

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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### 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 another lovely week in school; the children have been lovely and very calm. Well done to those children who showed me some lovely homework that they have completed this week. Reception have had some visitors this week for their 'Be a Hero' topic. Mr Wilby talked to the children about his work with the ambulance service and Mr O'Donovan spoke to them about being a dentist. Year 1 children have been learning about reptiles and carnivores. Year 2 have designed their own dragons and wrote very interesting descriptions about them. Year 3 wrote and performed roman soldier poems and Year 4 have been learning about rainforest animals and have also written about them. Year 5 have written about whether aliens should be kept as pets and have also done some printing in art. Year 6 children have been learning about middle age crime and punishment – ask them to tell you all about it! We hope you have a lovely weekend and that the sun continues to shine!

### House Points – Week ending 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Starfish 	Rays 	Seahorses 	Seals 
194	156	187	337

### Easyfundraising

In case you weren't aware, the following supermarkets – Tesco, Morrisons, ASDA, Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Iceland and Ocado partner with Easyfundraising. You will need to be registered with Easyfundraising and have selected St Peter's school as your chosen charity. When you shop online for your weekly food shop with one of these retailers, the supermarket then sends us a free donation as a thank you. In most cases, supermarkets offer a flat monetary amount of up to £5.50 and others offer a percentage based on what the online shopper spends. On average, just one person could raise around £90 in a year for the school by doing your food shop through Easyfundraising. If you're not already registered please visit the link below–

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

### Tax Free Childcare for Parents and Carers

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for accredited holiday clubs, childminders or sports activities. We are registered for the scheme and accept Tax Free Childcare vouchers for payment at our Sunrise Breakfast Club. TFC enables parents and carers to access childcare during the school holidays. It is estimated that there are 1.3 million working families who are eligible for TFC in the UK, however only a small percentage are making use of the scheme. Around 75% of families are losing out on this support. TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. Many parents don't realise that TFC can be saved up on their accounts. Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds which could be used for holiday clubs or out of school care. You can check your eligibility via the link –

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>



## Online Safety

Did you know that there is a section on our school website which provides advice on how to help keep your children safe online. If you visit the home page then click on the "safeguarding" tab. We update this section regularly to reflect the current online interests of our children at St Peter's. Please find below a parents guide to YouTube. Throughout the year we will be adding useful articles to the school newsletter and website based upon popular online trends at St Peter's. Do ask if you have any topics you would like us to cover.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help our children understand online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guidance, facts and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is tagged as "age-restricted" (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include sexuality and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

## HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

## CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

## TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

## SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if auto-play is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

## SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from changing these age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching. Uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an overview of how your child is using apps like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily decimating a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

## Meet Our Expert

Carey Godwin (a.k.a. Lurmwat) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2014, providing expertise with tech coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lurmwat Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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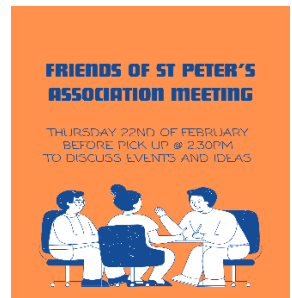
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### Friends Association Meeting

The next meeting of the Friends Association will be at **2.30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. Please make a note of the date in your diary. Lots to discuss – evaluation of past events, ideas future events etc etc. Please do come along if you are able to – we value all your wonderful fundraising ideas.



### Ropetackle Cinema

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm – The Little Mermaid. Certificate PG. Duration 130 minutes.

Tickets available from the Box office or online <https://ropetacklecentre.co.uk/> £4.00 each.

Ariel, the youngest of King Triton's daughters is a beautiful and spirited young mermaid with a thirst for adventure. Longing to find out more about the world beyond the sea, Ariel visits the surface and falls for the dashing Prince Eric. Following her heart rather than her father's orders, she makes a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to experience life on land. Live action adventure from Walt Disney Pictures.

### 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](mailto: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](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.

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](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)



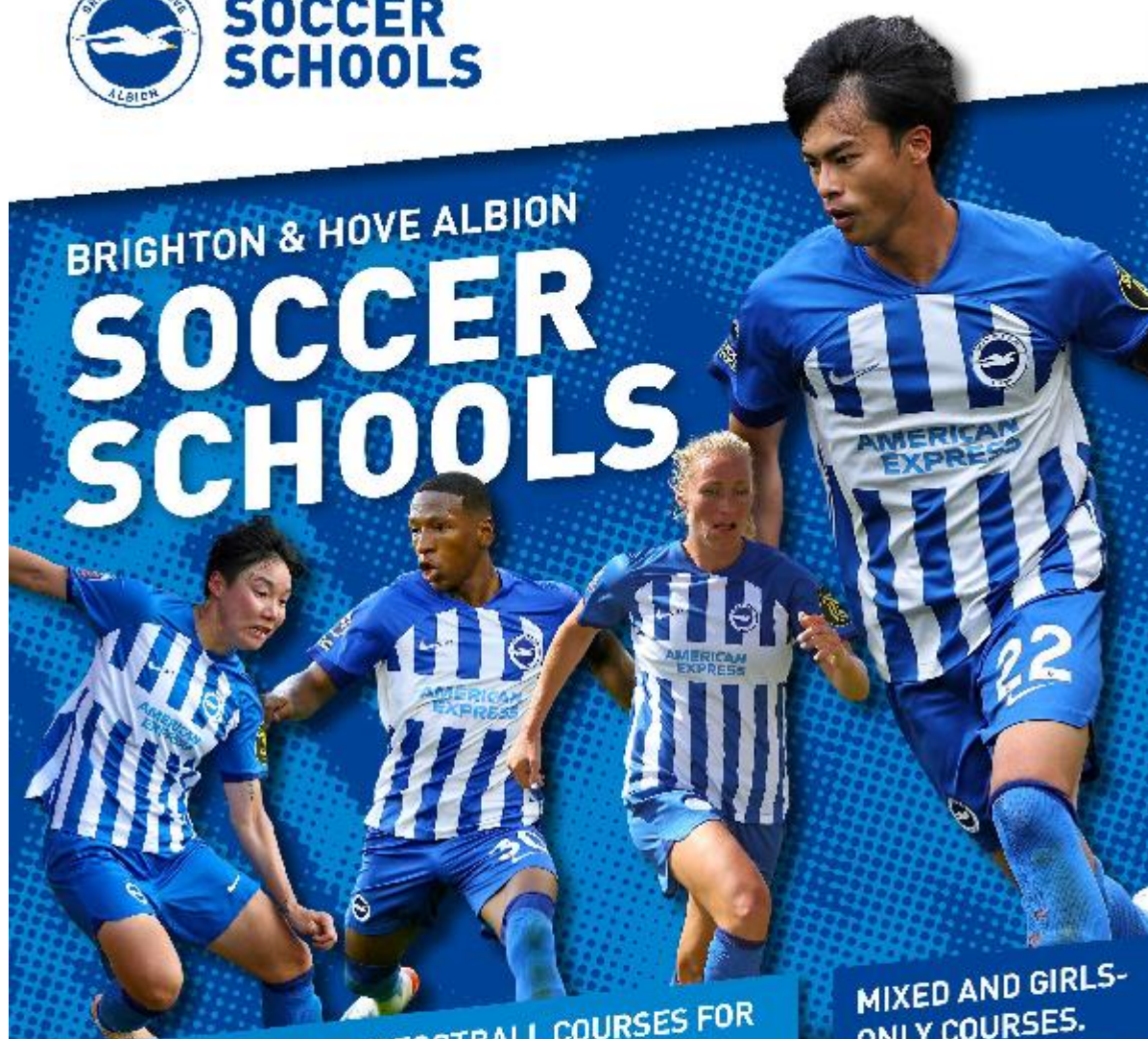
Please do consider signing up as this is a great source of **regular** fundraising for the school.



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