



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 for the Diary

Tuesday 16th January – Year 4 educational visit to SeaLife Centre, Brighton

Tuesday 6th February – Years R & 2 Chinese Dance Half Day Workshop

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – Half term



This Week

Our first week back was made memorable not just for the flurry of snow that we had, but also for the amazing assembly that the whole school had on Monday. The Rocksteady rock school came and we had two 'supergroups' play songs for Key Stage One and Key Stage Two!



Continuing the 'super' theme, **Reception** have been looking at superheroes – their focus story being 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. The children learnt all about George the giant and his superpower of kindness – one of our school values. It was a dramatic week in **Year One**, as the children came back from playtime to find that their classroom was in upheaval – muddy foot/paw prints were everywhere, paper aeroplanes scattered around and chairs scattered! Year One are still investigating the issue, with the help of PC Plod. They have written police reports and taken evidence photos to help. **Year Two** have begun their topic on China and have learnt to say 'hello' in Chinese – see if they can remember this. **Year Three** have come up with some very strange creations, as they have been making up their own imaginary animals - such as Bonny the dograbbit, the orcpen (half killer whale, half penguin) and the swarma (half swam, half llama)! They then have written non-chronological reports about these. **Year Four** children have had a very busy week! Firstly, they have started their new topic of 'rainforests' and have written about being an orang-utan. They have also continued the musical theme and the pupils have started to learn to play the ukulele with Mr Morcombe. It has been an eventful week for **Year Five**, not only have they began their new topic all about space and the planets, but they have had their first school swimming lesson of the year. Mrs Matthews was very impressed with them. Finally, in **Year Six**, the children have enjoyed both reading and writing about their new class book, 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. This has proved a firm favourite with previous classes, and will no doubt go on to do the same this year.

House Points – Week ending 12th January 2024

Starfish		Rays		Seahorses		Seals	
268		193		210		210	

Ad Hoc Medication

A reminder that ANY form of medication that your child may need at school, must be sent to the school office in the original packaging and named. Please do NOT give your child the cream, tablet, medicine etc etc to keep in their school bag. Children must come to the school office to be supervised and a record kept of any medication they are taking. Thank you for your support in this.

Attendance at School

The Department for Education have launched, this week, a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. The campaign is called "Moments Matter, Attendance Counts". We will, of course, be taking part in the campaign to promote good attendance of children at St Peter's.

What YOU must do –

- Make contact with the school before 8.45am on each day of your child's absence. This can be via email, telephone or the Studybugs app.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school (providing they don't have a temperature of more than 38, or sickness and diarrhoea) send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance and/or arriving at school on time then talk to us as a first step so we can help.

What WE will do –

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Send letters at the end of each half term if your child has attendance below 90%
- Invite you in to school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit

Please also remember that lessons start at 8.45am promptly and children should be in class by then. Any child arriving after 8.45am will be marked as late.

Free School Meals for All Campaign

Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan has this week announced that free school meals will be extended for all primary school children in London for another academic year – saving families up to £1,000 per child over two years. This is a significant decision. Already, this scheme has benefited hundreds of thousands of primary school children across London and is a lifeline for families during the cost of living crisis.

You can sign an open letter telling the Prime Minister that all primary school children across England deserve a hot, healthy meal every day.

Sign here to add your name – <https://freeschoolmealsforall.org.uk/take-action.html?source=emailshare> (Please copy this link in to your web browser if it doesn't work from here.)

West Sussex County Council Parent Childcare Survey

Calling all parents and carers, West Sussex County Council needs your feedback!

Starting from April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded in phases. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support, with further support from the government for primary schools to ensure working parents have access to wrap around care by 2026.

The changes are being introduced gradually to make sure that providers can meet the needs of more families. This means that:

- From **April 2024**, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support.
- From **September 2024**, 15 hours childcare support will be extended to eligible working parents of children from the age of 9 months to 3-year-olds.
- From **September 2025**, eligible working parents of children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare a week.
- By **September 2026**, all primary schools should be able to offer wrap around care, both before and after school.

As part of the Local Authorities statutory duties around sufficiency they are required to have an understanding of the supply and demand of childcare places and any gaps in provision, including how these gaps will be addressed.

We are looking for views from all parents and carers of children aged 0-14 years (and up to 18 for children with SEND) about how you currently use childcare, and how this may continue to change in the future. To support this knowledge and understanding it is important that we include the voice of the families so we can better understand if the childcare available is meeting your needs.

You can visit the [Family Information Service project page](#) to find out more and complete the survey. The survey will be open from **10 January 2024 to 2 February 2024**. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey and help us understand the needs of families in West Sussex.

Free School Meals (FSM) Eligibility Criteria

*****IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ*****

Free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits –

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)



If you **are not** eligible for benefits-related, free school meals, but your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to Universal Infant Free school Meals and you need not apply.

If you **are** eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, it is important that you continue to register. This will enable us to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding (currently £1,385 per child per annum). This additional funding can enable us to provide extra support for your child in school.

Once an eligible child is signed up for benefits related free school meals, they will also receive other support such as Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) sessions. HAF sessions provide children with access to fun and engaging activities during the holidays and offer a free meal as part of the sessions.

If you think your child(ren) may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals, please contact Mrs Matthews in the school office.

P.E Kit

This can be purchased online – <https://getmekitted.com/st-peters-40-c.asp>



Sunrise Breakfast Club Please note that Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am and children should **NOT** be dropped off any earlier than this as staff are not available to look after them. Thank you.

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 £4.00 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 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. J. Crees

Mrs K Crees

Headteacher

Amazon Wishlist

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

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School Lottery

Amazing news! We have raised £4,000 since the start of our School Lottery in January 2021. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the lottery and helped us raise this amount of money.

Come and join us to make a real difference and have the chance of winning great prizes.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-peters-catholic-primary-school-shoreham%3FamId=1658162640%26utm_campaign=achievement-money-raised-4000%26utm_source=whatsapp%26utm_medium=social%26utm_content=Hyperlink





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