

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 7th July 2017

Week 37

This week we pray for these special people!



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TERM DATES

Term	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018
New Term Begins	Monday 24th April	Monday 4th Sept	Monday 8th January
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 26th May	Friday 20th October	Friday 16th February
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 5th June	Monday 30th October	Monday 26th February
Term Ends	Monday 24th July	Friday 22nd Dec	Thurs 29th March

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Last weekend, our Year 6 children went on their residential trip to Boreatton Park. It was a great weekend; the children were very well behaved and did our school proud in their attitude to all of the activities. I thank Mrs Wright and Mr Massey for taking them and giving up their weekend.

Our Year 5 footballers did our school proud on Monday as they reached the final of the Erdington & Saltley Cup. Narrowly losing on penalties, the boys did an amazing job. Thank you Mr Leydon & Mr Moore for taking them. I was unable to attend as I'd just returned from the residential.

It has been Multi-Faith week in school and our children have been learning about the other religions in their RE lessons and comparing them to our Catholic faith. I have seen some great teaching and use of religious artefacts this week. Well done staff.

Wednesday was 'Transition day' where all of our children met their new teacher for September. Y6 went to their new secondary school and our new reception children and their families visited for the afternoon. This all helps ensure a smooth start to the new year when the children return, after the long summer holiday, in September.

Ms Dormi, our Spanish teacher, would like to say a big thank you to all those parents and friends of the school who made some 'Churros' for our Spanish day last week and to all of the parent volunteers who gave up their time to help on the day. It wouldn't have been such a success without your help, so thank you. I echo that sentiment and also say thank you.

I have attached a letter to this newsletter and sent a paper copy home to inform you all of the governing body's decision, following the close of the consultation, on the proposed changes to the school day for September 2017. Please read the letter to find out more but in short, the decision has been made to change the timings so that we will close the school to children at 2.00 pm every Friday. Thank you to everyone who responded.

I am looking forward to the 'Leavers family disco' tonight. See you all there @ 7 pm.

God Bless.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(including standing orders)
Week 37

Reception	£13.87
Year 1	£16.00
Year 2	£27.25
Year 3	£16.30
Year 4	£16.00
Year 5	£20.37
Year 6	£10.81
Total	£120.60

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):



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NEWS

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

- **Mrs Oakley returns!** - This week we welcomed back Mrs Oakley after her maternity leave. It is great to have her back with the team!
- **Sports Afternoon**—Thank you to everyone who responded to my letter. Our Sports Afternoon where the children compete against each other in races and challenges will be on **Wednesday 19th July**. There will be a Mum's, Dad's and toddlers race as always, it will be a fun afternoon for all. Infants will be at Spring Lane from 1.15 until 2.00 pm and Juniors will be from 2.00 until 3.15 pm. Hope to see you there! Date to be confirmed.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—School uniform will be on sale in the school hall on **Wednesday 19th July** from **3.15 pm** to order ready for the new term in September. Telephone - 07392370662 or asu2012@hotmail.co.uk
- **Y5 Spirit & Sport Day at St. Edmund Campion**—Well done to our Year 5 children who participated so well in this special event. For the first time, we won the overall title! I am incredibly proud of all of our children for the way they represented our school. I would like to thank Mrs Pawley, Mrs Oakley and Mrs Panjanaden for looking after the children for the day and thank you to all you parents who got the children there and collected them again. A very successful day was enjoyed by all. Thank you.
- **Reception Graduation Ceremony**—As Reception class reach the end of the first year and their time in the Early Years Foundation Stage, we always like to mark the event by holding a special graduation ceremony for children and parents as they move into Key Stage 1. This will be on Thursday 20th July 2017 at 2.00 pm in the Parish Hall. All family are welcome to attend.
- **The Big Sleuth**—Our 'Spirit of Light' Bear is on display at Millennium Point!
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 21st July. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **SEN Coffee Morning**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 14th July @ 9.30 am. This is for those parents of children who have additional needs and for those who want to find out more about SEN.
- **Guitar Celebration Assembly**—The children in Year 4 & 5 who have been learning to play the guitar with Mr James from Birmingham Music Service on Thursday's this year will be displaying their talents in an assembly for their parents on Thursday 13th July @ 2.45 pm.
- **Car 'Child Seat' Law**—The law requires all children travelling in the front or rear seat of any car, van or goods vehicle must use the correct child car seat until they are either 135 cm in height or 12 years old (which ever they reach first). After this they must use an adult seat belt. It has been brought to my attention that some of our children are travelling in cars without wearing seat belts or using booster seats. Please make sure that you abide by the law and keep your child safe travelling to and from school. Thank you.
- **Year 6 End of School Activities**—As we move toward the end of the year there are some special events planned for Year 6 and their families so here are some dates for your diary...
 - * Friday 7th July - Family Leaving Do @ 7.00 pm
 - * Tuesday 18th July - End of Year Production @ 6.30 pm
 - * Sunday 23rd July - Leavers Mass @ 10.30 am

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Non-Uniform Day - Bottles

Friday 7th July 2017

Y6 Family Leavers Do

Friday 7th July 2017 @ 7.00 pm

Y4 & Y5 Electives Guitar Assembly

Thursday 13th July 2017 @ 2.45 pm

School Reports out to Parents

Thursday 13th July 2017

Y4 Class Trip to Conkers

Friday 14th July 2017

SEN Coffee Morning

Friday 14th July 2017 @ 9.30 am

Summer Fair

Friday 14th July 2017 @ 5.30 pm

Y6 End of Year Production

Tuesday 18th July 2017 @ 6.30 pm

Sports Afternoon

Wednesday 19th July 2017

Infants 1.15 - 2.00 pm

Juniors 2.00 - 3.15 pm

Reception Graduation Ceremony

Thursday 20th July 2017 @ 2.00 pm

Y6 Leavers Mass

Sunday 23rd July 2017 @ 10.30 am

Last day for pupils - Monday 24th July

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 4th September 2017
- Monday 8th January 2018
- Monday 16th April 2018
- Plus 2 more 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)

- Rec Multi-Skills

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Wednesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y6 Multi-Skills

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Thursday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y1 Multi-Skills

- Y5 & 6 Football Club

Friday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Irish Dancing Club (3.15 - 4.30 pm)

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SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 20th July 2017 @ 9.15 am

Whole School Children & Families

End of Year Celebration - Led by Year 4



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— Congratulations!



Happy Birthday to one of our neighbours, Doris, who turned 99 years old on Wednesday this week. Everyone at SS Peter & Paul wishes Doris many happy returns. Congratulations.

Well done to our Year 6 children who had their PGL residential trip to Boreatton Park. The children were very well behaved and represented our school well. Thank you to Mrs Wright and Mr Massey for going with them.



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.ssptrpl.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 am.** & 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 has increased from 24th April and is now £2.25 per day (£11.25 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

Thought for our Diocesan Virtues Summer 2 - Faith-Filled & Hopeful

Our pupils are taught that it is important to have **faith** in your own emotions and judgements and once we have faith we have **hope** in ourselves and those around us with decisions which will shape our future.
We live and learn in the light of Christ.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Spot the pattern. Q: Mary's father has 5 daughters – Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono and..... What is the fifth daughters name?

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

Last weeks answer was:

Prayer of the Week!!!

Watch over me prayer

Watch over me Lord and guide me.
Make me deserving of the faith
that I need to get near you.
Forgive my short comings and
light my way to the right path.
Give me the gifts of humility and courage
to confront the temptations of this world.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

SS Peter & Paul Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.15 pm.

Sunday @ 9 am & 10.30 am.

Parish Charity Golf Day

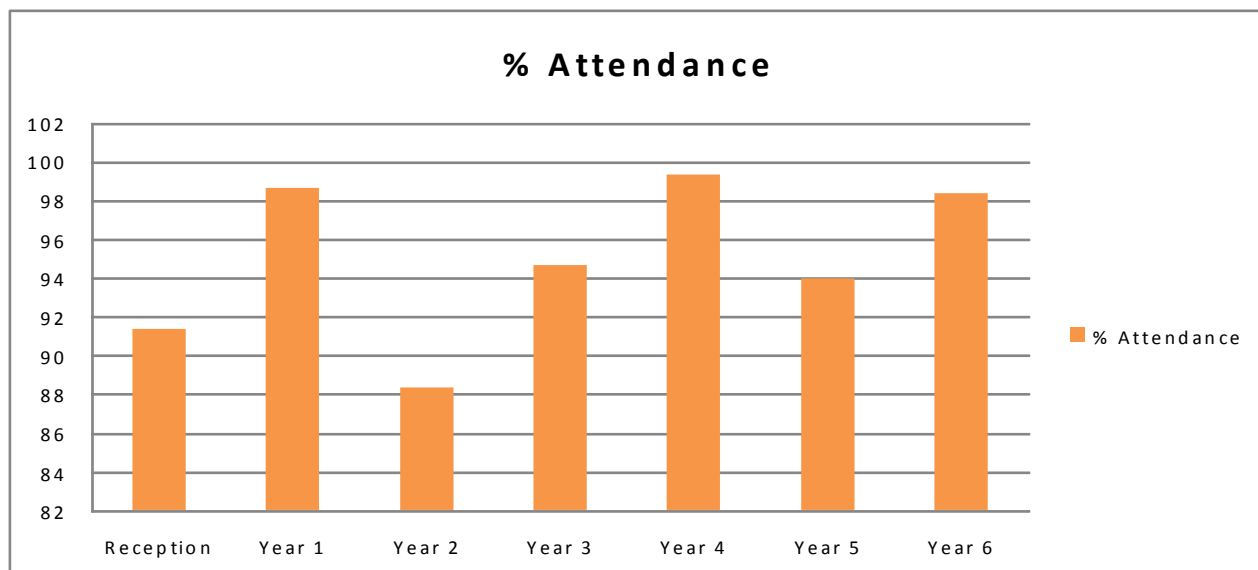
Thursday 20th July (£40.00 per person)

Summer Buffet & Barbeque

Sunday 23rd July @ 11.30 am (after 10.30 am Mass)

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 for the week of 26th June to 30th June is 93.52%



Congratulations to Class 4 well done for their excellent attendance!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Marcell Potocki, Poppy Steel, Carter Hemming, Michelle Nortey.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Charlie Edwards
- Year 1 — Amelia Barratt
- Year 2 — Ellie Barry & Jimmy Moore
- Year 3 — Tayler-James Roe
- Year 4 — Kayleigh Granner
- Year 5 — Whole Class for a great Spirit of Sport Day.
- Year 6 — Whole Class for the wonderful Residential trip



House Points

Saint Peter	166
Saint Paul	141
Our Lady	50
Saint Joseph	88



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

Stay Safe Online

E-Safety is very important! Do you know what your child is watching or doing on the internet?

Top Tips for staying safe online

You can report anyone who is being abusive to you online or via social media by contacting the police on www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

Spanish Word of the Week

"el pan"

means... bread.



Leading Light Club

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Thank you for taking time
to read our Newsletter.



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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of the Governing Body's decision, following the consultation period, on the proposed changes to the school day timings for September 2017.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who responded to the consultation letter in writing, giving your viewpoint and providing the valuable feedback that I needed to be as fully informed as possible so that I could give an accurate account to governors to help in the decision making process. Also, I would like to thank the parents who attended the open meeting to discuss the proposal, providing your views on the positive and negative aspects of the proposal and asking many important questions to give me 'food for thought' from a parents perspective. I found both the written responses and the meeting very important in this process, so thank you.

We have 175 families in our school and 210 children. Out of those 175 families, I had 62 responses in total. Out of those 62 responses, 48 were 'in favour' of the proposal or 'happy either way' and only 14 responses were 'against' the proposal.

The main issues raised and points that people were concerned about were:

- Those children who are slow eaters would be rushed to eat their lunch if dinner time was reduced by 5 minutes.
- Parents having to change their working hours to enable them to pick their child up at 2 pm on a Friday.
- Worries over childcare provision and additional costs.
- Curriculum coverage; are the children going to miss out on anything?
- A drop in attainment and academic standards as there is a slight reduction in the Junior timings.
- Changing the 'Celebration Assembly' time to the afternoon will mean some parents cannot attend.
- The quality of provision for the teaching of Music & PE if the expertise we currently pay for is removed.

All of the above points were discussed, at length, by the Governing Body of the school in a meeting this week. I am confident that all of these points raised can be addressed in a way that will please those with these concerns. I can assure parents there will be no drop in standards or quality of provision, no child will be rushed at lunch, the 'Celebration Assembly' may be changed but parents will be given plenty of notice to attend, no parent should have to change their working hours and any changes to childcare provision and costs will be minimal.

Following the discussion it has been decided that we will change the timings of the school day meaning that school will close at 2 pm on Friday, starting in September 2017.

I understand that this was not what everyone wanted and that some of you will be concerned but taking everything into consideration it was felt that this would be the best outcome for the school and for the majority of our parents.

If there are any parents with extenuating circumstances who cannot collect their child at 2 pm on a Friday, please contact me confidentially, to arrange a time to meet with me, to see if I can help in any way. Thanks again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. Porter
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