

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024

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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 12th – Friday 16th February – Half term
Tuesday 20th February 9.30am – Table Talk Foundation – Year 4
Thursday 22nd February 2.30pm – Friends of St Peter's Association meeting
Tuesday 27th February - Year R/KS1 Disco 3.15 – 4.30pm; KS2 Disco 4.30 – 6.00pm
Tuesday 5th March – Year 5 educational visit to St Oscar Romero School – Harry Potter Science day
Tuesday 5th March 3.30 – 6.00pm – Parents Evening
Wednesday 6th March 3.30 – 6.00pm – Parents Evening
Friday 8th March – Year 4 educational visit to Plumpton College
Wednesday 20th March – Years 5 & 6 to Shoreham Academy – Matilda the Musical
Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter holidays
Monday 15th April – School closure day for pupils
Tuesday 16th April – Children return to school



This Week

Thank you for your continued support across the half term. I would like to share that recently we have welcomed quite a few visitors to St Peter's and all have commented on the excellent standards of behaviour and care demonstrated by your lovely children. The behaviour has been described as outstanding, which is great to hear. We are not surprised, as the children really do live by the school mission statement. We thought that you would like to know.

This week, we participated in Safer Internet Day. At St Peter's, we learn about online safety throughout each term, but the children enjoyed this week. Mr Healy and Mr English lead computing and would like to share some useful links with you this week. We are fully aware that technology is ever present and fast to develop. We are constantly thinking of ways in which to support the children in maintaining their own personal safety online and regularly talk to the children about the four 'C's: Contact, Content, Commerce and Conduct. This week we have been made even more aware that creating YouTube channels and content is a popular and regular hobby for some of our pupils. We are a little concerned about the growing number of pupils who seem to do this unsupervised. We will be reminding pupils that at their age, this should only be done under the close supervision of a parent or adult. Whilst this might not please them, it is important.

We have had a busy week in school. Reception and Year 2 took part in a Chinese dance workshop where they learned the peacock fan dance and a dragon parade. Reception children have also loved learning the story The Great Race, all about the animals for the Chinese New Year traditions. Year 1 made a toy museum. The children organised this themselves by putting the toys into groups, i.e. old games consoles, old wooden toys and new toys with batteries or wheels. They learned how to identify old toys and made a timeline of old toys all the way to new toys. Year 3 did drama based on the Romans. Year 4 have written exciting narrative about escaping from a Mayan temple, like Indiana Jones, and wrote letters of advice in the style of St Paul. Year 5 have been learning facts about the moon and the earth and also finished their art of Shoreham buildings. Year 6 have been very busy doing some mock SATs papers. We hope that you all enjoy your half term break and that we get some sunshine soon.

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 flagged 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 profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have influencers 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 chancing across 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 oversight of how your child is using sites 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 devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!



Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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House Points – Week ending 9th February 2024

Starfish	Rays	Seahorses	Seals
170	211	147	179

NSPCC Number Day

Thank you for all your support of our number day last Friday in support of the NSPCC. We raised £191 which is amazing and this will be forwarded on to them. The children really enjoyed the day.

Chartwells Happy Easter

Easter Treat – Thursday 28th March. Order now on parentpay.com – No later than Thursday 14th March.



MAINS
Beef Burger
Veggie Bolognese
Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

SIDES
Rainbow vegetables or salad

DESSERT
Lemon Easter Cupcake



Special diets for those children will remain in place

Fundraising Discos

A reminder that we are holding fundraising discos for the children on Tuesday 27th February, times below –



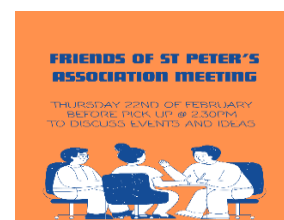
Years R, 1, 2 3.15 – 4.30pm Children will be taken from class in to the hall
Years 3,4,5,6 4.30 – 6.00pm



Refreshments will be served. Tickets £5.00 each are available to book on sQuid. Glow bands will be available on the evening at 50p each – please send your child in to school with some money if you would like them to purchase one. If anyone is available to help at either of the discos, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Reminder - Friends Association Meeting

The next meeting of the Friends Association will be at **2.30pm on Thursday 22nd 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.



Measles

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children and young people. The Department for Education has published new advice for managing measles outbreaks, including advice for parents on what to do when they suspect their child may have measles. Parents are advised that children with diagnosed measles should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 days from when the rash appears.

The symptoms of measles include –

- A high temperature
- A runny or blocked nose
- Sneezing
- A cough
- Red, sore, watery eyes
- Small white spots may appear inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips a few days later. These spots usually last a few days.
- A rash usually appears a few days after the cold-like symptoms. The rash starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body.



The spots of the measles rash are sometimes raised and join together to form blotchy patches. They're not usually itchy.

It's very unlikely to be measles if a child has had both doses of the MMR vaccine or had measles previously.

For further information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles>

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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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



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



SHOWCASE

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A CREATIVE WAY TO EXPLORE AND
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14TH - 16TH FEB

10:30 - 1:30PM

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Kids





Adur Woodcraft Folk
at the Co-op Community Space
Free Half term crafts

Monday 12/02	Braiding
Tuesday 13/02	Bead people
Wednesday 14/02	Junk modelling
Thursday 15/02	Loom knitting
Friday 16/02	Resin
Saturday 17/02	Board games

Monday to Friday from 2:00 pm

Saturday from 11:30 am

Everybody welcome

Queries to Rosie 07758 947445

We have received a letter from Rockinghorse Children's Charity thanking the school for the £156.65 that was raised during our Dress as an Elf day in December. Their fundraising last year enabled them to deliver advent calendars, decorations and presents to the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospitals and other children's hospitals across Sussex throughout December. They also organised lots of other activities such as Father Christmas himself delivering presents to the Alex, animal therapy from donkeys and Christmas crafts such as gingerbread man decorating. Thank you, as always, for your incredible support of this wonderful charity.



Thank you

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Emma Cunliffe

Supporter Engagement Manager

25 January 2024

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10:00 - 10:55
11:00 - 11:55

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At Xavier Teach SouthEast, we are proud to offer an internship programme which provides those interested in teaching with the ideal opportunity to explore life in the classroom.

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- **Funded internship** for **secondary chemistry, computing, languages, maths and physics undergraduates** (£300pw)
- Non-funded internship for non-undergraduates and **all other secondary subjects and primary** teaching.
- **Aim:** to help undergraduates in all subjects, as well as those considering a career change, to explore how rewarding a career in teaching can be.

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