



NEWSLETTER

1st April, 2022

Love – Honesty – Forgiveness – Respect

Collective Worship:

Over the past couple of weeks we have recounted at school, the various notable elements of the Easter story, enjoying worship sessions with a focus on Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane and The Crucifixion. This culminated in the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord in our Easter Service. The children considered our value of Forgiveness through reflecting on the journey of Jesus and His purpose on Earth.

Important Dates

Tues 19 th April	INSET day
Wed 20 th April	Start of Term 5
W/b Mon 25 th April	Parent Consultations this week
Mon 2 nd May	Bank holiday
w/b Mon 9 th May	KS2 SATs week
Fri 13 th May	Playden's Got Talent for Red Nose Day
Mon 13 th May to Wed 18 May	Y5/6 Residential trip
Mon 23 rd May	R & KS1 Movie night
Fri 27 th May	KS2 Movie night
Fri 27 th May	End of Term 5

Due to the disruption of the past few weeks (Covid-impacted), this newsletter is designed to update parents on recent events in the school, to inform you of important dates and information in relation to Term 5, and to invite you to have a wonderful Easter break.

Our newsletters will return to their normal format with individual class reports in Term 5.

Comic Relief: £80 raised (so far)!



Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day through our 'wear red' mufti. A total of £80 was raised for Comic Relief. The deferred 'Playden's Got Talent' will now take place on **Friday 13th May, 2022**. We encourage all budding entertainers to practise their 'talent' over the Easter break as we look forward to a spectacular show! More details to come in Term 5.

Sports for Schools Athlete Event: Over £1,500 raised!

Through sponsorship for the fitness circuits led by Darran Challis, GB Invictus competitor, just over a whopping £1,500 was raised! This money will go towards improving physical activity for the school whilst also supporting GB



athletes, including Paralympic athletes. You definitely raised the game and made us very proud! Thank you.

Ukraine Crisis Appeal: £153 raised and 40 pairs of shoes collected!



Another huge thank you for your monetary donations to the Unicef Ukraine Crisis and shoes to Sal's shoes. Both of these will help to support children affected by the current war in the Ukraine. Thank you so very much.



For all of your generosity this term, supporting these charities in the face of your own personal challenges, remember.....



Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place week beginning 25th April. We intend to host these in

person in the school hall. Appointment slots will be available to book online on Tuesday 19th April.

After School Clubs: Term 5

Our after school provision in Term 5 is as follows:

Tuesdays

- Musical Theatre (Y1-Y6)
- Lego (all pupils; wraparound care; paid club)

Wednesdays

- Bat & ball (R-Y4)

Thursdays

- Football (Y5/6)
- Horrible Histories (all pupils; wraparound care; paid club)

At this point parents for our free-of-charge clubs will have been informed via letters by email. Our paid clubs will be available to book via School Money from Tuesday 19th April. The first of these will run from Tuesday 26th April.

We welcome back Mr. Keen who will be running a football club for Y5/6 pupils on Thursdays after school. Thank you for supporting us once again! Wildlife club will resume in Term 6. A huge thank you to Ms. Bowyer and her colleagues for their support and commitment to the pupils of St. Michael's and for the excellent addition to our curriculum, that Wildlife Club offers.

If anyone is able to donate boxed lego sets, we would be extremely grateful as this would boost our resources and add another dimension to our club!

PSA Movie Nights revisited...again...and again! – Monday 23rd & Friday 27th May

NEW DATES for the postponed PSA movie nights are as follows:

- Reception & Key Stage 1: Monday 23rd May
- Key Stage 2: Friday 27th May

Pupils already signed up would be expected to attend.

School Meals: Price increase from Term 5

The cost of school meals will rise to **£2.20** from 18th April, 2022. This is not a decision taken lightly by East Sussex in consultation with Chartwells, but is a consequence of rising inflation. The new Spring Summer 2022 menu is attached for your information.

Uniform

We have noticed a bit of slippage in terms of abiding by the school uniform over the past term. Please ensure that your children are correctly equipped with the appropriate school uniform for Term 5. To support you, we attach to this newsletter, our school uniform policy and ask you to take careful note of the guidelines. In particular: no leggings, appropriate shoes and only permissible jewellery allowed.

Reasons for Absence

There are a number of parents who continually report absence without giving a reason for the absence. When we receive a message about your child's absence, whether via an in-person conversation, a message on the absence line or by email, **a reason for absence must be given**. We are bound by legislation to put specific codes in our register to account for a pupil's absence and additionally, it triggers a safeguarding concern if no reason is given. **Please ensure that you let us know why your child is absent from school.**

A message from Mrs. Marshall

I personally wanted to thank parents, carers and staff for their support and understanding in the face of some significant challenges this term as we navigated our way through yet another bout of Covid in the school. I know that very few were left unaffected and appreciate that it wasn't easy for you.

Thank you for embodying the values which we hold dear and showing kindness and consideration during this difficult period.

I wish you all a very enjoyable Easter break and hope that we can now look forward to a more settled and less disrupted Term 5. Do look after each other and stay safe.

A very happy Easter to one and all!

With best wishes

Mrs. Marshall



Closing Reflection

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

(Philippians 4:4)