

★ 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 6th December 2019



Autumn 2 - Week 13

This week we pray for these special people!



Ameyamary
Maximus
Pippa
Henry
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Conor
Eloise

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ACADEMY TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020
New Term Begins	Monday 2nd Sept	Monday 6th January	Monday 27th April
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 25th October	Friday 14th February	Friday 22nd May
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 4th Nov	Monday 24th February	Monday 1st June
Term Ends	Friday 20th Dec	Thursday 9th April	Friday 17th July

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)
Week 13

School Fund will continue...

Direct Debit

You should all have received a new Standing Order form for your School Fund contributions, please can you complete and return it to school as soon as possible so that we can get your School Fund set up again. If you need a new form, please ask.

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

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

A massive thank you to the SPFA volunteers and everyone who helped to set up the Christmas Fair last weekend. They were here late at night and all day Friday to ensure everything was set up ready, what an amazing job you all did! Also, thank you to everyone who helped on the day or turned up to support, we couldn't do it without everyone pulling together so thank you to you all. I have written the amount raised inside.

We had 2 more Parent Workshops this week which were incredibly well attended so a big thank you to Mrs Wright in Y5 and Miss Turner and Mrs Pawley in Year 2 for all your hard work preparing these events. It was great to see the buzz of excitement as the children shared their learning with their parents. Well done everyone.

KS2 Mass was lovely yesterday, the children answered some tricky questions from Fr. Joe and I was really proud of the way they read and sang, it was lovely. My thanks go to Year 6, Mrs Seager, Mrs Oakley and Miss Gilliver for preparing the liturgy and the children so well.

Norovirus! I have attached a letter from Public Health England regarding the recent outbreak of Norovirus which has seen 2 local schools close to stop the spreading of infection. Please do everything you can to educate your child on the best way to protect themselves so that hopefully we do not suffer the same way others have. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Social Media Alert! Please do not let your children use the **UNICO LIVE** app. I have been informed by West Midlands Police that this app is being used inappropriately to sexually exploit young children! So please be vigilant and protect your child. Thank you.

God Bless...



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher



NEWS

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

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM & CLOTHING IS CLEARLY LABELLED**
- **Photos and Videos**—Please can I remind all parents that we no longer allow parents to take photos or make videos of the children during any assembly or school event for reasons of safeguarding. Thank you for cooperating.
- **Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance**—Following the success of last year, we have decided to run 2 performances again this year for our Key Stage 1 Nativity. Details of ticket information will follow once everything has been finalised. Provisional dates and times: Thursday 12th December @ 2.00 pm and Friday 13th December @ 9.15 am in the school hall.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Friday 20th December @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Year 3 First Holy Communion Date**—Sunday 3rd May 2020.
- **Year 6 Confirmation Date**—Saturday 27th June @ 5.00 pm.
- **Parents Inspire Workshops**—It is that time of year again, where Parents are invited into school to work alongside their child. Please make every effort to attend. The dates are as follows:
⇒ Year 6 - Wednesday 11th December @ 9.00 am
- **Parish & School Christmas Fair Success!!!!**—Thank you to everyone who helped to organise, set up or attended the Christmas Fair last Saturday, it was a lovely event, as always! The total profit raised on the day was £1466.20 which will be split evenly between the school and Parish so £733.10 for each. Well done everyone and thank you for the support.
- **Year 6 PGL Residential**—Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June 2020.
- **Year 5 Alton Castle Retreat**—Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th June 2020.
- **SPFA Christmas Events for Children**—Our amazing SPFA have organised a Christmas Film Night for Key Stage 1 on Wednesday 18th December after school from 3.30—4.45 pm. Then a Christmas Disco Night for Key Stage 2 on Thursday 19th December after school from 3.30—5.15 pm.
- **Are your children staying safe online?** - Please can I remind parents to be vigilant and monitor what your child is doing online. A few incidents have been brought to my attention about the **ROBLOX** game that some children are playing. There is a social media messaging element to this game where your child can be contacted by people they do not know. This is very dangerous as I have heard of very inappropriate, threatening and offensive language being used and directed at some of our children online. Please keep a close eye on what your child is being exposed to. I have enclosed a safety leaflet on Page 7 of this newsletter for more information. Thank you.
- **Birches Green Junior Head Teacher Retirement**—Many of you will have a connection with BGJuniors so I feel it is pertinent to inform you all that Mrs Mary McManus is retiring from education at Christmas following 28 years dedicated service to the children of Erdington. We wish her every health and happiness in her retirement. Good bye and good luck!
- **Plumber required**—On a purely personal note and completely abusing my position as Head Teacher, are you or do you know a plumber? I've just moved house and I need a radiator relocating in a room. If you are/do, please can you contact me via the school office 0121 675 6028 or the school mobile 07885 235 496.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Year 6 Parents Workshop
Wednesday 11th December @ 9 am

ADHD Parents Coffee Morning
Thursday 12th December @ 9.30 am

KS1 Nativity Performance 1
Thursday 12th December @ 2.00 pm

KS1 Nativity Performance 2
Friday 13th December @ 9.15 am

KS2 Christmas Carol Concert in Church
Tuesday 17th December @ 6.00 pm

School Christmas Dinner for children
Wednesday 18th December @ 12 pm

Christmas Party Day - Party Clothes
Wednesday 18th December 2019

SPFA Christmas Film for KS1
Wed 18th Dec @ 3.30 - 4.45 pm

Whole School End of Term Mass
Thursday 19th December @ 9.15 am

SPFA Christmas Disco for KS2
Thurs 19th Dec @ 3.30 - 5.15 pm

SPFA Christmas Jumper Day & Break
Up for Christmas Holiday @ 2.00 pm
Friday 20th December 2019

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 2nd September 2019
- Monday 30th September 2019
- Friday 29th November 2019
- Monday 24th February 2020
- One more to be confirmed...

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
- Y5 & 6 Football Club
- Coding Club

Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
- KS2 Monster Craft
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Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
- Y5 & 6 Girls Football
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Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
- KS1 Monster Craft
- Y5 & 6 Girls Football Club

Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)
- Y3 & 4 Football Club
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SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 12th December 2019 @ 9.15 am
No School Mass



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 1 Numicon 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.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 – Please note this will increase to £2.35 per day (£11.75 per week) with effect from 30th April 2019. 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 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 who God has called us to be.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: What comes before a woman and after a cow?

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

Last weeks answer was:
... that hit the spot ...

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer of Solace

May Christ support us all the day long,
till the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over and our work is done.
Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest and peace at the last.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

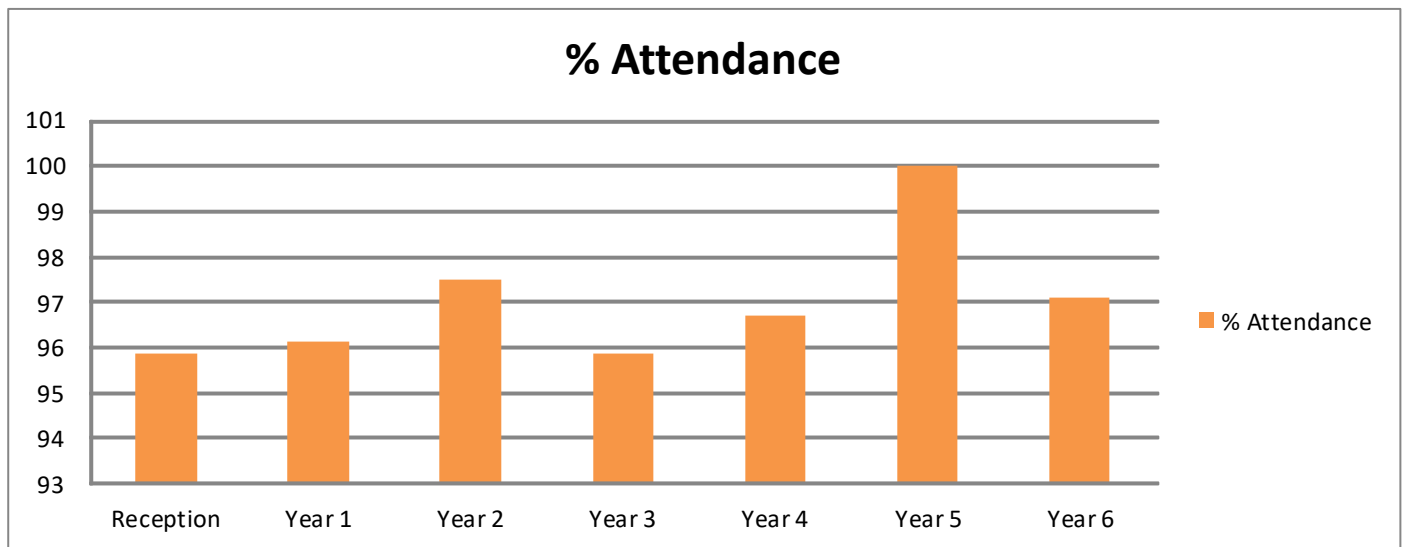
Parish Events

Elderly Parishioners Mass & Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th December @ 12.00 pm
See Church Bulletin for more details

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 25th November – 28th November 2019 = 97.01%



Congratulations to Year 5 for their 100% attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

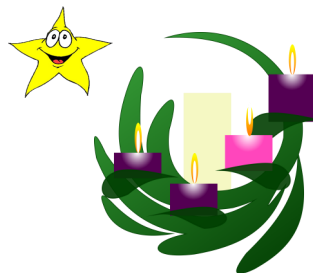
Sian Cook, Nancy Smith, Joseph Parady, Noah Nelson, Daniel Ngum, Joseph O'Callaghan, Patryk Eltringham and Aimee Nupa



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:

- Reception - Alice Wilson
- Year 1 — Brody Harris
- Year 2 — Matylida Kuras
- Year 3 — Georgia Jones
- Year 4 — Lucy Santos
- Year 5 — Whole Class
- Year 6 — Szymon Bylica



House Points

St Peter	99
St Paul	87
Our Lady	142
St Joseph	100



**Congratulations Our Ladys!!!
Our weekly winners.**

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)

"Paz y felicidad"

means... Peace and Joy.



Leading Light Club

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Thank you for taking time
to read our Newsletter.





**SCHOOL PARENTS &
FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

S.P.F.A Page

Our SPFA will trial an 'Advertising Page' in each weeks school newsletter. Anyone with a small business or service to promote can pay the SPFA to put their advert on this page.

For more information please contact:

Kristina Moore on 07950815868 or Kelly Thompson on 07938638541

**SPFA Bonus Ball Winner
£232.50**

Friday 29th November 2019

Ball 86 - Mr Adam Stack

Well done to you!!!



Our amazing new bus in the Key Stage 1 playground,
can't wait to see how it ends up once it is renovated.
Thank you SPFA for buying it for us!

DECEMBER

17th

KS2 Carol
Concert

18th

KS1
Christmas
Disco/Movie -
3.30pm -
4.45pm

19th

KS2
Christmas
Disco -
3.30pm -
5.15pm

20th

Christmas
Jumper Day -
FREE

19 5

30 10

SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates 2019

January Friday 25th DRAW COMPLETE (4)	February Friday 22nd DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & Posted (4)	March Friday 29th DRAW COMPLETE (5)	April Friday 26th DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & Posted (4)
May Friday 31st DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & Posted (4)	June Friday 28th DRAW COMPLETE (5)	July Friday 26th DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & Posted (4)	August Friday 30th DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & Posted (5)
September Friday 27th DRAW COMPLETE (4)	October Friday 25th DRAW COMPLETE (4)	November Friday 29th DRAW COMPLETE (5)	December Friday 27th Recorded & Posted (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.



ROBLOX
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play.' For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**

ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux,' which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux.' Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



**National
Online
Safety**

Top Tips for Parents

ALERT!

Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There are a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Robux etc. with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

SOURCES

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Dear Parents,

This letter, from Public Health England, is to advise you of the diarrhoea and vomiting illness which is present in the community at this time of the year and what you can do to reduce the spread of the infection. Norovirus is commonly known as Winter Vomiting Disease and occurs commonly in the community and in schools in particular at this time of the year.

What are the symptoms?

- diarrhoea and vomiting usually lasting 1-2 days

What should you do if your child is unwell?

- Keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. However, if your child has been suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting keep them at home until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours.
- Make sure they get lots of rest.
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids, taking sips rather than gulps to avoid vomiting.
- Give infant Paracetamol or Ibuprofen, according to product instructions, to help keep their temperature down if needed.
- If your child is unusually sleepy, won't take fluids or has other symptoms, such as blood in their diarrhoea, an unusual rash, headache, neck stiffness or difficulty breathing, ring 111, contact your GP or take your child to hospital.
- Please ring your child's nursery/ school and let them know that your child is ill and what symptoms they have.

How can you prevent the spread of these infections?

Hand washing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of infection. This applies to the child who is ill and the person looking after them. Hands should always be washed, using liquid soap if possible:

- Before and after caring for your child.
- After using the toilet.
- Before eating or handling food.
- After cleaning up a mess (vomit, faeces or urine).
- Other ways of preventing the spread of infection are to:
- Keep a separate towel for family members who have symptoms.
- Dispose promptly of used tissues and other items that your child may have coughed or sneezed on.
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels in a washing machine. Use the hottest wash for that fabric.
- Clean baths and washbasins thoroughly and disinfect after use.
- If cleaning up diarrhoea or vomit, wash the surface with hot soapy water and disinfect before allowing to dry.
- If using bleach remember that it can remove the colour from fabrics and can burn the skin.

Keep your child away from other children and people that are particularly vulnerable, e.g. the elderly and those with chronic illnesses. We will be reinforcing good hygiene habits at school during this period to ensure that the risk of infection is limited.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N. Porter

