Charity fundraising activities. In the last couple of weeks we have supported Comic Relief's Red Nose Day and Brain Tumour Research's Wear a Hat day, both of which the children really enjoyed.

We have sent cheques to both charities, as follows –

Comic Relief - £152.00

Brain Tumour Research - £302.00

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Contact Tracing and Lateral Flow Tests over the Easter Holidays

To support the NHS Test and Trace process, anyone who displays covid symptoms, and subsequently receives a positive lateral flow or PCR covid test, within two days of being at school, please contact the school by email to let us know – office@stpetersshoreham.co.uk If symptoms or a positive test occurs more than two days since your child was last at the school then you do not need to report to the school but should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

We have received advice from the DfE that, following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school, by staff and parents, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. Lateral flow tests should only be taken by those people without symptoms. Anyone showing symptoms of Covid should book a PCR test straight away and must isolate while awaiting the results. For further information on booking lateral flow tests at home please visit - <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Library Holiday Activities Running Over Easter

Are you looking for somewhere to take children during the Easter school holidays? As part of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) in West Sussex this Easter, Education & Skills have partnered with our fabulous Library Service to present a new and EGG-citing blend of virtual and face to face opportunities. Families can find stories and activities each Tuesday and Thursday of the Easter holidays online or via the Family Corner Facebook page. There are competitions and challenges based on some of our favourite stories about food and growing, as well as 'science in your kitchen' experiments to try at home. There are also some exciting recipes from our friends at UK Harvest. For anyone not online, everything is available to collect in a bag from the door of your local library. If you make a trip to the library, you will find that all 36 West Sussex libraries are offering a Staff Select service. Just fill in the online form or phone ahead to specify what you would like to read, and the library will do the rest, including letting you know when everything is available for you to collect from the door. Joining the library is free for everyone - adults and children. Join online to access a huge range of e-books and magazines. West Sussex will be further developing the HAF offer for future holiday periods and we will keep you up to date with those developments as they happen.

Easyfundraising

Please support the school on #easyfundraising. You can raise FREE donations when you shop online with over 4,500 retailers. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to sign up. Plus, once you have raised your first £5, easyfundraising will match it. Sign up now – https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/spcps/?invite=6QLVC5%referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

We have just received payment from Easyfundraising of £33.93 for donations raised by our supporters up until 31st December 2020. This really makes a difference to the school during this difficult time of not being able to properly fundraise. Please do sign up, if you can.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle this Easter with Wastebuster!

Easter generates 8,000 tonnes of waste packaging and cards so West Sussex County Council are encouraging families to reduce, reuse and recycle this Easter. Their home learning website (www.westsussex.wastebusters.org) is available for families to have some fun during the Easter holidays. There are lots of waste-themed challenges for children and their families to take on. You could become Food Detectives to prevent food waste crimes or crafty pirates hunting for recyclable treasure. Families will learn how to "Recycle it Right" and be in with a chance to win fantastic prizes too!

West Sussex Community Hub

A reminder that the West Sussex Community Hub will be open throughout the Easter holidays and those children and families that are not eligible for free school meals will be able to access support for food and essentials, should they be required. The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980 and is open 08:00 – 20:00 7 days a week. Should you require any further information about the scheme, please contact welfarecommunities@westsussex.gov.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.

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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HAPPY EASTER



Easter Greetings from Year 1



Public Consultation

8 March - 17 May 2021

West Sussex County Council is seeking views from residents and partners on proposals to redesign the Early Help Service.

The consultation can be viewed here:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/earlyhelpredesign

If you do not have online access, and require a paper copy please call 01243 777807.



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