

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

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

It is difficult to comprehend how we are at the end of the spring term; the weeks have certainly gone by very quickly. Hopefully when we return after Easter it will be to more sunshine and less rain as the children are looking forward to being able to play on the field at break and lunchtimes. The children have had a busy, and very enjoyable, week. Our assemblies this week have focussed on the journey that Jesus took from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday exploring the major events that occurred throughout the week. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children also enjoyed sharing their Easter liturgy with parents during the week.

Reception children enjoyed dressing up for their fairy tale day and have also been busy with arts and crafts. Year 1 have had a very busy week with the highlight being their Moroccan restaurant yesterday. The children made cous cous, hummus and salad to share with their parents. They also made Alfombras with chalk and blocks. This is floor art from Antigua and El Salvador and usually made from coloured sand or sawdust. Visit the school Instagram account for some pictures. Year 2 children have been writing their Who Am I poems. Year 3 have been writing their diary entries from the perspective of the Fox and the Stork from Aesop's Fables. Year 4 have been making Mayan food and Year 5 have been making more bread. Year 6 have had a Maths challenge, which the children particularly enjoyed. Last week years 5 & 6 were invited to Shoreham Academy to see their production of Matilda the Musical. An ex St Peter's pupil had the lead role in the production and the children were very excited to see her.

May we take the opportunity of wishing you and your families a very happy and peaceful Easter holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 16th April.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the book fair last week. Due to the amount of sales we have £246 commission to spend on books which is amazing – Mr English is very excited and I'm sure it won't be long before we have some lovely new books in the library.



Mrs Alnutt – Year 3 Class Teacher

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs Alnutt is expecting her first child. She is due to begin maternity leave during the summer break and will be with year 3 until the end of the academic year. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.

Cross Country County Finals

Congratulations to Sophia Clooney from Year 6 who took part in the Cross Country County finals this afternoon and came 4th. Sophia had previously competed in the locality schools and area tournaments and was invited to the County finals due to her success in the other competitions. We are very proud of you Sophia, well done.

Easter Hunt

Thank you to the Friends Association for organising and running the wonderful Easter hunt for the children last week. We are very grateful to Alex and Emily Hodson for donating the Easter eggs for the children. Thank you also to those

parents who volunteered to help at the event. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Easter hunt and were delighted to take home an Easter egg at the end of the day. Due to the donation of eggs we have raised £500.00 which is amazing – thank you for all your support. Creative Minds Pre-School children also took part in the Easter hunt and they have very kindly donated their money to the school, for which we are very grateful. We have a couple of projects in the pipeline at school at the moment – more details after Easter – and we hope that some of the money raised will be going towards these projects.

eSafety Update

We are aware that many of the pupils, especially in the older year groups are part of WhatsApp group chats. Whilst these can be fun for the children, they can also be a source of worry, potential arguments and just take up a lot of a child's time. We would advise parents to monitor these very carefully.

We have attached a guide to WhatsApp for parents, this includes lots of useful hints and information – such as, did you know that WhatsApp is actually rated for users of 16 or over and that it is possible to 'lock' chats away – something parents / carers might want to be aware of.

We hope that you find the information helpful.

As National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to build an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.org for further guidance, advice and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

16+
In UK and Europe, part of the world 18+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity means it is a favourite hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a supposed 'emergency'. Plus a scam involving a friend or family member posing as a WhatsApp message by asking you to log in to your account, then (pretending as WhatsApp) ask you to text to ask you to reset the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat by one of their friends, for example, without their parents knowing that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To prevent the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'forwarded' label and a double checkmark. This makes users aware that the message they're just received is far from original – and might not be entirely factual either.

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or videos that, knowing that the recipient can't request them later to use as evidence of misconduct, people used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, giving a second warning.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or photos in a separate 'locked' folder, secured behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide inappropriate content that they suspect their parents would disapprove of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safety on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can check back their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journey that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be very alert to clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child wants to use 'live location', emphasize that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chat' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Dickson is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written online materials and worked closely with schools for the Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health and leading behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.




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98	123	107	129

West Sussex County Council Fostering Appeal

Every child needs a family. Do you have space in yours? The West Sussex County Council Fostering team has asked us to share with you an urgent appeal to anyone considering becoming a Foster Carer. Every child deserves to have a safe and loving home, where they can experience all that life has to offer, where they can learn, develop independence and fulfil their potential.

While the children that WSCC cares for are all in safe accommodation, a number are living a significant distance from their school and their friends. These children are waiting to find a local foster family who can guide them through this important and uncertain time in their lives. In return, Foster Carers for WSCC receive comprehensive training, ongoing professional support and a competitive financial package. For more information, please visit the Fostering West Sussex website - <https://fosteringwestsussex.org.uk/>

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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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.

The easyfundraising app is the easiest way to raise for St Peter's Catholic Primary School - Shoreham-By-Sea when you shop on your mobile. It's completely FREE and available on iOS and Android, so please get it now to make sure you don't miss out on any donations for us!



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



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



**"THIS MORNING,
HE HAD A
RUNNY NOSE...
BUT LOOK AT
HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



HM Government

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.



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APRIL 11-3PM

WICKERS
GYMNASTICS CLUB

Many different stalls such as:
teddy tombola, tattoos, obstacle
course, arts and crafts!



All money raised goes to Wickers Leadership Academy and their coach education!

LIGHTS UP

DANCE & THEATRE WORKSHOPS

MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB



FRIDAYS

5.15 - 6.45 PM

QUAYSIDE YOUTH CENTRE
SOUTHWICK
BN42 4RE



LIGHTS UP - DANCE AND
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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
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lightsupdance@gmail.com

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Children will develop social skills, co-ordination, balance, team work and confidence, all whilst having lots of fun!

