

# ★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★

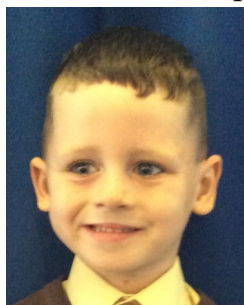


*We live and learn in the light of Christ!*

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 27th January 2017

**Week 18**

This week we pray for these special people!



Joseph  
Szymon  
Mairead  
Finley  
Angelika  
Archie  
Megan



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## TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017
<b>New Term Begins</b>	Tuesday 6th Sept	Tuesday 10th January	Monday 24th April
<b>1st Half-Term Ends</b>	Friday 21st October	Friday 17th February	Friday 26th May
<b>2nd Half-Term Begins</b>	Monday 31st October	Monday 27th February	Monday 5th June
<b>Term Ends</b>	Thurs 22nd Dec	Friday 7th April	Tuesday 25th July

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Another busy week comes to an end. I had a lovely day with Year 6 in London on their trip to Parliament. Full of history, it is always a special trip and the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school inside the house of commons. The worlds media was everywhere as we were lucky enough to witness the 'article 50' debate live from the viewing gallery. Thank you Mrs Wright and Mrs Lines for organising this exciting trip.

I was very pleased to start the week, last Sunday, by attending Year 5's Class Sunday Mass. The children read and sang beautifully; I thank them for attending and Mrs Pawley & Mrs Panjanaden for preparing them so well. On Wednesday, Year 6 parents attended the information meeting in the build up to the Sacrament of Confirmation, SAT's and PGL trip. Fr. Joe spoke well about the importance and significance of this special sacrament and the choice the children are making, reminding us all why we chose the faith we have and the responsibilities that come with it. Thank you to all those parents who took the time to attend and to Mrs Wright for her informative talk on SAT's and PGL. A busy time ahead for Year 6.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to talk to infant parents about the procedures at drop off time in the morning. Please can I ask parents to 'drop and go', it is simpler to say 'goodbye, have a good day' once rather than waiting for the child to come back out onto the playground and have to repeat the goodbye. Some children can get distressed if they see their parent again or miss them if I have had to close the gate. Please just see them though the gate and leave them to it. Also, if you have an **important** message for a teacher please write it down and pass it to the member of staff on duty who will give it to the teacher concerned. Some days there is a queue of parents waiting to tell the teacher something which then impacts on valuable learning time as the teacher on duty runs around delivering what they've been told.

**God Bless.**



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not including standing orders)

**Week 18**

Reception	£13.87
Year 1	£18.00
Year 2	£29.00
Year 3	£10.50
Year 4	£11.00
Year 5	£20.37
Year 6	£12.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>£114.80</b>

School Fund can be paid weekly, monthly or termly. The suggested amount is **£1.00** per week. Thank you to all those parents who pay regularly in cash or by standing order. Thank you all for your support.

## School Mobile Phone

Please use for urgent contact out of office hours (3.30 pm - 8.00 am):



**07885 235 496**

## NEWS

**We wish to keep you informed about school issues so please read the following information carefully.**

- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am on Friday mornings will be Friday 3rd February. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- [senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk), to book a session.
- **Year 5 Alton Castle Residential Trip**—Our annual trip to Alton Castle will be on Wednesday 29th March to Friday 31st March 2017. More details will be sent out in a separate letter soon.
- **Year 6 PGL Residential Trip**—Our annual trip to Boreatton Park will be on Friday 30th June to Monday 3rd July 2017. Please keep up to date with any payments due. Thank you. Any problems, please come and see me.
- **After School Clubs**—Some of our after school clubs have to take place on the playground outside as the school hall is already in use. Please can you make sure your child has the appropriate clothing to ensure they are warm throughout the session. As the saying goes... *'there's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing'*. Think about it.
- **Sacramental Preparation Meetings/Workshops for Parents**—Important information is given at these events so please make every effort to attend:
  - Y3 Parents Communion Workshop—Tuesday 28th March @ 9 am
  - Y2 Parents Reconciliation Workshop—Thursday 8th June @ 9 am
- **OurSchoolsApp**—Those of you with Smart Phones can download our school app; another way of keeping up to date with anything going on in school.
- **Weekly Newsletter**—If you are reading this then you have obviously been successful at accessing our weekly newsletter digitally as I am no longer going to print paper copies to send home; good for our budget and good for the environment. Please spread the word so that everyone knows how they can access the weekly newsletter. Each Friday I will send out a text with a direct link, I will also send a tweet via our school twitter page and I have now put a direct tab link on the school app as well as on our new website.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—Contact 07392370662 or e-mail [asu2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:asu2012@hotmail.co.uk). ASU are currently ordering jumpers for £13 and cardigans £13.75, so please contact them if you would like to order one.
- **School Football Team**—Congratulations to our team for winning 5 and drawing 1 of their 4-a-side qualifier matches in the tournament yesterday; qualifying for the finals next Thursday. Well done to Aodha Morrin, Allen Sibotsha, Louis Olivier, Archie Moore, Jaiy Leydon and Aidan Subhan and thank you Mr Leydon and Mr Moore for taking the boys. Much appreciated.
- **Attendance News**—Attendance at school everyday is extremely important and it has been brought to my attention that a number of children have not been coming to school so their attendance has slipped to below 90%. Please ensure you get your child to school everyday. If they are ill, obviously they will need to stay at home to rest and recuperate but if they are just a bit under the weather, please get into the routine of bringing them into school where we can look after them. If they get too bad we can contact you to come and collect them but 99% of the time they are well enough to make it through the day, no problem. They miss out on lots of valuable learning time that they will never get back so please get them to school.
- **Junior Playground Equipment installation date**—TBC

### SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 16th February 2017 @ 9.15 am  
Key Stage 1 Children & Families  
Led by Year 1



The details of our next school Mass will be in this newsletter each week. All parents, family members & Parish are invited to come and join our Mass celebration so please pop in if you have time to spare. See you soon.

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Y3 First Holy Communion Enrolment  
Sunday 12th February 2017 @ 10.30

Life Education Workshops in School  
Tues 14th & Wed 15th February 2017

Y4 Class Assembly  
Friday 17th February @ 9.00 am

Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation  
Sunday 5th March 2017 @ 10.30 am

Y3 Class Assembly  
Friday 17th March 2017 @ 9.00 am

Y1 Class Assembly  
Friday 24th March 2017 @ 9.00 am

Y5 Alton Castle Residential Trip  
Wednesday 29th March 2017 to  
Friday 31st March 2017

Y2 Reconciliation Enrolment Mass  
Sunday 7th May 2017 @ 10.30 am

Y6 SAT's Week 2017  
Monday 8th to Thursday 11th May

Y3 First Holy Communion Sacrament  
Sunday 21st May 2017 @ 10.30 am

Y2 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Tuesday 27th June 2017 @ 6.00 pm

## TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 24th April 2017
- Plus two others to be arranged

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**Monday** (3.15—4.15 pm)  
- Y3 & 4 Football Club

**Tuesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)  
- Y2 Multi-Skills

**Wednesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)  
- Y3 Multi-Skills  
- Y5 & 6 Basketball Club  
- Gardening Club

**Thursday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)  
- Y4 Multi-Skills  
- Y5 & 6 Football Club  
- School Choir (3.15 - 4.00 pm)

**Friday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)  
- Irish Dancing Club (3.15 - 4.30 pm)  
- Rec/Y1 Balance Bike Club



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL— Year 6 trip to Parliament 2017



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Copies of the newsletter with a larger font are available in the School Reception for people with visual needs and on the school website.

[www.ssptprpl.bham.sch.uk](http://www.ssptprpl.bham.sch.uk)

**Punctuality** – School starts at 8.55 am and closes at 3.15 pm each day.

Punctuality is important to ensure a good school day for children and staff.

**Security** – Once children have been dropped off at school, they must not under any circumstances leave the school premises.

**Pupil absence** – If your child is absent from school please remember to **phone school before 9.30 a.m.** & send a note in when your child returns.

**Uniform** – Please ensure that **ALL** school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

**Dinner money** – This is now £2.15 per day (£10.75 per week). Please make cheques payable to 'City of Birmingham School Meals'. Please send dinner money on a Monday in a **SEPARATE** envelope to all other monies.

**School Dinners** – If your child changes their meal pattern from School dinners to packed lunch or swap from pizza day to packed lunch we must insist on half a terms notice. Thank you.

### Thought for our Diocesan Virtues

#### Spring 1 - Grateful & Generous

Our pupils are taught that it is important to be **grateful**; count your blessings every day and remember to pause sometimes to change things to make them right. Be **generous**; give to others without counting the cost or expecting anything in return and grow to be men, women and children for others.

### Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: A girl sits in total darkness at night. No torch, no candle, no light, nothing. Yet, she is reading a book. How?

(See Mr Porter with your answer to check if you're right!)

**Last weeks answer was:**

... lunch and dinner of course.

### Prayer of the Week!!!

## **Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas**

Grant me, O Lord my God,  
a mind to know you,  
a heart to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
conduct pleasing to you,  
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,  
and a hope of finally embracing you.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

### Parish Events

#### Valentine's Night Irish Dance

Saturday 11th February @ 7.30 pm  
See Sue Flynn for tickets 07803 405 248

#### Quiz Night

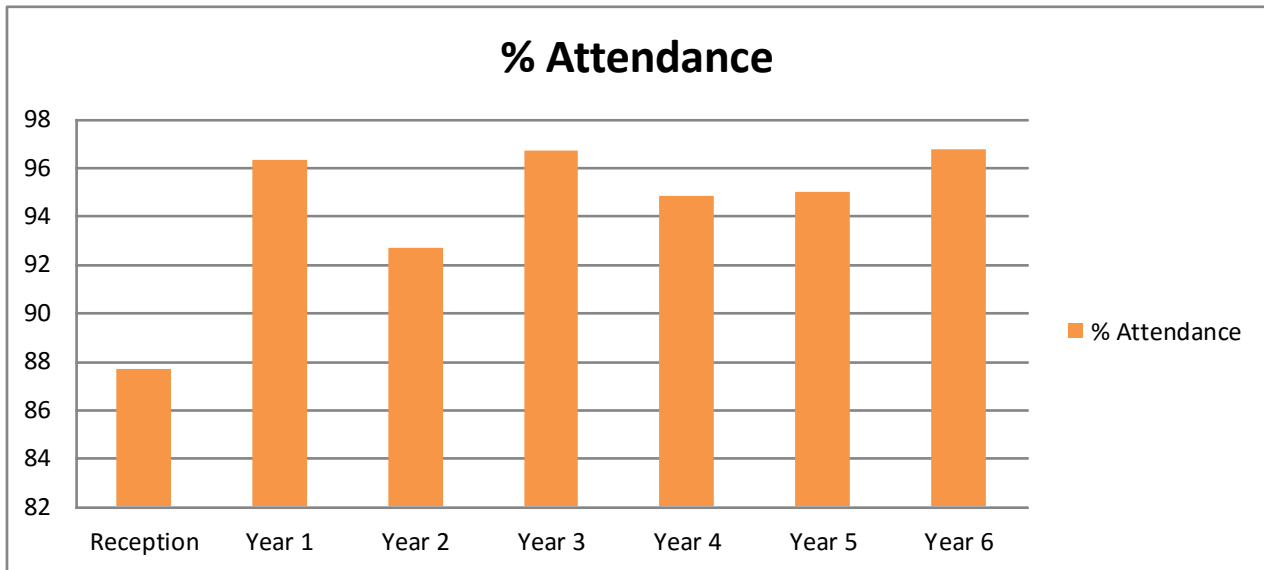
Friday 24th March @ 7.00 pm  
Teams of up to 6 people (£6 per person)

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.15 pm  
Sunday @ 9.00 & 10.30 am

As a School and Parish community we should be supporting these events to make SS Peter & Paul a lively and thriving Parish, full of joy and community spirit.

**Pupil Attendance termly report commencing:  
16th January 2017 to 20th January 2017 is 94.29%**



**Congratulations to Year 6 well done for their excellent attendance!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-**

Imogen Tamplin, Eryk Dziergiewicz, Pippa Bricknell, Jenna Marsel.



**'STAR OF THE WEEK'**

**Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-**

- **Reception — Kieran Smith-O'Donnell**
- **Year 1 — Maja Glogowska**
- **Year 2 — Carter Hemming**
- **Year 3 — Luciana Akpobaro**
- **Year 4 — Freya Pawley**
- **Year 5 — Joseph Bailey**
- **Year 6 — Scarlett Southwick-Camp**



**House Points**

Saint Peter	183
Saint Paul	172
Our Lady	273
Saint Joseph	187



Well done to Our Lady our winners.  
Congratulations!!!

**Spanish Word of the Week**

"Mi padre" means... my father

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

