

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

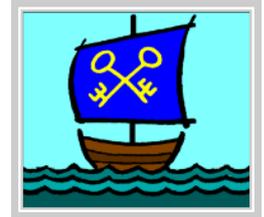
Newsletter

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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 situation.

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

We begin our last week leading up to half term, which gives us the opportunity to reflect.

Despite the challenges, the support provided by you all has enabled things to run smoothly. The children have been amazing but it is clear to see that they are very tired. We are aware of this and have been planning in the usual brain breaks and quiet sessions. One week to go!

The children have all been enjoying the brighter weather and outdoor play but we are still having to remind a few to bring their coats in. Please can you make sure that they come prepared?

This morning, I visited our reception class and had the pleasure of reading their story plans. I have also had conversations with year one about water proofing model houses for Beegu. Pirate day was a success! Year 2 certainly looked the part and had great fun. Year 3 did very well in a virtual sports challenge set by Shoreham Academy. Each week, along with other schools in the area, each class completed a physical challenge. Scores are submitted and I was delighted to hear that last week, St Peter's came first in both key stages one and two. Year 4 explored different types of animal teeth this week, which included handling different animal skulls!

Years 5 and 6 are working hard, particularly in maths. I also know that they participated really well in today's PSHCE sessions on anti-racism. I heard some very thoughtful and intelligent conversation. The whole school came together in support of "show racism the red card". They have enjoyed and benefited from a wide range of activities. This is something that we intend to focus on throughout the year.

This week, we also discussed choices. We thought about choices that we can make to keep our planet safe. We read the parable of the rich man who planned a wedding for his son and discussed what Jesus meant when he said that "many are invited but few are chosen". We agreed that Jesus was talking about heaven but we also decided that every day we are invited to make good choices but not all of us choose to do so.

I hope that you all have a safe and restful weekend.

School Video

As we are unable to host an open afternoon/evening for new parents this year, we have had a promotional video of the school made. Darren Cool (Darren Cool Images and Dad of Bowie in Year 1) very kindly helped us with shooting and editing the video and we are delighted with the finished content. If you would like to have a look at the video, it is on the school website. On the front page there is an item about starting school in September 2021 – click on that and it will take you through to the dedicated page we have set up. The video is there – tell your family and friends to look. We'd love your feedback! A huge thank you to Mr Cool for his professional support in making this video for us.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings for all year groups will take place in November. A separate communication will be sent out to you shortly detailing how you can book your appointment. Appointments will be phone conversations as, regrettably, we are unable to have parents coming in to the school. Bookings will be done online, using the school website, and you will receive an email next week to set up an account in order for you to log in and make your booking. After half term emails will be sent out to enable you to book your appointment and the time slots available.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey about a possible school lottery. We received a very positive response and have now applied to run a school lottery. This will be done through "Your School Lottery". The lottery is in the process of being set up for us but we have asked for the first draw to take place on Saturday 9th January 2021. Full information will be sent out by email in the next week or so.

We are still thinking about Christmas fundraising and activities to do for the children. One idea we have had is to organise a Christmas raffle. Tickets for this will be sent out after half term and the draw will take place in December on a date to be confirmed. If anyone is able to donate a prize for the raffle, that would be fantastic. We have written to some local organisations to try and seek their support also.

Other plans are still being worked on and we hope to be able to share them with you after October half term. Watch this space!



Book Donations and Book Amnesty

Mr English recently emailed parents requesting that families look for any St Peter's books at home. If you have not yet done this, we would be grateful if you could. Over the lockdown period, we encouraged children to take a good selection of books home to read. We are still sadly missing a great many of these books – including books from the library, class rooms and whole class texts. It would be lovely to see these return 'home' to school, so the children and teachers can enjoy them again. Thank you very much.

Thank you so much also to all the families who have recently donated books from home that your children have finished with. We really appreciate these, and they go on to be enjoyed by many children in 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

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Mrs K Crees

Headteacher

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