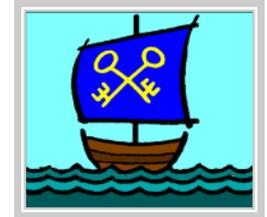


ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Friday 18th February 2022

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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 for the Diary

Monday 21st – Friday 25th February – Half Term

Monday 28th February – Children return to school

Tuesday 1st March – Children to dress as a book character for World Book Day

Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th March – Year 6 residential to Hindleap Warren

Tuesday 8th March 3.30-6.00pm – Parents Evening

Wednesday 9th March 3.30-6.00pm - Parents Evening

Friday 11th March – Year 5 visit to St Oscar Romero School for a Harry Potter themed Science Day

Monday 14th March 3.20pm – Year 6 Parents Meeting re SATs



This week

On Monday, we learnt about St Valentine and why he became a Saint. The children were inspired by stories of his kindness to others. The children discovered that St Valentine married young couples in secret after Emperor Claudius made it illegal in order to ensure that he had enough young soldiers to form his troops. The children concluded that St Valentine wanted to serve others and thought about how this might inspire them to be kind this week.

A lot has happened this week. Firstly, I must congratulate the netball team. They represented St Peter's at a locality tournament and came first. Whilst winning is great, they were most proud of their ability to work as a team. It was this that led them to victory and they are very pleased, especially Mr Lammi.

In Reception the children have had the chance to speak to both a doctor and dentist about their jobs. I hear that they asked fantastic questions. The children in Reception are very good at asking questions.

The children in Years one and four have been working very hard. I have seen excellent maths work and brilliant drawing. Mr English is very pleased with Year 4's progress against their reading targets. They should be very pleased with themselves.

Year 2 went to help Tree Action and the local Council plant trees in Buckingham Park in celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee. They also enjoyed a Chinese Dragon dance workshop with the children in Reception. They are not the only dancers in the school. Year 5 worked on routines representing the Olympics. They were brilliant.

Year 3 have had an exciting week too. Not only have they brought in fantastic Roman homework projects, they visited Fishbourne Roman Palace. They know an awful lot about the Romans and got to see how their invasion influenced the UK.

Year 6 have completed assessments and are making great progress. They have also been working very hard in computing with Mr English. They are really looking forward to visiting Hindleap Warren after half term.

Sadly, we did not get the end of the half term that we planned. School closures are a last resort. It is the first time that I have had to do this since starting at St Peter's over 8 years ago. Thank you for your support with this. With a red warning issued, all of the local heads decided that a quick decision was required to keep everyone safe. Whilst I appreciate that this has posed childcare issues for some, I do have to plan for everyone's safety. I will be going into school tomorrow to see if there has been any damage and will keep you all posted. Teachers have set work online. Do what you can and remember if you can't face it, then reading is key! Read lots of stories.

Please stay put! Stay safe and happy half term.

Sullington Way

Can we again please remind parents/carers not to bring cars in to Sullington Way. This week we have seen several cars coming right up to the school gates and trying to turn round when the children are coming out of school. This is very dangerous and has the potential for a nasty accident. Please keep all our children and parents safe by parking in the surrounding roads and being respectful of local residents.

E-Scooters

We have been asked, by West Sussex County Road Safety Team, to circulate the following information regarding E-Scooters.

In recent months, it has been brought to our attention that there is an increasing number of individuals riding e-scooters on the public highway, pavements and in public open spaces, often causing a nuisance to other road and pavement users.

E-scooters are a relatively new mode of transport and as such the Government is trialling various schemes and developing the guidance around their safe use. However, (at the time of writing this letter) many are still unaware e-scooters are classed as 'Personal Light Electric Vehicles' (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- *Driving licence*
- *Insurance*
- *Number plates*
- *Lighting*
- *Brakes*
- *Type approval*
- *Road tax*
- *Crash helmets etc.*

Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road and certainly not until legislation has been put in place. In no circumstances is it legal to ride on an e-scooter with a passenger(s) and is considered extremely dangerous. The illegal use of an e-scooter, on the public highway or pavement, is considered a criminal offence and can potentially bring about criminal proceedings.

The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK (find out more here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>).

Only approved rental e-scooters may be used in the Government-led trial areas, in line with specific terms of use. For the rest of the country, under current law, e-scooters can only be used on private land.

The police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances, the police have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act. There will be more and more police presence in the coming weeks and months specifically targeting e-scooter users in West Sussex.

For further detailed information regarding e-scooters please visit GOV.UK:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

County Road Safety Team

West Sussex County Council

Easyfundraising

Great news to share with you! Easyfundraising are this week paying us £59.61 which is money raised through people doing their online shopping through the Easyfundraising portal. This is amazing and a huge thank you to everyone who has helped make a big difference during this difficult time by raising donations for us. If you're not supporting us yet, please sign up now. It takes 2 minutes and 6,000+ shops will donate to us for free every time you shop with them. Please visit - easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/spcps/payments/61f901cd4a900db4227b865b/

School Lottery

On 26th February, one lucky player will win a Forest Holiday worth £500. The winner will be able to choose from 12 stunning UK locations. All ticket holders in the school lottery will automatically be entered into this special draw. If you don't currently support our lottery, now is a great chance to sign up and be in with a chance of winning this amazing prize. See flier at the end of this newsletter for further details. To sign up to the School Lottery, visit www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play and search for St Peter's Catholic. Good luck!

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 bobuddies@gmail.com



Kind regards

K Crees

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Headteacher

Amazon Wishlist

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YOTQO1KCEUO2/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist

Neither the Governors nor WSCC support or recommend the advice, products or services offered nor the organisations offering them. Individuals should satisfy themselves on the suitability of any of the advice, products or services and on the nature and standing of these organisations (or any mentioned in this newsletter or any other publication).



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Play Now! Go to:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

and search for: St Peter's Catholic



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing dates: 26th February 2022

PLEASE DO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO. THANK YOU.