



St Peter's
Church of England (Aided) Primary School
Henfield
Unlocking the potential in everyone

WEEKLY NEWSFLASH!

Autumn Term 2023: Week 2 (Friday 15th September 2023)

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's the end of Week 2 already and it has been a joy to see our pupils so settled and engaged with their learning! We have also been so impressed with how confident and independent our new Reception cohort have been. They have literally taken saying good bye to their grown-ups in their stride - big smiles and eager to find their new teacher!

Our new projects are well underway and this week - I've seen Tudor dancing, a reenactment of the Battle of Bosworth and some Viking ship building! Don't forget you can get a flavour of what your child has been learning about by watching the Celebration Videos which are uploaded into pupils' Google Classroom or Seesaw profiles. Often parents tell me that they do not know what their child is doing in school because they don't tell them anything. My top tip is DO NOT ask them "What did you do today?" as the most common response is "nothing!" Instead try reframing the question and avoid questions that lead to a yes/no question, e.g.:

- What was the best thing about today? What lessons did you have?
- What book is your class reading? Who are the characters? What are they like?
- Did you learn anything more about? today?

Finally, homework has been set today and is due by next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Denise Maurice
Headteacher

Recycling Crate

Have you seen our recycling crate outside the front of the school? It will get emptied and the contents weighed every 2 weeks. The school will then receive 40p for every kg. Donations are either sent to Eastern Europe to be re-used or converted into insulation and industrial cleaning materials which means less than 1% of what is collected ends up in the ground. Astra are registered with the Textile Recycling Association and are a small family run business. They can take: clothes, shoes, bed linen, accessories (belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags etc.), soft toys. They cannot take: duvets or cushions, off cuts, carpet or curtains.

Reporting Absence:

To report a child's absence, please use our dedicated email address absence@stpetershenfield.org.uk and remember to include your child's full name and class along with the reason for absence.



PTA News....

We will be holding a uniform sale next Tuesday after school in the playground. We are still accepting donations of branded St Peters uniform. These items can be dropped at the school office. Any other items (trousers, skirts, t-shirts etc) can be deposited in the school's new clothes bank. If you are unable to visit us on Tuesday, then requests can be made through the PTA Facebook page.

If you would like to join the PTA Whatsapp group and help get involved with events then please follow the link. AGM details will be announced next week.

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We are recruiting

Our local kitchen teams are recruiting in various schools across the County.

Term time contracts and school friendly hours available.

ID for an enhanced DBS will be required.

Please contact us at
westsussex@chartwells.co.uk
to find out more.

September starts available.



Google Classroom Codes:

Y3 Sharks:	kcywfpq
Y3 Stingray:	6y7y7ie
Y4 Orca:	gtc3g5h
Y4 Swordfish:	l6vfpo2
Y5 Penguins:	fr2tpki
Y5 Seals:	5fddmsn
Y6 Polar Bears:	vsspopk
Y6 Pelicans:	hptbg46

Hot Lunches Ordering Deadlines

w/b: 02.10.23 choices to be placed by 21.09.23
w/b: 09.10.23 choices to be placed by 28.09.23
w/b: 16.10.23 choices to be placed by 05.10.23

CENSUS DAY FOR HEADTEACHERS

HOW CAN WE HELP YOUR FUNDING?

WHAT IS IT?

Census Day is an important day in the Primary School calendar, as the Government will use the numbers of those who eat school meals on this day to identify the level of funding each school receives.

Put simply, the more children eating a school meal on this day, the more funding your school can access.

We know that 98% of packed meals would not meet the same healthy standards as a school meal, and that using a knife and fork is fundamental in developing their fine motor skills, and unlocking this funding means more children can enjoy a nutritious hot lunch.

WHEN IS IT?
5TH OCTOBER
2023

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?
SEE PARENT COMMS ON NEXT PAGE

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAXIMISE FUNDING?

Ensuring all parents are aware of the day's importance and encouraging them to order a meal is the most important step. Beyond that, including the whole school could look like:

- Having a 'Big School Lunch' where all students come in for a big community hot meal to welcome them to the new school year, no lunchboxes.
- Having music on in the hall to create a buzz.
- A non-uniform day to raise awareness of the importance of nutrition.
- Having a 'Something old, something new' day, where children can try one of our classics, Pasta Bolognese, or come in for something new, Vegetarian balls and rice!
- Having a 'plastic free' lunch where plastic packets are prohibited, so parents book in for a hot meal.

TERM DATES (new entries/changes in red)

September 2023

Mon 18th: YR (New) Hot Lunch starts

After School Clubs start

Y3 – Y6 Cross Country/Fun Run Event (PE kits to be worn)

Tues 19th: Y1 Seahorses Forest School starts

Thurs 21st: Y6 Greek Workshop

YR Curriculum Meeting, 3.30pm

Fri 22nd: Y1 Puffins Forest School starts

Huxley's Owls visiting Y1

Tues 26th: Y4 Residential Meeting for Parents, 3.30pm

Fri 29th: Individual School Photos – JP Photographic

October

Tues 3rd: Harvest Festival Service, St. Peter's Church, 9.30am

Wed 4th: Y3 Trip to Hampton Court

Thurs 5th: Flu Nasal Spray – All Year Groups

Mon 9th: Y1 & Y2 Cross Country/Fun Run Event (PE kits to be worn)

w/b 16th: No After School Clubs (except Karate)

Mon 16th: Henfield Football Tournament

Tues 17th: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 5.00pm – 7.30pm

Thurs 19th: Parent/Teacher Consultations, 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Fri 20th: Celebration of Work, 2.30pm

w/b 23rd: Half-Term – St. Peter's closed