

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 20th September 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

Tuesday 24th September 9.30 – 10.30 – Year 4 Taste Session – Table Talk Foundation
Friday 27th September – Year 4 to Worthing Assembly Hall –Worthing Symphony Orchestra
Monday 30th September 3.15 – 4.00pm Pre-loved uniform sale
Wednesday 2nd October – Year 3 visit to Drusillas Zoo Park
Monday 7th October 9.00 – 10.15am Grandparents Day
Friday 11th October 9.00 – 10.00am Friends Association AGM / MacMillan Coffee morning
Monday 14th October 2.30pm - KS1 Harvest Festival
Tuesday 15th October 9.00am - Year R Harvest Festival
Tuesday 15th October 2.30pm – KS2 Harvest Festival
Tuesday 15th October – School Discos (Years R, 1, 2 3.30 – 4.30pm; Years 3, 4, 5, 6 4.30-6.00pm)
Wednesday 16th October – Family and individual photos
Monday 21st October – Year 2 Geography walk to Shoreham
Tuesday 22nd October 1.45 – 2.45pm Year R 2025 New Parents Open Afternoon (Presentation at 1.45pm)
Wednesday 23rd October – Year 6 visit to UK Parliament/London
Wednesday 23rd October 9.00 – 10.00am SEND Coffee morning
Saturday 26th October 9.30 – 11.00am Year R 2025 New parents and Children Stay & Play Session
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half Term
Tuesday 5th November 9.30 – 10.30am Year 4 Knife Skills Session – Table Talk Foundation
Tuesday 5th November 3.30 – 6.00pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 6th November 3.30 – 6.00pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 13th November 1.45 – 2.45pm Year R 2025 New Parents Open afternoon (Presentation at 1.45pm)
Thursday 14th November Bag2School Textile Collection
Saturday 16th November 9.30 – 11.00am – Year R 2025 new parents and children Stay & Play Session



This Week

This week in Gospel assembly, we learnt about God's plan – to love one another. We talked about how we can do this, as our Mission Statement is all about having love at the centre of all we do. We talked about how our School Values of resilience, integrity, respect, kindness, commitment and messenger help us.

Reception children have been thinking about how special we are. God has made us all unique. We have looked at our names and created mini me's. Year 1 have been learning about the Creation story. What makes us feel awe and wonder. We love rainbows, giraffes and sharks in particular! The children have also been practising their harvest songs. Year 2 had a Pirate day this week and the children transformed into pirates! They searched for buried treasure and had to do pirate jobs like climbing the rigging, swabbing the deck and walking the plank. Year 3 have started their new topic "Is Africa a country?". The children have learned about the different continents and explored objects from each. Year 4 have had a wonderful week. The children have written fabulous tense, exciting short stories imagining they are exploring an ancient mummy's tomb. They also did really well at their swimming sessions with Ros (swimming teacher) saying that our children are a wonderful class. Year 5 have done artwork and researched facts about Henry Moore and also learned about the blitz. Year 6 have written a Coraline story ending and have been learning about factors.

Children Arriving Late to School

School gates open at 8.30am and children should be in class by 8.40am. Any children arriving after 8.40am must come in to school via the school office/reception. Please do not use the side gate as the back door will be closed and children will be unable to enter the school building. Thank you for your support.

Disco

We will be holding our first discos of the academic year on Tuesday 15th October. Mr Sefain has very kindly offered to DJ for us and we are very grateful to him. The discos will be as follows –

Years R, 1, 2 3.30 – 4.30pm Children will be taken from their class at the end of the school day in to the school hall.

They will wear their normal school uniform.

Years 3, 4, 5, 6 4.30 – 6.00pm. Children will go home at the end of the school day and return to school at 4.30pm for the disco. Those children who attend Best of Buddies can do so as normal and will go to the disco at 4.30pm.

Tickets for the disco will be on sale via sQuid from Monday 23rd September at 9.00am at £5.00 a ticket. Refreshments will be served – crisps and squash. We usually buy the Tesco variety crisps (ingredients are listed as potato, vegetable oils (Rapeseed Oil, Sunflower Oil), Salt. Please let Mrs Matthews in the school office know if your child has dietary requirements meaning they are unable to eat these crisps – email ematthews@stpetersshoreham.co.uk

School Photos

The photographer will be coming in to school on Wednesday 16th October to take family group (sisters/brothers etc) and individual photos. Please ensure children have the correct uniform and are extra smart on the day! Creative Minds Pre-School children will also be having their photos taken and can join in family group photos as appropriate. Reception children will all have an individual photo taken as well as a family group if they have older siblings in the school.

Harvest Festival

Dates for our Harvest Festival celebrations are in the “Dates for the Diary” section at the beginning of this newsletter. Reception and KS1 will be collecting donations of food to support Turning Tides “Give Breakfast a Boost” campaign. People experiencing homelessness need to start the day with a nourishing breakfast and many aren’t able to cook or shop for themselves without somewhere to live. All year round staff and volunteers make hundreds of breakfasts a week for people who are rough sleeping or in temporary accommodation across West Sussex. Donations of the following food items will be gratefully received and we will forward them on to Turning Tides.



Coffee
Sugar
Long-Life Milk
Long-Life Juice
Bottled Water
Squash
Hot Chocolate



Tinned Spaghetti
Tinned Tomatoes
Cereal Bars
Ketchup
Brown Sauce
Cooking Oil
Honey, Jam, Marmalade



KS2 children will be supporting Brighton & Hove City Mission/Brighton Food Bank, which serves many individuals and families across the city and is a part of the wider team at the City Mission. This year they have asked for monetary donations to support their work and we would be grateful if KS2 children could bring in a small donation (on 15th October), in an envelope marked “Harvest donation”. We will collect the money in school and then pass it on to Brighton & Hove City Mission.

Parents are always exceptionally generous throughout our Harvest appeals and we know we can rely on your support again this year to help these two charities – Turning Tides and Brighton & Hove City Mission.

Letter from Number 10 Downing Street

One of our Year 6 children, Jessica, recently wrote a letter to Sir Keir Starmer about Motor Neurone Disease (MND). In her letter Jessica outlined the disease and said that, unfortunately, there is no current cure for MND and scientists still do not know how it is caused. Jessica suggested that the Government look at funding research in to a cure for the disease so that those living with MND could have some hope for the future.

Jessica subsequently received a reply from the Correspondence Officer at 10 Downing Street, as follows –

“Dear Jessica

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your excellent letter.

It was very good of you to get in touch about Motor Neurone Disease and for taking the time and trouble to share your thoughts about this important matter.

As the Department of Health and Social Care is the part of the Government responsible for this, I have sent your letter to them so that they are made aware of your views.

Thank you once again for writing.

Yours sincerely

Correspondence Officer”

We are very proud of Jessica for taking the time and effort to write to Sir Keir Starmer. Well done Jessica!

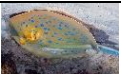

Parking

At the start of the new academic year, can we please issue our usual reminder about parking in Sullington Way and the surrounding roads. Please do not drive in to Sullington Way when bringing your children to and from school. The school car park is for staff use only and must not be used by parents/carers, unless by prior arrangement with the school. We would respectfully request that parents/carers do not park across neighbours’ driveways, on the corners of road, on single or double yellow lines or grass verges. There is plenty of parking in roads around the school, and even in Buckingham Park which is a very short walk away. We ask that parents/carers show consideration for local residents and other parents at St Peter’s School.

If you do see a car parked illegally, you can report it using the link –

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/parking/report-a-parking-issue/#illegally-parked-vehicle>

House Points – Week ending 20th September 2024

Starfish 	Rays 	Seahorses 	Seals 
362	351	371	407

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.

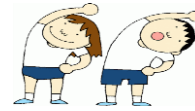
If you **are** eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, it is important that you continue to register. This will enable us to claim valuable ‘pupil premium’ funding (currently £1,385 per 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. Parents will also receive a voucher, usually around £10 per week per child, during school holidays to help purchase food items.

If you think your child(ren) may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals, please apply online – [Free School Meals - West Sussex County Council](#) When you are on the website, click on 2. How to apply

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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HM Government

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

The NHS logo, consisting of the letters 'NHS' in white on a blue rectangular background.