

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

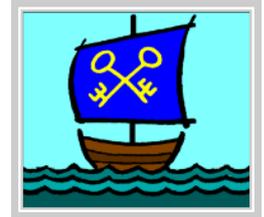
Newsletter

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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 on the website are subject to change, possibly at short notice, due to the covid situation.

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - Half Term

Monday 2nd November - Inservice day - school closed

This Week

Thank you for this half term! We have managed to get through it and all is well. The children have been absolutely amazing but they are very ready for a rest!

We are very proud of each and every one of them. Getting used to classroom routines after months at home has been a challenge but they have progressed well. Whilst we have spotted gaps, particularly in maths and spelling, the children have worked hard in class to catch up as best as they can. Pleasing progress has been made so far, but we still have a way to go. It is also important to make the point that this is not a cause for panic!

We will continue to support you over the coming months to support your child/ children at home. Please do refer to the school website which has been updated to cope with the demands of online learning. Recent phonics meetings for parents in years 1 and 2 have been successful. We will be offering more for the rest of key stage one as the term progresses. We have also managed to purchase homework books for most year groups in order to enable the practice of key skills at home. Generous donations from parents have helped to finance this. Many thanks to those of you who have supported us.

Over half term, please take a much needed break and enjoy the time as best as you can. Whilst restrictions in place make days out and visits difficult, we hope that you all manage to have a nice time. Please make sure that you continue to read with your child/children. Each class is having to work on reading stamina and a little practice over the next few days will really help.

I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work this half term. They have had to rethink most aspects of classroom practice. Despite working within the restrictions imposed by current guidance, they have still managed to deliver creative learning opportunities. Only yesterday the school was invaded by aliens! I know that teachers have a lot planned for the rest of the year.

We have been listening to the parables of Jesus as told by Matthew. This has caused us to reflect on the choices that we make and who we really belong to. We have come to the conclusion that we might be controlled by lots of rules and regulations at the moment, but we belong to our families and ultimately, we belong to God. Our mission statement is simple - to have love at the centre of all that we do. We have seen this across the school this half term as the children have been very kind to each other.

We hope that you all have a peaceful half term and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd November.

Eastern Avenue

Can we please ask parents/carers NOT to park on the zig zag lines in Eastern Avenue when bringing children to school. It has been mentioned to us that one car actually mounted the pavement on the zig zag lines whilst children and parents were walking towards the entrance. This is really dangerous and has the potential for a nasty accident. When bringing children to school, please park your car and walk with your children to the school entrance. Thank you.

Wear Red Day

Thank you for your support of our Wear Red Day for anti-racism last Friday. The children all enjoyed the day and it was lovely to see so much red in school! For your information, we have sent a cheque for £184.00 to the Show Racism the Red Card charity. Your support is much appreciated.

Christmas Cards

Your child's Christmas card design and ordering information was sent home on Thursday this week. We are sure you will love their artwork and hope you will be able to place an order for some items. Can you please return your order and payment to the school office by Friday 6th November in order that we can send the orders off and have them returned in good time for Christmas. The school receives a percentage of all orders, which will really boost our fundraising efforts at the moment.

Bag2School Collection

A reminder that the Bag2School textile collection bags will be collected on Thursday 5th November. Please bring any donations in to school after half term. Thank you.

Parents Evenings

Information about parents evenings will be sent out after half term. Parents evenings will be held via zoom as we are not able to invite parents in to school at the moment. A reminder that you will need to have an account in order to book your appointment. Emails have been sent out this week.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, during the period of Remembrance. After half term will be supporting their campaign and selling poppies in school if children would like to buy one, from 3rd – 11th November. We would suggest a minimum donation of 20p per poppy. Please can children bring their money in to school in an envelope – poppies will be taken to each classroom.



Amazon Wishlist

Several families have asked for the link to our Amazon wish list, so here it is!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/YOTQO1KCEUO2?ref=wl_share

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Free School Meals (FSM) Eligibility Criteria *****IMPORTANT*****

From 1st April 2018 the Government are applying a change to the criteria for award of means tested Free School Meals (FSM).

The new criteria to be eligible for free school meals require that parents and carers are in receipt of one of the following benefits –

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- 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
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190



Registering for free meals could also raise an extra £1,345 per child which can fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This funding is vital to the school, particularly at the moment so we urge you to apply. If you think your child(ren) may be eligible for free school meals, please contact Mrs Matthews in the school office.

Sunrise Breakfast Club

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 £3.50 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 following organisations – Fair Care Services Ltd, RG Childcare, Computershare Voucher Services, Edenred, Sodexo, KiddiVouchers, Fideliti, Salary Exchange, Gemelli Employee Benefits, 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 Crees

Mrs K Crees

Headteacher

Neither the Governors nor WSCC support or recommend the advice, products or services offered nor the organisations offering them. Individuals should satisfy themselves on the suitability of any of the advice, products or services and on the nature and standing of these organisations (or any mentioned in this newsletter or any other publication).

Food Super Heroes

Chartwells Catering has various Kitchen Staff vacancies in the Shoreham area

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life?
If yes, why not join our friendly, professional team?

**Position is term time only, 2 hours a day around 10.30am – 1pm
5 days a week.**

Appropriate training will be given and uniform will be provided.

For more information please contact
Nicola Eves, Area Manager via email at
nicola.eves@compass-group.co.uk



Copy / Paste Content - SAM's Online Music Lessons Guitar / Keyboard / Drum Kit / Vocals

We have included copy / paste content below which we thought would be useful when hosting on your website or social media platforms.

Content for School Websites + Social Media:

Online music lessons from home - learn to play the guitar, drum kit, piano / keyboard or to sing -
Childcare Vouchers accepted - sammusicservice.com to enquire

[Watch this video about SAM's online instrument lessons](#)

SAM Music Service provides 30 minute one-to-one online music lessons, allowing your child the opportunity of learning to play the guitar, drum kit, piano / keyboard or to sing.

Lessons are on a weekly basis, and available until 8pm on weekdays, and 9am to 5pm on weekends, there are plenty of times to choose from to suit your weekly diary.

You are welcome to book a one-off paid trial lesson, to be sure your child enjoyed the experience and is keen to continue.

[Tax-Free Childcare](#) - SAM accepts payment through the government's childcare voucher scheme, along with other childcare voucher providers, a great way to help reduce the price of lessons.

Lessons are affordable at £16.50 per 30 minute individual lesson, suitable for both children and adults.

To enquire, complete the short contact form on [SAM's website](#), and they'll be in touch soon, or you can call 0800 756 9411 to speak to one of their friendly team.

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