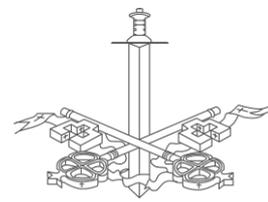


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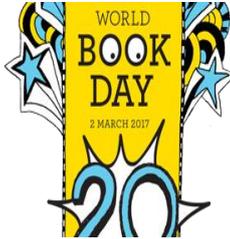


“To grow in knowledge and love, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus”

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS 6th FEBRUARY 2017

World Book Day 2017

On Thursday 2nd March it is World Book Day. All children are invited to come in dressed as their favourite character from their favourite children's book (fiction, non-fiction or rhyme). This is always a really colourful day as children let their imaginations run wild to create some amazing costumes. There will be prizes for the best costume in each class and there may well be a special visitor to talk to the children. We can hardly wait for what is sure to be a fantastic day to celebrate books and reading.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Are you late for school? Every minute counts! Children attend school for only 190 days per year. 175 days are non-school days.

5 minutes late every day = 3 days lost.

15 minutes late every day = 2 weeks lost.

Being late to school means that your child is missing learning time. The morning activity gets the children ready to learn for the rest of the day. If your child is 5 minutes late every day for a year this will add up to over 3 days of lost learning. If your child is 15 minutes late every day for a year they would effectively be missing 2 weeks of their education.

Please make sure your child is in school and on time everyday unless ill. All attendance is monitored regularly. Attendance below 95% may trigger the involvement of other agencies. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can do to support you in getting your child to school every day. Please contact our school office to let us know if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, our staff will contact you as part of our safeguarding procedures. Holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are “exceptional circumstances only”. Any holiday absence will be recorded as unauthorised during term time.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

See the Calendar on our School Website.

- *Assembly* – 8th February, Miss Cullen's Class.
- *Assembly* – 15th February, Mrs Hitchmough's Class.
- *Half Term* – We break up on Friday 17th February at 3.30pm and return on Monday 27th February.
- *Parents' Evening* – This will be held on Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd March. You will receive a letter from your child's teacher closer to the time.

School Twitter Account

We have an active Twitter account, with pictures, videos, messages and notifications regularly. It is worth creating an account to follow school, or alternatively, you can access our Twitter feed on the school website (at the bottom left of the home page).



Follow the school twitter account by finding us @SsPeterPaulSch

Core Value: Our value of the month is 'peace'. Children will be reflecting on what it is to be 'peaceful'.

“Peace is not merely the absence of visible conflict. Only a just peace based on the inherent rights and dignity of every individual can truly be lasting.” - Barak Obama

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

£20 GIFT VOUCHER AVAILABLE

As I am sure you are aware, the Government introduced Universal Free School Meals for all infant children, in September 2014. At Ss Peter and Pauls, this has resulted in a large increase in pupils having school dinners, which we are delighted to see. However, the result of this Government initiative has also meant that very few families are claiming income related free school meals. When a child receives income related free school meals, the school receives £1320 each year – this money is used to support your child in school through many different ways and benefits each child and their family as a result of the targeted support available to them. It also greatly benefits the school meaning the more families with entitlement who claim it, the greater the financial benefit to the school. So if you think you may be entitled to it, please ask Mrs Nolan in the school office for a form.

Every successful applicant will receive a £20 gift voucher and entered into a prize draw.

PTA – Second Hand Uniform Sales

Many parents have expressed interest regarding the recycling of uniform. Many of us try to pass things on where possible if there is some life left in the clothes rather than just dispose of them. Some parents have used the Facebook page to make available items of clothing and it is certainly a welcome way of saving some money if you have to replace an item of clothing. It is with this in mind that we have decided to try a Second Hand Uniform shop.

Please leave any unwanted uniform in the marked box in reception at school. The uniform must be in a good condition and have all name tags removed. Please no shoes or undergarments. Once we have collected and organised donations, the plan is to have Request Slips available in reception for parents to take and complete with details of their required item(s). Once returned to reception, the slip will be collected by the PTA and we will contact you directly. If we have the correct size of garment requested, we will then ask you to send in the money in an envelope and the clothes will be delivered for your child to bring home.

As yet, we are unsure of the prices but all money made will be put towards the refurbishment funds. It may help a few people out and it will certainly make us feel happier if clothes that are too small can still be used and not thrown away. Thank you in advance for your understanding as we trial this idea.

