

# ★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★



Part of... St. John Paul II Multi-Academy

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

Weekly Newsletter to Parents

Friday 1st March 2019



Spring 2 - Week 22

This week we pray for these special people!



Thomas  
Georgia  
Finley  
Sian  
Aleksander  
Aimee  
Lauren

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

An incredibly busy week!!! We have been delighted to be able to welcome back Mrs Upton to SS Peter & Paul as she is supporting Miss Stansbie in Year 1 while Mrs Dilks is still absent from school through illness. Mrs Upton has worked with us before and I am happy she is back as part of the staff team, I know you will all make her feel welcome.

Losing and/or damaging school reading books is becoming a bit of an issue as we are running out of quality reading resources for our children to use. Replacement reading books are expensive and we will be charging parents for lost or damaged reading books, £5.00 per book. I don't want to but I have to so please take care of the reading books you are given.

Momo please read inside this newsletter for more information. I will be speaking to the children about it in school. Please do not show it to your children, we only need them to be able to know how to deal with it if it does appear to them. Thank you.

The Non-negotiables we have established in school are attached to this newsletter so that you can see what are expectations are for each class. These are not exhaustive lists; they are a basic starting point and what we are training our children to become more independent at doing without support or teacher input. Have a look...

Please can I ask that all children wear their school tie, I can see a number of children without theirs. It is part of school uniform and must be worn with winter uniform!

It is our Sacramental Enrolment Mass for Year 3 and Year 6 this weekend, Sunday 3rd March @ 9.30 am. This is an important part of the Sacramental preparation process so I will see all of you there on Sunday. The children do not need to wear uniform but must dress appropriately for Church. Enjoy your weekend everyone.

**God Bless.**



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

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## ACADEMY TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2018
New Term Begins	Monday 3rd Sept	Monday 7th January	Monday 29th April
1st Half- Term Ends	Friday 26th October	Friday 15th February	Friday 24th May
2nd Half- Term Begins	Monday 5th Nov	Monday 25th February	Monday 3rd June
Term Ends	Friday 21st Dec	Friday 12th April	Friday 19th July

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 22

## School Fund will continue...

### Direct Debit

My mistake! If you pay school fund via direct debit we have been informed by the Multi Academy that we can continue to keep our School Fund account open for another year. Sorry for any confusion caused please continue paying as usual.

## School Fund Account Details.

Account Number: 30048268

Sort Code: 30 98 37

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

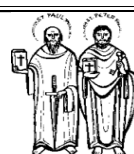
**We will keep you informed, please read this information carefully.**

- **ONLINE SAFETY 'MOMO CHALLENGE'** - I have sent information out to all parents regarding this latest threat to the online safety of our children. This character has been created to scare and threaten children, encouraging them to do things and keep it secret from their parents. It also threatens to harm them and that they will die in their sleep! It's thoroughly disgusting and we need to protect our children from these type of things. It pops up on social media feeds and can be sent via message apps, all of which your child should not have access to because they are too young! But it has also been embedded into some Youtube clips, aimed at young children, popping up without any prior notice or warning. Please read the leaflet attached to this newsletter and please monitor what your children are doing online so that they do not come into contact with this kind of thing. Thank you.
- **Year 3 & Year 6 Sacramental Enrolment Mass**—On Sunday 3rd March, both Year 3 & Year 6 children and their families will attend Mass to formally enrol for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation. It is always a very important day for the school and parish community. Please keep the candidates in your prayers. Thank you. See you there.
- **Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation**—Year 3 will make their first confession on Tuesday 19th March @ 2.00 pm in Church. Parents are welcome to attend.
- **Year 6 Leavers Prom/Disco Change of date**—All Year 6 Parents should've received a ParentMail explaining the change of date from Friday 12th to Saturday 13th July 2019 due to a double booking error. Sorry.
- **Leading Light Club Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme**—To all parents who pay for Leading Light Club using the Government Tax Free Childcare Account, we are **back up and running** again so you can now log onto your account and make any outstanding payments. Thank you for your patience.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Monday 4th March 2019 @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- [senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk), to book a session.
- **World Book Day 2019**—On Thursday 7th March 2019 we will celebrate World Book Day. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. I'm looking forward to seeing your amazing creations. The children will also be swapping classrooms to share a book chosen by a teacher. This was great fun last year and I know the children will enjoy it.
- **Year 6 PGL Residential Hoodies**—It has become part of our Y6 residential tradition for parents to purchase one of the personalised black hoodies for their child as a memento of the experience. We encourage parents to pop into school with their child to try on the sample hoodies we have to ensure you order the correct size. This is completely voluntary so please feel under no obligation or pressure to purchase one.
- **John Taylor Hospice 'League of Friends' book donation**—We continue to develop our partnership work with John Taylor Hospice and I am delighted that we have had some books on bereavement donated to help any of our children cope with a loss. In return, I have been asked to promote their fundraising concert at Emmanuel Church, Wylde Green on Saturday 16th March @ 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5.00 each and all proceeds go to funding this bereavement book initiative.



### SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Wednesday 6th March 2019 @ 9.15 am  
Whole School Children & Families - Led by Year 6  
Ash Wednesday - Start of Lent 2019



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 & Y6 Sacrament Enrolment Mass  
Sunday 3rd March @ 9.30 am

Whole School Mass - Ash Wednesday  
Wednesday 6th March @ 11.00 am

'WE' Day UK - London Trip  
Wednesday 6th March @ 6.20 am

World Book Day 2019 - Dress Up...  
Thursday 7th March 2019

Y5 Class Mass for Key Stage 2  
Thursday 14th March @ 9.15 am

Fr. Hudson's Good Shepherd Assembly  
Tuesday 19th March @ 10.45 am

Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Tuesday 19th March @ 2.00 pm

Y2 Class Mass for Key Stage 1  
Thursday 21st March @ 9.15 am

Year 1 Class Assembly for Parents  
Friday 22nd March @ 9.00 am

Y4 Class Mass for Key Stage 2  
Thursday 28th March @ 9.15 am

SPFA Mothers Day Treat Sale on drive  
Friday 29th March @ 2.00 pm

## TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Tuesday 4th September 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Tuesday 22nd January 2019 (MAC)
- Monday 29th April 2019

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**Monday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5/6 Football

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**Tuesday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS2 Monster Craft

- Skills 4 Life Club

**Wednesday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5/6 Girls Football

- KS1 Toddler Tennis (4.30 pm)

**Thursday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS1 Monster Craft

- Y6 Tag Rugby

**Friday** (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

- Y3/4 Football

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### This week in school... Year 1 outdoor number games



Plus Year 5 science work on solubility of materials



### 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.net](http://www.ssptrpl.net)

**Punctuality** – School starts at 8.50 am & closes at 3.20 pm Monday to Thursday. Every Friday it's open 8.50 am to 2.00 pm. Punctuality is important to ensure a good school day for both children and staff.

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

**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 is £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week). Please remember we are now 'Cashless' so all dinner money payments must be made via **ParentMail**.

**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 2 - Learned & Wise

Our pupils are taught that it is important they are able to acquire as much knowledge & information as possible; being **learned**, so that they are able to use what they have learned to help them to make informed decisions and live their life in a way that Jesus would want; being **wise** like him.

### Riddle of the Week!!!

**Q: Standing by a railing, watching a ship sailing.  
What is the Captain's name.**

**If you don't know his name, It's you to blame.  
What is the Captain's name?**

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

**Last weeks answer was:  
...a telephone...**

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### **Fatima Morning Offering**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings,  
all that this day may bring, be they good or bad:  
for the love of God,  
for the conversion of sinners,  
and in reparation for all the sins committed against  
the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.  
Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

### Parish Events

#### Parish Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am  
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

#### Cultural Evening

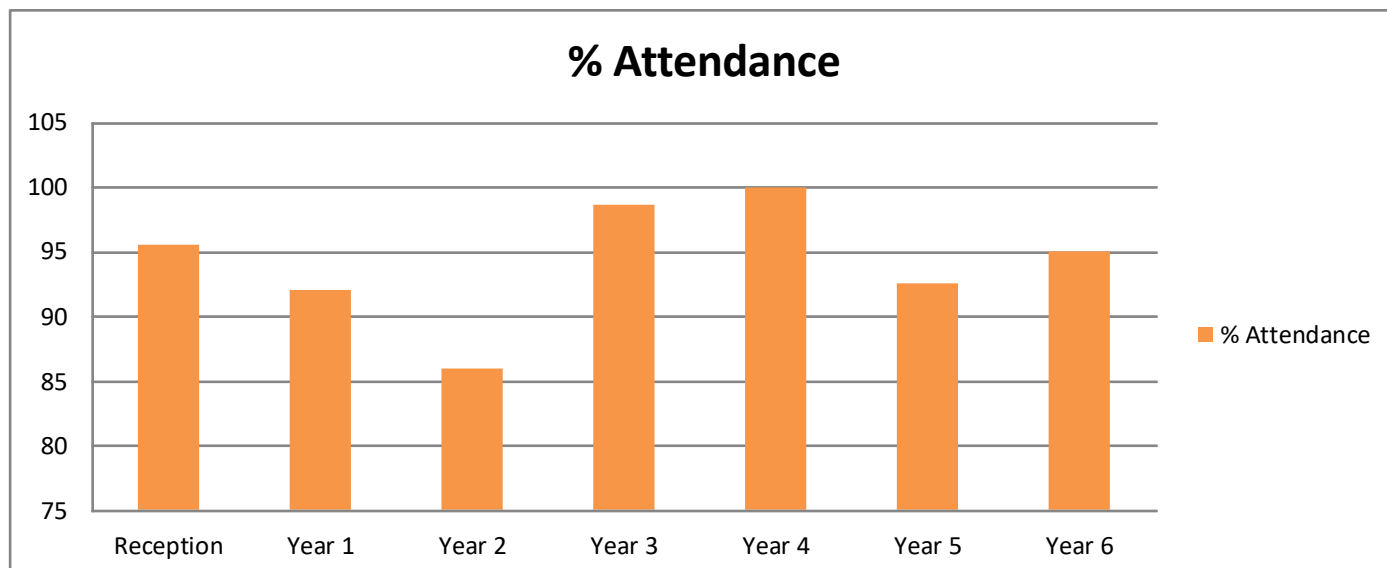
Saturday 29th June @ 7.30 pm  
Tickets available from Church Piety Stall

#### Christmas Fair

Saturday 30th November 2019

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 11th February to 15th February 2019 = 94.38%



**Congratulations to Year 4 well done for their excellent 100% attendance.**

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-  
Chloe Jane McBride, Joel Ejiogu, Malwina Glogowska.



#### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Maximus Blackham
- Year 1 — Niall Smith-O'Donnell
- Year 2 — James Healy
- Year 3 — Imogen Tamplin
- Year 4 — Carter Hemming
- Year 5 — Gjavaun Johnson
- Year 6 — Jake Duke



#### House Points

Saint Peter	134
Saint Paul	124
Our Lady	114
Saint Joseph	124



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

Please check out this website for support

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

### Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

"¿Qué hora es?" (silent h)  
means... What time is it?



#### Leading Light Club Contact Details

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Thank you for taking time  
to read our Newsletter.



It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created to this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our '7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.

Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly)... YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.

What parents need to know about

# MOMO

## CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until partway through the video.

## DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

## SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



**National  
Online  
Safety**

## Top Tips for Parents

### TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them! Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

### BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task become progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

### TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you to discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

### DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

### PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in: no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

### REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

### REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshot any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

### FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is  
0800 1111.

SOURCES:  
<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/sick-videos-youtube-youtube-kids-14012196>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-47359621>





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# **S.P.F.A Page**

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## **FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE**

Miss Gilliver has been working hard with pupils in Key Stage 2 to set up a 'Forest School' for outdoor learning in our school garden area at the bottom of the playground. It has been fantastic to see the children enjoying their learning outside and getting the opportunity to experience nature first hand in all weathers. We have started small and we are looking to develop this further so that more children get the experience. For this to happen, the SPFA has granted some money to buy new tools and equipment for the children to use during their forest school sessions. I thank Miss Gilliver for her hard work and the SPFA for agreeing to support this. All children in KS2 should get the opportunity before they leave SS Peter & Paul.

**SPFA Bonus Ball Winner  
£174.00  
Friday 25th January 2019  
Ball 21 - Mrs Dymphna O'Brien  
Well done to you!!!**

## **Infant Playground Update...**

Please can I thank everyone for their patience regarding the proposed changes and improvements to the Infant Playground. I realise I haven't been the best at keeping you all up to date with developments regarding the application for the additional funding grant. Initially the grant application was refused and since then I have been changing, tweaking and adapting the application; resubmitting it to try and secure the money that would see a more dramatic outcome with better facilities rather than just settling and spending what we have in the bank. I am still awaiting a final decision and as soon as I receive this, I will make plans to move forward appropriately. Unfortunately, these things take time but I want to secure the best deal possible for our children. Thanks again for your patience.

## **SPFA information and events...**

- Friday 29th March - Mother's Day Treats for sale on the drive
- Saturday 6th April - Joint School & Parish Mother's Day Treat Night, Disco & Fashion Show
- Friday 12th April - Non-Uniform Day for £1.00 and free entry into an Easter Competition (TBC)
- Friday 17th May - Joint School & Parish Family Fun Night
- Saturday 22nd June - SPFA Car Boot Sale
- Friday 5th July - Summer Fair
- Friday 14th June - Non-Uniform Day for sweets or chocolate (TBC) for Summer Fair stalls
- Friday 28th June - Non-Uniform Day for Bottles for Summer Fair stall
- Friday 5th July - Non-Uniform Day for filled and decorated Lucky Bags (to be supplied by SPFA)

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## SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates 2019

<b>January</b> <b>Friday 25th</b> <b>Recorded &amp; Posted</b> (4)	<b>February</b> <b>Friday 22nd</b> <b>Recorded &amp; Posted</b> (4)	<b>March</b> <b>Friday 29th</b> (5)	<b>April</b> <b>Friday 26th</b> <b>Recorded &amp; Posted</b> (4)
<b>May</b> <b>Friday 31st</b> <b>Recorded &amp; Posted</b> (4)	<b>June</b> <b>Friday 28th</b> (5)	<b>July</b> <b>Friday 26th</b> <b>Recorded &amp; Posted</b> (4)	<b>August</b> <b>Friday 30th</b> <b>Recorded &amp; Posted</b> (5)
<b>September</b> <b>Friday 27th</b> (4)	<b>October</b> <b>Friday 25th</b> (4)	<b>November</b> <b>Friday 29th</b> (5)	<b>December</b> <b>Friday 27th</b> <b>Recorded &amp; Posted</b> (4)

\*Draws will take place during Celebration Assembly. Where no assembly takes place the numbers will be drawn by Mr Porter or Mrs Calvert-Lyons and sealed in an envelope for revealing on the draw date.



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A massive thank you to the SPFA who purchased new reading materials for all classes across the school totaling £818.26 These are very much appreciated, thank you!!!







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