



Samuel Pepys School

Easter 2018 Newsletter



Dear Pupils and Families

The clocks have changed, the temperatures are heading in the right direction (fingers crossed!)...dare we say that Spring is certainly on it's way! Great for us as we can take more learning outside, make more use of our outdoor spaces including the sunken trampoline and sensory garden, get ready for residential experiences for some of the older pupils and start work on the Forest School we are planning for an area of the school field...watch this space!

In the last newsletter I shared the news of Chris's headship at Castle School, starting in September. We are pleased to share that the Governors have interviewed and appointed Penny as the new Deputy Head Teacher, we are excited to be working with Penny in this reviewed role.

Please can we also welcome Nick Rayner who joins the admin team after Easter, as Caroline leaves us this week. We wish them all well.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday morning at Cineworld at 10.00am for our Film Festival, please do ensure you have your ticket. On Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm we have our end of term assembly in the school gym; you are welcome to join us.

Thank you for all the entries for the Friends of Samuel Pepys Easter egg decorating competition. We've had lots of colourful entries and will be announcing the winners in Thursday's assembly.

We break up for the Easter Holidays on Thursday 29th March at 3.15pm, returning to school on Tuesday 17th April.

Wishing you and your family a well deserved change of pace and activity over the holidays.

Best wishes
Joanne

Rotary Club Child of Courage Award.

We are delighted that Connor Ruddell in Post 16 was nominated for the Rotary Club St Neots St Marys Child of Courage Award and attended a ceremony and luncheon on Thursday 22nd March with his parents and Mark Case, Post 16 Leader. Connor was awarded a framed certificate and medal this was in recognition and acknowledgement of the exceptional courage that Connor has shown during 2017-2018.



Orchards for Schools

Orchards for Schools is a Heritage Lottery funded project delivered by the East of England Apples and Orchards project, a registered charity. Orchards for Schools provides schools with their own heritage fruit orchard and the teaching materials to enable them to get the most from their fruit trees. Here we are planting the fruit trees for our Forest School.



Thank You!

The team at Tackwood Services who look after our school minibuses have kindly come to our rescue. Three minibuses have had fuel stolen from them overnight and required repair to enable our pupils to be able to access their off-site learning. Not only did Tackwoods respond super quickly and repair our buses, they have very kindly waived the repair costs. Thank you very much indeed

Tackwood Services for your kind and generous support.

Sharing our Learning

Seuss and Dahl classes visited Hinchingsbrooke Park to re-enact the story 'Red Riding Hood.' They made a map to show the journey from Red Riding Hoods house to Grandmas.



Parent Pay

Please may we request that all payments for dinners, Allstars, trips and residential visits are made via Parentpay. Please contact Sally in the office if you have lost your signing in details. Please do check your Parentpay account regularly for outstanding payments. Please note that snack money should be contributed half termly in cash.

Please name school uniform

Please may we gently remind families to ensure that all items of school uniform, shoes and PE and swimming kits are clearly named. Thank you.

Our embroidered school uniform can now be purchased using a debit/credit card via Tesco. Our dedicated area of the Tesco website is <https://www.tesco.com/direct/samuel-pepys-school/22447.school>.

Contacting School

Please use our dedicated Parents address Parentemail@samuelpepys.cambs.sch.uk when contacting school, in order that messages may be picked up and responded to by any member of the office team.

If your child is away from school, can we also ask families ring the office as soon as possible know the reason and possible duration of any absence. Thank you.

Free School Meals

As from 1st April 2018, more families will be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

The new income threshold for the **Free School Meals (FSM)** will be £7,400 net (take home pay).

Please can we ask all parents, who have haven't applied before to complete a **Free School Meals (FSM) form** either by letting the office know your National Insurance number or by completing the application form at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Term Dates 2018

Professional Development Day	Monday 16 th April
Summer term opens	Tuesday 17 th April
May Day	Monday 7 th May
Half term	28 th May – 1 st June
Summer term closes	Tuesday 24 th July
Professional Development Day	Tuesday 4 th September
Autumn term opens	Wednesday 5 th September
Professional Development Day	Friday 19 th October
Half term	22 nd – 26 th October
Professional Development Day	Friday 23 rd November
Autumn Term Closes	Tuesday 19 th December
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Spring Term Opens	Thursday 3 rd January

School Events

Spring Term

Easter Film Festival at Cineworld 10am	Wednesday 28 th March
End of Term Assembly 2pm	Thursday 29 th March

Summer Term

Football at Samuel Pepys	Monday 23 rd April
KS 4 Dukes Barn Residential	Tuesday 8 th – Friday 11 th May
P16 Marris Barn Residential	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th May
Storytelling Festival	Tuesday 15 th May
KS3 Tag Rugby at Castle School	Wednesday 16 th May
KS2/3 Wicksteed Kids Day Out	Wednesday 13 th June
KS4 and P16 Prom Night	Thursday 5 th July
P16 Ringstead Fishing	Thursday 12 th July
FoSP Family and Staff Barbecue	Friday 13 th July
Primary Picnic	Monday 16 th July
P16 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition	Monday 16 th – Tuesday 17 th July
KS2 Summer Trip	Wednesday 18 th July
End of Term Assembly 2pm	Monday 23 rd July
End of Term	Tuesday 24 th July