

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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Please visit the school website <u>www.stpeterscatholicprimary.com</u> for dates for the full academic year, together with other information about the school that you may find useful.

# **Dates for the Diary**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Years R & 2 Chinese Dance Half Day Workshop Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Half term



#### **This Week**

We have had a lovely busy week at school and the children have been delightful. Reception have been reading Zog and made golden starts to be like Zog. They have written instructions to learn how to fly. Today they welcomed Dr Lai to talk to the children about being a Dr as part of their Be a Hero topic. Year 1 received a letter from Detective Plod confirming that the intruder last week was a bear! They have been writing questions for the bear and are hopeful it might come back to answer them. Year 2 have built models of cities and learnt about what makes a city. Year 3 have been concentrating on their maths this week and have been learning specifically about multiplying and dividing. Year 4 had a very enjoyable day at the SeaLife centre in Brighton – they took the number 2 bus there and back! They have also been tackling 3 digit x 1 digit division in maths. Year 5 made their space topic covers out of chalk and have been working on the bus stop method for division in maths. Year 6 children have been writing a guide to camp green lake and making electric circuits – future electricians in the making! We hope you all have a good weekend.

## House Points - Week ending 19th January 2024

Starfish	Rays	Seahorses	Seals
652	501	389	651

### Request

Do you have any flower/vegetable seeds (i.e. sunflower, cress etc) or bulbs that are not required? If so, please consider donating them to the school for our children to use. If you do have anything, please bring to the school office. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## Year 4 Visit to Brighton SeaLife Centre

Year 4 had a very enjoyable visit to Brighton SeaLife centre earlier this week. Year 4 would like you to know that the Brighton Aquarium is the oldest in the world. It was designed by Eugenius Birch, the architect responsible for the West Pier. Work began in 1869 and the aquarium opened in 1872. The children took part in a Habitat Explorers workshop and then spent time looking around the sealife centre at all the fish, including clownfish, seahorses, jellyfish, starfish, rays. Turtles, sharks and many more.







## **Worthing Mencap SEN Child and Parent Support Sessions**

Worthing Mencap have been running a stay and play session for the past year. This has provided parents of children with additional needs a chance to meet other parents/carers, whilst children and siblings play in a safe environment. These sessions are free to access. In 2024 they have expanded the age range to be 6 and under and they are running a Mighty Mites session once a month on a Sunday afternoon. Please see poster below.



#### 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 <u>are not</u> 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 <u>are</u> 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 – <a href="https://getmekitted.com/st-peters-40-c.asp">https://getmekitted.com/st-peters-40-c.asp</a>



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

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Mr M English Head of School

#### **Amazon Wishlist**

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YOTQO1KCEUO2/ref=nav wishlist lists 1? encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist

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# **Easyfundraising**

Please help St Peter's Catholic Primary School - Shoreham-By-Sea by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 7,000 brands including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, M&S and more. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it!

Sign up today - it will make a BIG difference to us. Please see the QR code.



# **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.

£4000

Come and join us to make a real difference and have the chance of winning great prizes. <a href="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</a>

Please do consider signing up as this is a great source of regular fundraising for the school.

# **Chartwells Parent Newsletter**







