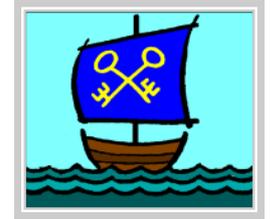


ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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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 3rd May – My Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 13th May – PTA AGM – meeting will be via Zoom

Wednesday 19th May – Class photos

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – Half Term

Thursday 10th June – Bag2School Textile Collection



This week

Week one after Easter and the sun is shining which means that the field has been in action. This has brought about much joy!

As usual, we have been busy. On Monday we had a Gospel assembly. This week the focus was an extract from Luke, describing Jesus appearing to his disciples following the crucifixion. The children particularly enjoy looking at art work depicting Gospel stories as they are often full of hidden clues. They managed to spot St Peter this week. The scripture led them to think about who they learn best from and to reflect on the times when they have been scared to give something a try. Many talked about the support they get from their family when they are faced with a daunting challenge!

The children in Reception have been learning all about bar charts and have used the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar to inspire them to collect data. Big news from Year 1 – they have a bakery in class! They have been making bread and have been learning about the cause of the Great Fire of London. It has been a pleasure to see history taught in such a creative way.

In Year 2, the children are preparing and writing twisted tales. They seemed very happy to return to school in their pyjamas! I hear that they spent the day sharing and discussing traditional stories.

The children in Year 3 have enjoyed learning about decimals and fractions because “they are hard and great fun”! They have also been exploring invertebrates and have mastered some very complex terms.

Year 4 nearly staged a revolution this week. Miss Heffernan proposed the sensible idea of cutting break times to make up for lost learning time. She wrote a very sensible letter to outline her case. Year 4 were asked to write a counter proposal, which they did with a large amount of passion and energy! Playtimes will remain.

Year 5 tell me that they have really enjoyed editing and improving Ancient Greek myths. They have also been exploring this topic in art. Like year 3, they have also loved the challenge of fractions and decimals.

This term will be the last St Peter's term for our Year 6 cohort. We can't quite believe it! We will of course be planning some things for them to enjoy this term – as much as we are able to. Hopefully, as the summer term progresses, we will have more flexibility. They have made a great start to this term showing great enthusiasm for this term's theme – the human body.

Inservice Days 2021/2022

Inservice days for the academic year 2021/2022 are below.

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

Details of term dates etc are on the school website.

School Uniform Suppliers

We have been asked, by First4Uniform in Lancing, to inform you of potential problems/delays with the supply of school uniform for various reasons as outlined below –

- Ongoing impact of lockdowns, staff shortages and ships in wrong locations caused by Covid
- Surge in demand for consumer durables due to reduced spend on leisure and tourism has led to the demand for shipping containers outstripping supply. This means some finished goods cannot be shipped until containers are secured, causing delays
- Extended closure to Suez Canal, as the main route into Europe, exacerbating problems above
- Delayed vessels missing next scheduled voyage; berthing slots in ports are at capacity
- Port authorities insisting ships have to take containers onboard in exchange for anchoring, leading to goods sometimes going in the wrong direction

First4Uniform have advised us that they have already placed all of their orders for the back to school season but that the suppliers themselves may experience delays with deliveries as laid out above. More than ever, they are asking parents to order early and be prepared for possible delays of stock and to understand that they cannot control all links of the supply chain.

Bag2School Fundraising

Bag2School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged a collection. All the bags will be weighed and we will be paid for the total weight collected – the more we collect the greater the benefit to the school. Bag2School are not issuing plastic bags so please place your donations in any available plastic bag. When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

Items for re-use that are being collected are – men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. Please note – NO uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric will be accepted. The collection date is Thursday 10th June at 9.00am so please bring in your donations, to the school office, from Monday 7th June. Please do not bring your bags any earlier than this.

School Lottery

A big thank you to those of you who are participating in our School Lottery – we currently have 39 supporters which is great. During the pandemic the lottery really is keeping our fundraising going as we haven't been able to do our usual events. Since we launched the lottery in January we have raised £516.80, which is amazing. For as little as £1.00 a week you could be a part of it and in with the chance of winning a weekly amount. Over the Easter holidays one lucky winner from a school won £25,000! This half term Your School Lottery are giving away not one but five special prizes. Everyone who supports the lottery before 5th June is in with a chance of winning a £100 B & Q Gift Card. See flier at the end of this newsletter. If you are not already involved but would like to take part please visit – yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for St Peter's Catholic Primary School. It would be lovely if we could possibly have some more people taking part and helping us to raise extra money for the school.

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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A graphic illustration of six paintbrushes hanging vertically against a dark blue background. The brushes are of various colors (white, red, orange, white, red) and have thick, textured paint strokes of the same color extending upwards from their heads. The largest brush on the left has a thick orange stroke that contains the following text:

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- Win up to £25,000

To support your school, go to:

yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: **St Peter's Catholic Primary School**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 5th June 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).