

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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### Dates for the Diary

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Hedgehog rescue visit to Year 2  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 – 4.0pm Book Fair in the school hall  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 – 4.00pm Book Fair in the school hall  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Years 5 & 6 to Shoreham Academy – Matilda the Musical  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 3.15 – 4.00pm – Book Fair in the school hall  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Easter Egg hunt for children  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 3.20pm Year 6 parents meeting re SAT's  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter holidays  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – School closure day for pupils  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school



### This Week

This week, we began by talking about God's love. We decided that God loves us all no matter what. The children feel that this is a very important fact to remember, especially during Lent. As we approach Easter, there has been much activity in class RE lessons. The children in reception and year one have been retelling bible stories. They have focussed on the story of the Last Supper. They can remember a lot of key details and have asked some excellent questions. Reception have also been 'doubling' in Maths. Year 1 have been learning about Morocco with a focus on comparing Shoreham and Marrakesh, learning about Moroccan food ready for their class restaurant! Year two had a visit from St Francis Animal Care and Henry the hedgehog. They learned that Henry's favourite food is cat food and apples. See photo below – when Henry met Henry!

Year 3 have decided that God is a bit bossy – but only because he loves us. They came to this conclusion after reading the Beatitudes. They also did an experiment for British Science Week about how long it takes for jelly to set. In year 4, the children have prepared for Easter by exploring service. They thought about the time when Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and thought about the meaning behind his actions. The children have also written a wonderful recount of an eyewitness seeing Mt Vesuvius emptying. Six children from Year 4 went to Shoreham Academy yesterday to take part in the Enterprise Challenge – they designed a pizza marketing project and came second, which is amazing. In year 5, the children explored how Jesus reacted to temptation in the desert. They noticed how each time he referred to scripture to explain his decisions. They thought that this was rather clever! The children also made playdough to model bread and have spent time comparing the USA to the UK. Year 6 have been playing tennis in PE, which they have really enjoyed, and writing their criminal reports – do ask them about this!

This half term has whistled by but the children have managed to do so much in that time. We are really looking forward to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We will be enjoying a special day at St Peter's following a very interesting theme. (We have had many of these days over the years, and they always prove very popular.) There will be an interesting start to the day – but I shall leave it there for now. Please be reassured that you do not have to do anything! No costumes or cakes required. Please do ask the children about their day.



### Book Fair

A reminder that we will be running the book fair after school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March in the school hall. Children received a £1 world book day book token last week and these are redeemable at the book fair. There is always a great choice of reasonably priced books available so we hope to see lots of children and parents

there. The school receives good commission from all books sold so by supporting the book fair you will be enabling the school to purchase additional books for the library.

### **School Closure Days 2024/2025**

Please see dates below for school closure days during the academic year 2024/2025 –



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025



### **Plant Donations**

We need your help! We're looking for plant donations from now until May for all year groups. We would love to receive donations of plants - fruit, vegetables and flowers etc. Also if anyone has any spare potting compost. Please bring any donations to the school office. Thank you, as always, in anticipation of your support.



### **Tortoise Run**

We are hoping that, once Bolt the tortoise is out of hibernation, he can return to school to see the children. However, the run that we currently have for him is not very strong and we are worried about a fox getting in to the cage. Does anyone have, or could make, a wooden run that would be suitable for Bolt, please?


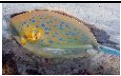


### **Packed Lunch Guidelines**

We have recently seen an increase in packed lunches containing items that are not in line with the national 'School Food Standards'. As the government have set nutritional standards for hot school lunches, we wish for children who eat packed lunches to have the same varied, balanced diet at school. Below is a quick checklist to help see if lunches are healthy.

Food Type	Example	How much?
Fruit and vegetables	Apple, berries, carrot, cucumber, raisins, banana, tomato, pear, sugarsnap peas, orange, kiwi	At least 1 portion every day
Meat, fish, eggs, non-dairy protein	Chicken, pork, beef, tuna, lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, houmous, falafel	At least 1 portion every day
Oily fish	Salmon, sardines, anchovies, mackerel	At least 1 portion every 3 weeks (as a minimum)
Starchy food (inc. wholemeal bread)	Pitta, rolls, wraps, sliced bread, pasta, rice, couscous, potatoes (not crisps), noodles, rice cakes	At least 1 portion every day
Dairy	Semi-skimmed/skimmed milk, cheese, low sugar yoghurt, fromage frais, low sugar custard pot	At least 1 portion every day
Drink	Water, fruit juice, smoothie, semi-skimmed/skimmed milk, low sugar yoghurt drink	At least 1 portion every day
Meat products	Sausage roll, individual pies, corned meat, sausages	Occasionally, not every day
Cakes and biscuits	Angel slice, jammy dodgers, bakewell tart, flapjacks – look for snack sized and reduced sugar/fat versions. Does not include chocolate	Occasionally, not every day
Salty snacks	Crisps	Not to be included
Confectionery	Chocolate, chocolate coated biscuits, cereal bars, processed fruit bars, sweets	Not to be included
Sugary soft drinks	Squash, fizzy drink, fruit shoot, capri sun	Not to be included

Can we also remind parents that children should be given a piece of fruit/vegetable for their morning snacks, instead of biscuits, crisps etc. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **House Points** – Week ending 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Starfish 	Rays 	Seahorses 	Seals 
154	162	190	177

### Creesbury Chocolate Sale

Thank you to our wonderful Friends Association for organising and running the chocolate sale on World Book Day last week. It was very popular! We raised £170 which is amazing and thank you to everyone who supported the event.



### Holy Week Lenten Donations

During Holy Week (w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March) we would like to collect donations of items to give to the local foodbank. They have requested the following –



Tins of meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, sponge puddings, custard etc.  
Shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, nappies, sanitary pads, tampons, deodorant.  
Soap powder, bathroom and kitchen cleaner, floor and window cleaner.



Please bring in your donations during w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March to the school office. Thank you, in anticipation of your support.

### Toys/Gifts

A request from the Friends Association that if you have any good condition unwanted toys and/or gifts that would be suitable for prizes etc could you please bring them in to the school office. Thank you.

### Dressing Up Costume Sale

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this. We raised £70 which is great. There are some costumes left so if anyone has a particular requirement please let the school office know and we will have a look and see what is there. The Friends Association plan to have another costume sale possibly at the summer fayre.

### 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

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## School Lottery

This March, supporters of our school lottery have the chance to win a £1,000 Sainsbury's voucher. Imagine – a thousand pounds to spend on groceries, treats, household essentials and more!

[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.

A poster from HM Government and NHS about school illness guidance. It features a young boy in a school uniform (dark blue sweater over a white collared shirt) with a red and blue backpack, smiling broadly. In the background, another child is visible. A red speech bubble on the left contains the text: "THIS MORNING, HE HAD A RUNNY NOSE... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!". In the bottom right corner, a red banner reads: "MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.". The bottom left corner features the HM Government logo and the text "HM Government". The bottom right corner features the NHS logo. Below the HM Government logo, it says "Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more."

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