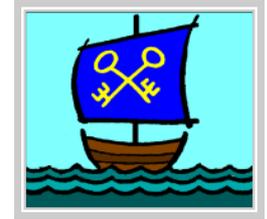


ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Friday 2nd October 2020

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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 situation.

Thursday 8th October - Individual photos

Friday 9th October - Harvest Liturgies in school. Home clothes day - donations for Cafod

Friday 16th October - Wear Red Day for anti-racism

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - Half Term

Monday 2nd November - Inservice day - school closed

This Week

I hope this finds you all well. With the news so unpredictable at the moment, we are relieved to report a calm week with things remaining the same here at St Peter's. Arrangements have been tested by heavy rain and we coped.

If the weather is bad, please be on time as we are unable to shelter parents and grandparents as much as we would like to, for which we apologise. If it is raining hard, we will do our very best to get the children out as quickly as possible.

Coming to school in PE kit is working really well. Everyone is participating as PE kit is not forgotten. The children say that they prefer it. Can I please remind you all that St Peter's PE kit consists of a St Peter's sports top and plain navy shorts or jogging bottoms? Plain, navy jogging bottoms are easily found in most of the large supermarkets or Marks & Spencer's. They are cheap and functional. We ask that all children stick to this as we will not be allowing running tights, under armour or other types of sports kit. No logos please! If we are all the same, it prevents children from feeling like they have to have the latest kit. Jogging bottoms will be required soon as it is getting cold.

Whilst thinking about uniform, we have decided that for this academic year, trainers can be worn. The children, in addition to PE sessions, participate in regular class physical play and activities. Wearing trainers means that changing is not required. In bad weather, children can wear wellies and bring trainers in a carrier bag. If you wish your child to wear school shoes, then that is fine. School shoes will be back in September 2021.

This week, we have been discussing the choices we make. The older children remembered Dumbledore's famous quote about people being defined by their choices rather than their abilities. We listened to the parable of the two sons taken from Matthew's Gospel. The children have been asked to think about the choices that they make over the next few days.

Reception continue to amaze Mrs Hodge with their industrious making skills. Not a single cardboard box escapes them. No sooner is it put down, someone turns it into something exciting.

An important letter arrived in Year 1 this week. Beegu has written to them asking if she can come to planet Earth and visit their class! They have to design a special house for her to live in. I can tell you that they are on the case!

In Year 2, Lego has been used very creatively to spell out words. The children in Year 3 have been counting in 50s from different starting points and using this skill to solve problems. Miss Heffernan and Year 4 decided to mummify a mackerel this week in order to recreate the rather gruesome practice adopted by the Ancient Egyptians. They successfully managed to stink out the school office and were asked to store it elsewhere! They had a great time.

Year 5 report that negative numbers and Roman numerals are going well. They have even managed to find the time to begin poems about the Blitz. We look forward to reading them.

In Year 6, the children have been getting to grips with Google classrooms. They have also been writing discussions about the text Coraline. Year 6 wrote beautiful poetry in response to scripture and shared them in assembly. They have also completed a historical time line depicting key events in Brighton.

We would all like to congratulate Dante on the making of his First Holy Communion. We will all remember to keep him in our prayers.

Next week, we will be holding a school harvest celebration for each class. Whilst we wish that we could invite you all in, we are unable to. The children will be holding a class liturgy and will be invited to wear non-school uniform and make a donation to Cafod. We are unable to accept food donations this year, but hope to be able to send a contribution to support Cafod, who have been significantly hit by the C19 virus.

Thank you for your continued efforts and support. We hope that we continue to remain open as we are but have plans in place should remote education take over. Our remote learning plan can be found on the school website.

Children will be set work if isolating. In the event of a whole class being asked to isolate, work will be set either via the school website or Google Class. Individual classes are being taken through the Google Class process at the moment and we will keep you informed. Year 6 has made a start and it has gone well. Parent feedback indicated that work being set via the website worked well for the majority. With this in mind, we will continue this method for key stage 1 and we will also offer a live lesson where possible. Key stage 2 will use Google class when trained up and ready. Until then, they will also have live lessons and work set via the website.

Have a restful weekend!



Wear Red Day – Friday 16th October

On Friday 16th October, we will be taking part in “Wear Red Day”. This is a national day where schools, business and individuals are encouraged to wear red for a donation to help fund anti-racism education for young people and adults across the UK. Wear Red Day is organised by Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) which is the UK’s largest anti-racism educational charity. It was established in January 1996, due to a donation by then Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop. In 1990, Shaka was at a petrol station near St James Park Newcastle, when he was confronted with a group of young people shouting racist abuse at him. After one of the group realised that they had been shouting at Shaka Hislop, the Newcastle United football player, they came over to ask for an autograph. It was from this experience that Shaka realised he could harness his status as a professional player to make a difference. Shaka thought education could be an effective strategy in challenging racism in society. To this day SRtRC continues to utilise the high-profile status of football and football players to help tackle racism in society and has also expanded into other sports. The majority of the campaign’s work involves the delivery of educational workshops to young people and adults in schools, workplaces etc. Across the UK, SRtRC provides educational sessions to more than 50,000 individuals per year. We feel it is important that we support the charity in their fundraising and, to this effect, children are invited to come in to school wearing something red, for a monetary donation which will be given to SRtRC to help fund their anti-racism education campaign.

Hot Meals (Children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6)

If you are booking a hot meal for your child via www.mealselector.co.uk can you please ensure that the year group showing for your child is correct. This helps with the weekly register of children having a hot school meal. Thank you.

Shoreham Wordfest – Poems for our Time

Congratulations to Mia O’Toole and Cece Shiangkwang who wrote and submitted a poem for the Shoreham Wordfest competition ‘Poems for our Time – Lines from The Lockdown 2020’. Both of their poems have been selected for performance at the Celebration Poetry Book Launch taking place at the Shoreham Centre on Saturday 10th October. Several other children from St Peter’s also entered the competition - Neely Stride, Joshua Goodchild, Sam Goodchild - and their poems are being published in the book. Well done to all! We are hoping to obtain a copy of the book to have in our school library.

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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