

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School

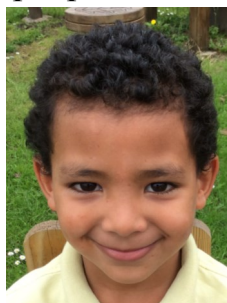
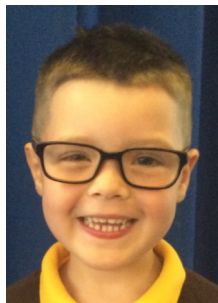


We live and learn in the light of Christ!

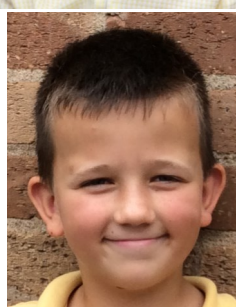
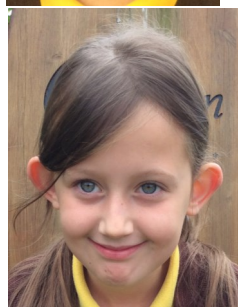
Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 2nd December 2016

Week 12

This week we pray for these special people!



Harry
Chloe-Jane
Keon
Adelaide
Igor
Lucy
Owen



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TERM DATES

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

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

What a great turn out for last weeks Parish Christmas Fair! I thank you all for your support, especially my staff, giving your time, energy and money to help was greatly appreciated and raised a massive £1500. Well done everyone and what a great way to start Advent. Sunday's Year 6 Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation was very special. I was so proud of all the children who read, sang and behaved so well. You are a real credit to our school, Parish and your parents. Thank you Mrs Wright and Mrs Lines for all your hard work and preparation. It was lovely.

Please can I remind parents that we are a 'Healthy School' and the snacks or lunches that children bring each day should reflect this. No crisps or chocolate please. Also, please send your child to school each day with a water bottle so they have access to a healthy drink throughout the day. It should then be taken home each night to be cleaned and replenished. Thank you for your support on this.

Can I also remind the parents of our uniform policy with regards to head bands for girls hair. Any bobbles or bands should be small and simple please, it's not ladies day at Royal Ascot. I want all of our children to look smart so please keep things simple.

A number of parents have enquired about the proposed development of Nocks Brickworks Site on Holly Lane. If you want to find out more, there is a public meeting being held at The Hollyfields Club on Wednesday 7th December at 7.00 pm. This could have a big impact on our school community and cause issues for families with younger siblings not yet in school. I will keep you informed of anything I hear which could affect our families.

Finally, this is just a forewarning that after Christmas I will not be sending any paper copies of the newsletter home with the children. We are currently revamping our website and developing a 'school app' available on smart phones and tablets to be launched after Christmas to see if we can save a bit of money on paper, help save the environment and improve the levels of communication between school and home using modern technology. Watch this space!

God Bless.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not including standing orders)

Week 12

Reception	£13.87
Year 1	£16.00
Year 2	£27.25
Year 3	£11.50
Year 4	£11.00
Year 5	£19.37
Year 6	£10.06
Total	£109.05

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.

- **Advent Voluntary Masses**—Every Wednesday Fr. Joe is having Voluntary Masses for Advent at 8 am, on Wednesday 7th, 14th & 21st December. Breakfast will be provided in the school hall afterwards. See you there.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am on Friday mornings will be Friday 16th December. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Parent Workshops coming up**—We invite parents to come in to spend time working with their children, to find ways to help support their learning. Here are the dates for each year group, they will be in the school hall from 9.00 am until around 11.00 am; please make every effort to attend: -
 - Year 6 Wednesday 7th December,
 - Year 3 Wednesday 14th December. I hope to see you there.
- **Inclement Weather**—As the cold weather approaches, should there be any snow, school will be open as normal unless you hear otherwise from me. Please ensure you check your phone as a text message will be sent if the school is closed. Please do not ring the school office. Alternatively, listen to local radio updates as I will inform them to broadcast if we are closed.
- **SPFA Children's Christmas Discos**—We will be holding two discos in the last week of term; Infants Tuesday 20th December then Juniors Wednesday 21st December @ 3.15—5.30 pm. The cost is £2 per child. Refreshments will be provided. Letters will be sent out next week.
- **Sacramental Preparation Meetings/Workshops for Parents**—Important information is given at these events so please make every effort to attend:
 - Y6 Parents Confirmation Meeting—Wednesday 25th January @ 6 pm
 - Y3 Parents Communion Workshop—Tuesday 28th March @ 9 am
 - Y2 Parents Reconciliation Workshop—Thursday 8th June @ 9 am
- **Christmas Stocking Fillers**—We are selling Christmas Baubles for 50p and iPad Covers for £1.00 before and after school next week. See Mr Porter or the school office for more details. All proceeds to school fund.
- **Y6 Workshop at Erdington Hall**—Well done to Dempsey, Shelbie, Elizabeth, Louis, Stefan, Thomas and Matthew who represented our school so well. Thank you Mrs Lines for going with them and Mrs Pawley & Mrs Calvert-Lyons for help with transport.
- **Parish Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch**—Fr. Joe has asked me to extend a warm invitation to any of your grandparents or elderly members of your family to this lovely Parish event. The more, the merrier! Please let Fr. Joe know if you have anyone you would like to attend. It is on Thursday 15th December from 11.30 am. Our children will be supporting this event.
- **Year 4 & 5 Guitar Assembly**—If your child is learning to play the guitar with Birmingham Music Service (not Miss S Weir) there is a showcase assembly on Thursday 15th December in the school hall at 2.45 pm.
- **Collection procedure**—Please can I ask parents wishing to speak to the teacher to please wait until all the children are released; it is imperative that the handover goes smoothly and we know who every child has been collected by. Thank you.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—Contact 07392370662 or e-mail asu2012@hotmail.co.uk

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Key Stage 1 Nativity in School Hall
Thursday 8th December 2016 @ 2 pm

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert in Church
Tuesday 13th December 2016 @ 6.30

Rec & Y1 Class Trip to 'The Bear'
Thursday 15th December 2016

Christmas Dinner for Children
Friday 16th December 2016

Christmas Parties
Monday 19th December 2016

SPFA Christmas Discos 3.15-5.30 pm
Infants on Tuesday 20th December
Juniors on Wednesday 21st December

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

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

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

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 9th January 2017
- Monday 24th April 2017
- Plus two others to be arranged

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.15—4.15 pm)

- Y3 & 4 Football Club

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Tuesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y6 Multi-Skills

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Wednesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y5 Multi-Skills

- Y5 & 6 Basketball Club

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Thursday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y4 Multi-Skills

- Y5 & 6 Football Club

- School Choir (3.15 - 4.00 pm)

SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 7th December 2016 @ 9.15 am

Whole School Children & Families

Led by **Year 3**



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.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL— Year 2 Advent Wreath Work



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

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

Autumn 2 - Attentive & Discerning

Our pupils are taught that it is important to be **attentive**; pay attention to the big and small things and the responses of other people. Be **discerning**; by using what we have learned to decide what is the right thing to do and be what God has called us to be.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: What runs, but never walks, often murmurs – never talks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a mouth but never eats?

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

Last weeks answer was:

... Stars.

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer of Advent - Week 1

Let us pray.
Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord,
and come, so that we may escape
through Thy protection
and be saved by Thy help from the dangers
that threaten us because of our sins.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Parish Events

Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.15 pm

Sunday @ 9.00 & 10.30 am

Parish Elderly Mass & Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December 2016 Mass @ 11.30 am

Lunch @ 12.00 pm. All are welcome.

Parish New Years Eve Party

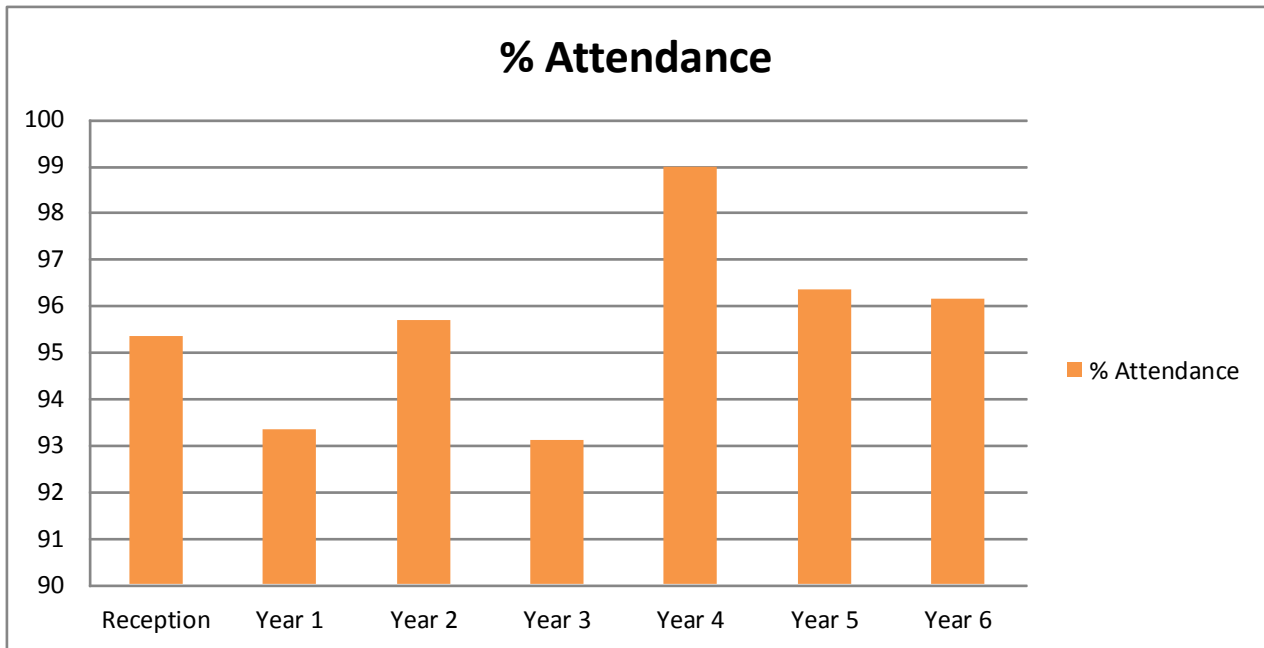
Saturday 31st December 2016

8.00 pm until 1.00 am

Tickets - Nicki Donnelly - 07967 194 952

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 week commencing:
21st November 2016 to 25th November 2016 is 95.55%**



Congratulations to Year 4 well done for their excellent attendance!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-
James Healy, Rhiannon Hill, Sophie Doyle.**



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Ellis Pointon-Doyle
- Year 1 — Savannah Phillips
- Year 2 — Mairead Mountcastle
- Year 3 — Grace Dempsey
- Year 4 — Whole Class for a wonderful Mass
- Year 5 — Aidan Subhan
- Year 6 — Elizabeth Carter



House Points

Saint Peter	284
Saint Paul	281
Our Lady	270
Saint Joseph	197



Well done to St Peter's our winners.
Congratulations!!!

Spanish Word of the Week

"Adviento"
means... Advent

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

