

# ★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★



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

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 19th January 2018

Spring 1 - Week 17

This week we pray for these special people!



Joseph  
William  
Joshua  
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Niamh  
Lena

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## TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
New Term Begins	Monday 4th Sept	Monday 8th January	Monday 16th April
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 20th October	Friday 16th February	Friday 25th May
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 30th October	Monday 26th February	Monday 4th June
Term Ends	Friday 22nd Dec	Thurs 29th March	Friday 20th July

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Another great week in the life of SS Peter & Paul. It was so lovely to be part of the Year 4 Mass on Thursday. All of the children participated fully in the Mass and answered Fr. Joe's challenging questions really well; it always amazes me how much our children know about their faith! Year 4 led the Mass with some excellent reading and singing. Well done Mrs Basra and Mrs Lines for all your hard work and preparation.



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

We welcome a new member to our staff team, a young lady called Niamh Finnegan from the Kingsbury Schools Sports Partnership to help us develop and improve our Physical Education curriculum. She will be working closely with all the teachers to support the teaching of High Quality PE across the school and helping to prepare our children for competitions after school. Physical fitness and ability have always been a passion of mine and I'm glad we've got Niamh on board to help push this further.

I'm delighted to tell you all that I have managed to secure some money from the Archdiocese of Birmingham to renovate and improve the 'hut' (external classroom in the Junior playground) so that it can become a more hospitable and useable space; something we are sorely lacking in our school. This will be taking place during term time so this will impact on our ability to use the gate to the Junior playground. When work commences the Junior children will all have to come into school by another route. Once I have organised this, I will let you all know. The work is not due to start for a few weeks so keep watching the newsletter for more information. Can I just make parents aware that the money from the diocese comes from all the Churches collections at weekend Mass so the more people who attend Mass, the more money there is available to schools. Just something to think about...

**God Bless. Don't forget the coffee morning next Friday!!!**

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 17

Reception	£7.00
Year 1	£11.62
Year 2	£17.50
Year 3	£30.75
Year 4	£9.00
Year 5	£9.00
Year 6	£15.00
Total	£99.87

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.**

- **CAFOD**— Thank you to all the parents and children who contributed to the collection for CAFOD following the Nativity Production, and the staff who collected instead of sending Christmas cards. Well done, you donated £290.
- **Year 6 Parents Meeting**—I am holding a meeting for Year 6 Parents on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 6.00 pm in the school hall to give information about the children's Sacrament of Confirmation in June, SAT's exams in May and their Residential to PGL in June. It will not be a long meeting so please make every effort to attend. Thank you.
- **Year 6 Basketball Team**—Well done to our Year 6 children who took part in a tournament on Monday after school at St. Edmund Campion. Considering they had never played before, they did amazingly well finishing second overall, losing in the final but still qualifying for the regional finals in a few weeks time!!! So well done to Archie Moore, Luke Drust, Eleanor Donnelly, Ciara Wilkes, Ewan McGlinchey and Daniel Murray. Big thanks goes to Miss Stansbie for organising the event and Mr Moore for transport. Thank you!
- **First Aid Training for Children**—Year 5 & 6 will be having Basic First Aid Training over the next few weeks by a qualified instructor. These children will have more information sent home. What a great opportunity, for free!
- **Lateness!!!** - Please can I remind parents that school **STARTS @ 8.50 am** so your child needs to be here before that time. So many children are late, costing valuable learning time. Please be on time for drop off and pick up.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation News**—Following Diocesan advice, I've taken the decision to move this Sacrament out of Year 2, back into Year 3 where it was originally and should be. This means there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation this academic year as the current Y3 made it last year and the current Y2 will make it next year when they are in Y3. You can find out more information about the Sacramental programme on our website.
- **SPFA Coffee Morning & Second Hand Uniform Sale**—At 9.00 am on Friday 26th January the SPFA will be holding a coffee morning for all parents in the school hall. It will be a great chance for everyone to get together socially, all parents are welcome! There will be some second hand uniform for sale that has been donated by parents who do not need it anymore. It is all still very good quality so come and take a look, you might grab yourself a bargain. They're also selling toys, dressing up costumes and miscellaneous items.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 26th January 2018. Please phone the school office or e-mail: [senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk), to book a session.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—School uniform can be ordered by contacting ASU Linda & Tony: Telephone - 07392370662 or [asu2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:asu2012@hotmail.co.uk)
- **Ash Wednesday Mass**—There will be a whole school Mass on Wednesday 14th February for Ash Wednesday. Please make note that this special celebration of Mass is at **11.00 am**, not 9.15 am as we usually do. All are still welcome to attend as we begin the season of Lent. See you there.
- **Date for your diary**—Year 6 Leavers Disco has been booked for Friday 13th July 2018. More details will follow.
- **SPFA Bonus Ball Draw**—Information attached on Page 6 of this newsletter.
- **SPFA Meeting**—Tuesday 30th January @ 6.30 pm. Venue to be confirmed!

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Y6 Confirmation/SATs/PGL Meeting  
Tuesday 23rd January @ 6.00 pm

Key Stage 1 Mass led by Year 2  
Thursday 25th January @ 9.15 am

SPFA Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale  
Friday 26th January @ 9.00 am

Year 5 Class Sunday Mass  
Sunday 28th January @ 9.30 am

Maths Week  
Mon 29th Jan - Fri 2nd Feb

SPFA Meeting - All welcome!  
Tuesday 30th January @ 6.30 pm

Key Stage 2 Mass led by Year 3  
Thursday 1st February @ 9.15 am

Key Stage 2 Mass led by Year 1  
Thursday 8th February @ 9.15 am

Y3 Parents Communion Workshop  
Tuesday 13th February @ 9.00 am

Whole School Mass - Ash Wednesday  
Wed 14th February @ 11.00 am

Y4 Class Assembly  
Friday 16th February @ 9.00 am

## TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 4th September 2017
- Friday 17th November 2017
- Monday 8th January 2018
- **Monday 16th April 2018**
- Plus 1 more to be arranged

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**Monday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y5/6 Football Club
- Chess Club (12.30 - 12.55 pm)
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**Tuesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

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**Wednesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y6 Running Club (12.00 - 12.30 pm)
- Irish Dancing (until 4.30 pm)
- Spanish Club (until 4.00 pm)
- KS1 Toddler Tennis Club

**Thursday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y3/4 Football Club
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### SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 25th January 2018 @ 9.15 am  
Key Stage 1 Children & Families  
Mass - Led by **Year 2**



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... Reception Prayer Service



The focus was Christmas for all of our prayer services this week. The reception children were so reverent and respectful in their thoughts and prayers. Well done Miss Hanrahan and Mrs Ruffle.

### 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](http://www.ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk)

**Punctuality** – School starts at 8.50 am and closes at 3.20 pm Monday to Thursday. Friday 8.50 am to 2.00 pm. 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 2017 and is £2.25 per day (£11.25 per wk).* 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 - Curious and Active

Our pupils are taught to have a *curious* mind, to be engaged with the world by probing, seeking, challenging and questioning until the truth is clear. Only when you have all the information you need can you *actively* change things for the better.

### Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: A man fell off a 30 metre ladder but didn't get hurt. Why not?

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

Last weeks answer was:  
... 25m, after that it's heading out...

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### Prayer to the Spirit of God

Breath in me, Spirit of God,  
That I may think what is holy;  
Drive in me, Spirit of God,  
That I may do what is holy;  
Draw in me, Spirit of God,  
That I may love what is holy;  
Strengthen me, Spirit of God,  
That I may preserve what is holy;  
Guard me, Spirit of God,  
That I may never lose what is holy.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

### Parish Events

#### Parish Quiz Night

Friday 26th January 2018 @ 7.00 pm  
Team of 6 @ £6.00 each inc. Fish & Chip Supper

#### Parish Valentine's Irish Dance

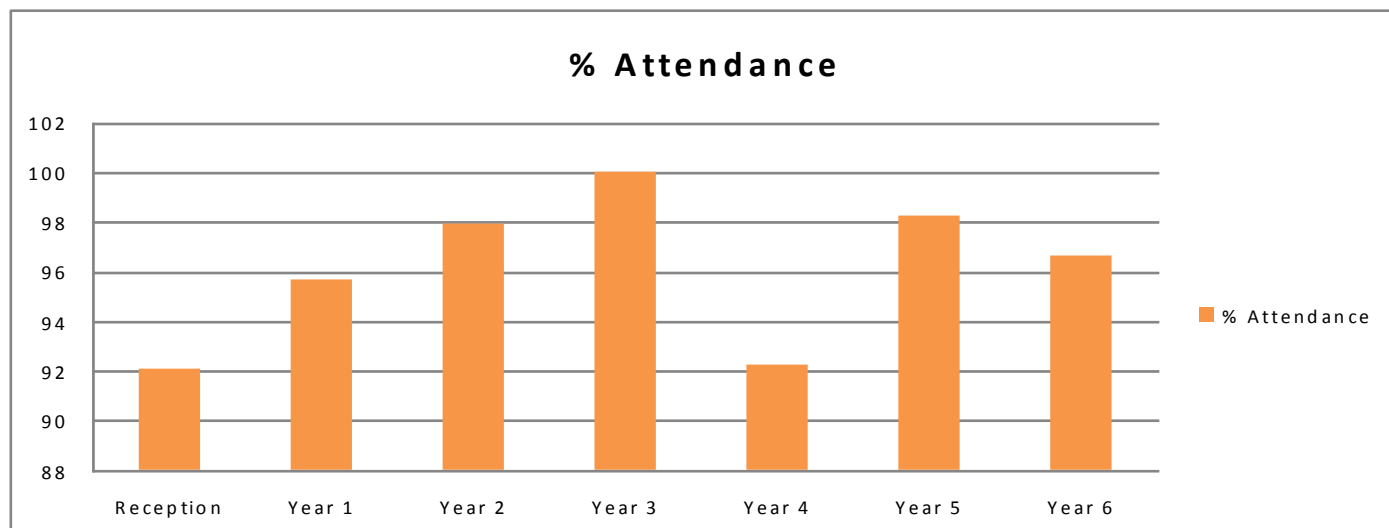
Friday 16th February 2018 @ 7.30 pm  
Adults only. £5.00 per person

#### Parish Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am  
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 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 for the term of 9th January 2018 to 12th January 2018 is 96.69%



**Congratulations to Year 3 well done for their excellent attendance.**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

**Ruby Atkins, Caitlin Keeley, Wiktor Krzeminski, Lucy Santos, Isobel O'Neill, Lexie-Angel Torley, Libby Johnstone, Caragh McEvilly, Aidan Subhan.**



### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

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

- **Reception** — Lola Sullivan
- **Year 1** — Noah Eannetta
- **Year 2** — Aleksander Michalski
- **Year 3** — Alexa McDiamid
- **Year 4** — Whole class for the wonderful class Mass
- **Year 5** — Kamarni Geroni
- **Year 6** — Caitlin Keeley



### House Points

Saint Peter	56
Saint Paul	114
Our Lady	95
Saint Joseph	64



**Well done to St Paul 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](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)

## Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

"simpático"

means... friendly.



### Leading Light Club

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**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**

On Friday 26th January, SPFA are holding a coffee and sales morning in the school hall at 9.00 am. There will be second hand uniform, dressing up clothes, coats, bags and toys for sale. Please try and join us at the coffee/sales morning and if you have any of the above that you could donate we would be very grateful. If you have anything to donate please pass it on to me, Kristina, Kelly or the school office. Thanking you all in advance xx  
Next SPFA Meeting - Tuesday 30th January @ 6.30 pm. All are welcome! Venue TBC

## **TYREX AUTO SERVICES**

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**NEW & PART WORN TYRES | EXHAUSTS | SERVICING**

**JANUARY SALE**

**SALE**

**20% OFF ALL TYRES**

**FREE TYRE CHECK**

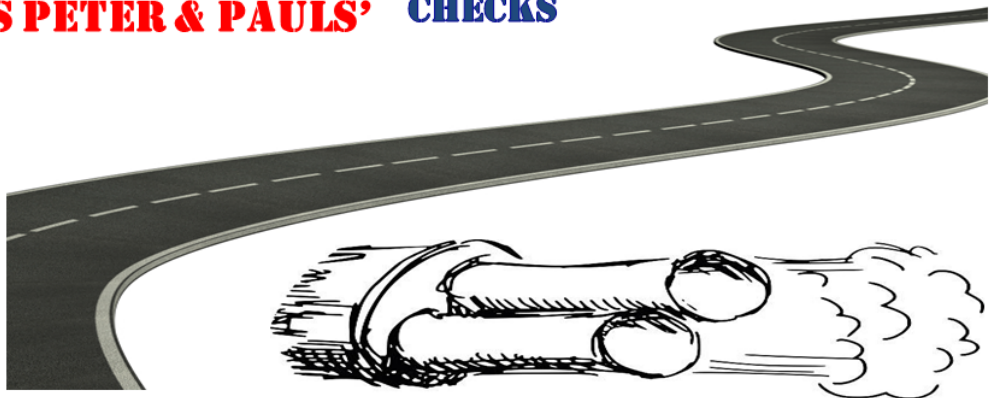
**FREE BRAKE CHECK**

**FREE LEVELS CHECK**

**FREE ANTI FREEZE CHECK AND  
TOP UP**

**FURTHER DISCOUNTS ON ANY  
WORK REQUIRED FROM ABOVE  
CHECKS**

**QUOTE 'SS PETER & PAULS'**



**UNIT 6 CENTURY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, SHADY LANE,  
GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM, B44 9ER (0121 366 6613)**

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SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates

January Friday 26th (4)	February Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> (4)	March Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May change if no assembly (5)	April Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> (4)
May Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> (4)	June Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> (5)	July Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Recorded & Posted (4)	August Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Recorded & Posted (5)
September Friday 28th (4)	October Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> (4)	November Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> (5)	December Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> (4)

\*Dates may move  
\*\* Draws will take place during Celebration Assembly with the exception of July and August these draws will take place with two SPFA members