

# ★ 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 13th March 2020



Spring 2 - Week 24

This week we pray for these special people!



Georgia  
Noah  
Jayden  
Laurence  
Caleb  
Amelia  
Keisha

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

As the situation continues to develop, we are constantly receiving expert Coronavirus information from NHS England and the Government which gives advice on how schools should deal with any suspected cases in order to ensure the safety of both staff and pupils, as well as restricting the spread of the virus. Extra hand sanitisers have been brought into school to help protect everyone and plans are currently being formulated if the need should arise to close the school. You will all be informed directly and immediately if there are any developments in this area, please do not phone the school office, we will contact you. In the mean time, please keep the hand washing routine up.

Year 5 Mass for Key Stage 2 yesterday was a lovely service. The children read very well and sang brilliantly. I thank Mrs Wright for preparing the children so well. The Diocese has put measures in place to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus too. All hymn and Mass books have been removed from Church, the Holy Water fonts have been emptied and covered, the sign of peace has been removed and all Holy Communion will be given in the hand, without exception, for the foreseeable future.

I am delighted to welcome a new member of Leading Light Club staff, Mrs Jane Crooke, who will be joining the team on Monday 16th March; I know you will all make her feel welcome. Whilst we are on the subject, please can I remind parents wishing to make bookings that they can contact Leading Light Club via the new e-mail address [leadinglightclub@ssptrpl.net](mailto:leadinglightclub@ssptrpl.net) and contact number **07885 235 491**. We will endeavour to respond as quickly as we can.

As the second week of Lent draws towards a close, please can I remind parents about the Fr. Hudson's Society small change boxes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**God Bless...**



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

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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 24

## 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**

## NEWS

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

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM & CLOTHING IS CLEARLY LABELLED**
- **Lateness**—Please can I remind parents and children that school starts at 8.50 am. The gates are open at 8.30 am and the children can come into school for their SODA task from 8.40 am. Please make every effort to get to school before the gates are closed at 8.50 am. All children arriving after 8.50 am must be signed in at Reception using the new signing in system.
- **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.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Friday 20th March 2020 @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- [senco@ssptrpl.net](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.net), to book a session.
- **Year 3 First Holy Communion Date**—Sunday 3rd May 2020 @ 9.30 am.
- **Year 6 Confirmation Date**—Saturday 27th June 2020 @ 5.00 pm.
- **Year 6 PGL Residential**—Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June 2020.
- **Year 5 Alton Castle Retreat**—Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th June 2020.
- **Swimming**—We have a mixed age group going swimming. The children concerned have been informed. Please ensure they have the right kit and are here in time to get on the coach which leaves at 8.45 am every Friday.
- **Lenten Charities 2020**—This year, as every year, we will be raising money to help and support certain charity organisations chosen by the staff and children. You should have already received your 'Small Change Charity Donation Money Box' for Father Hudson's Society, please fill it with coppers and small change throughout the season of Lent and return it when full or in Holy Week. Each class will also be participating in a sponsored event to raise money for our chosen charity this year which is Alton Castle; a religious retreat centre, which our Year 5 pupils always go to each year, that relies on charitable support to continue the amazing work it does for the young people of our Archdiocese.
- **Coronavirus Information**—Please see the leaflet of information attached to this newsletter which gives key advice on how to protect yourself and your child from any threat of this virus. I stress that this is nothing to worry about, purely precautionary hygiene advice which should apply at all times to limit the spread of all infection. The clearest advice given is to wash your hands before eating and after going to the toilet using soap and hot water.
- **Y5 & 6 Boys Football Success**—Congratulations to our boys football team who won their Catholic Sports quarter final clash against Corpus Christi on Wednesday evening. The boys played really well and won 3—1 in extra time: Olaf Kosalka, Liam Cole, Sidney Clifford, George Hillier, David Smith, Keon Gerroni, Laurence Clifford, Bobby Bricknell, Carter Hemming and Shaun Fitzpatrick. Big thank you to Scot Leydon for coaching and to all of the parents for helping with transporting and supporting.
- **Junior Bake Off Opportunity**—Channel 4 are looking for young budding bakers. Filming in July 2020, applications close on Sunday 5th April 2020. Interested bakers apply online: [WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)
- **CBBC 'Show me the Honey' Opportunity**—Another TV show is looking for interested participants. See the attached application form for more details.

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Tuesday 17th March @ 2.00 pm

Year 1 Class Assembly  
Friday 20th March @ 9.00 am

Y1 & 2 Class Mass - Mother's Day  
Sunday 22nd March @ 9.30 pm

Key Stage 2 Mass - Y3  
Thursday 26th March @ 9.15 am

Spring Term Parents Evenings 2020  
Wednesday 1st April @ 3.30 - 6 pm  
Thursday 2nd April @ 3.30 - 6 pm

Whole School Mass - Y6  
Thursday 2nd April @ 9.15 am

SPFA School Disco  
Friday 3rd April @ TBC

Holy Week in School  
Mon 6th—Thurs 9th April 2020

Y5 Easter Production  
Tuesday 7th April @ 2 pm - Church

Break Up for Easter Holiday  
Thursday 9th April @ 3.20 pm

Start of Summer Term 01  
Monday 27th April @ 8.50 am

## 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)  
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**Wednesday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)  
- Y5 & 6 Girls Football Club  
- Irish Dancing

**Thursday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)  
- Monster Craft  
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**Friday** (2.00 - 3.00 pm)  
- Y3 & 4 Football Club  
- Monster Build



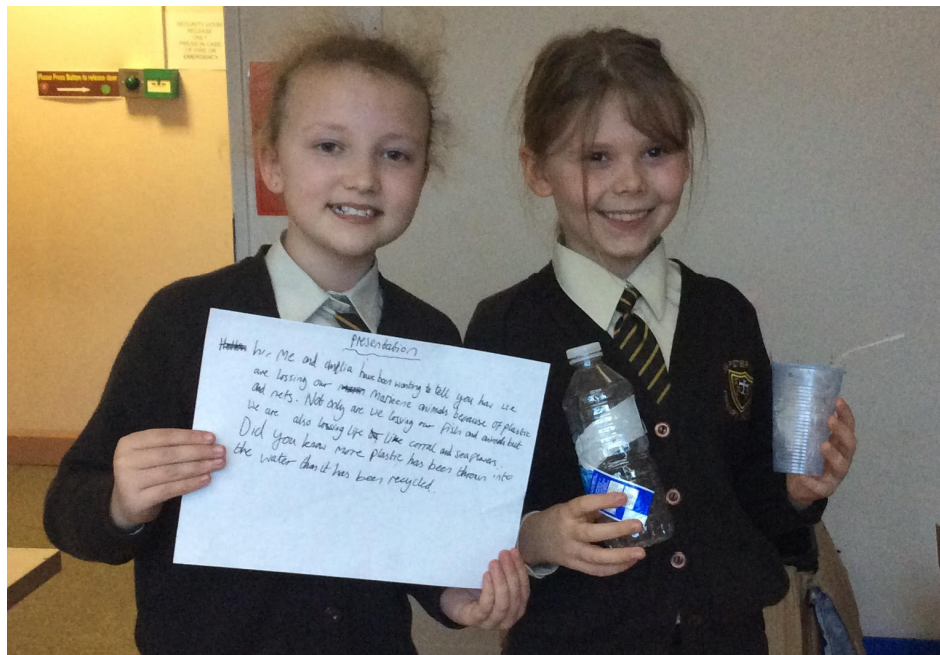
### SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 19th March 2020 @ 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 4 girls caring for God's World



So proud of these 2 girls in Year 4 this week, they have watched a TV programme about sea creatures being in danger due to the high volume of plastic ending up in seas. They are promoting recycling and reusing materials - fantastic presentation given to their Class and to Mr Porter.

Watch their full presentation at the Twitter address below...

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1236992878796251136>

They are in the process of designing posters to put up around the school and making book marks to raise awareness on this issue. I support you girls, well done and keep up the good 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.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** – 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

#### Spring 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!!!

**Q: What kind of room has no doors or windows?**

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

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

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### Prayer to St. Joseph

O Blessed Saint Joseph,  
faithful guardian and protector of the virgin,  
to whom God entrusted Jesus and Mary,  
I implore you by the love which you did bear them,  
to preserve me from every defilement of soul and  
body, that I may always serve them in holiness and  
purity of love.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

### Parish Events

#### Parish Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening @ 5.00 pm

Sunday Morning @ 9.30 am

#### Lenten Stations of the Cross

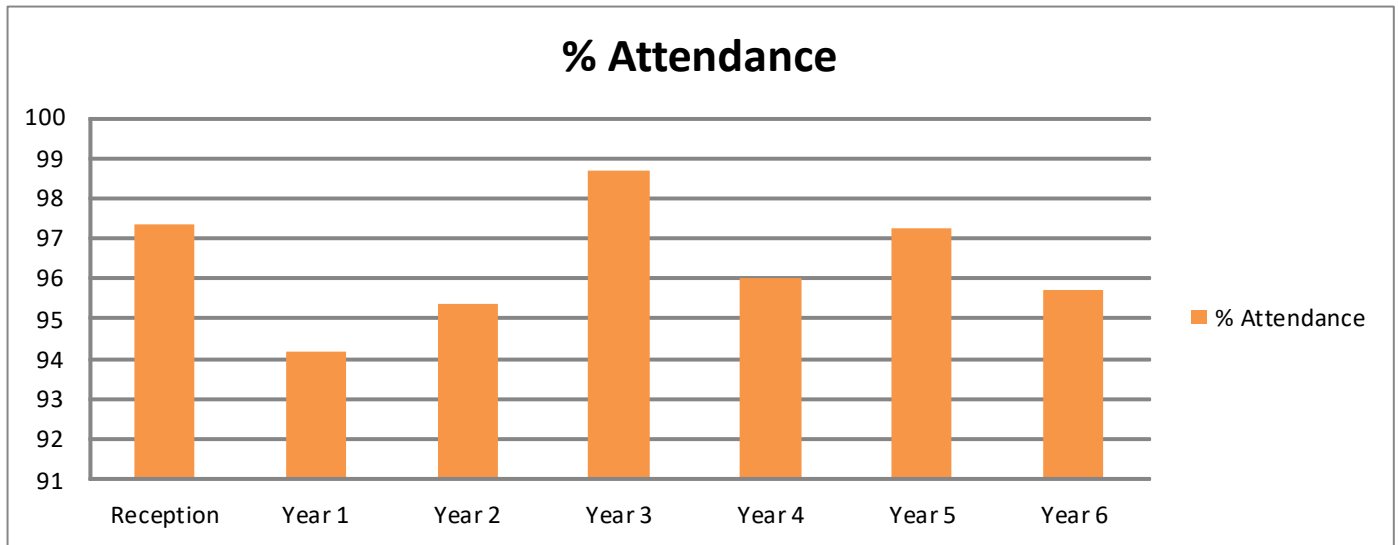
Sunday afternoon's @ 4.00 pm

#### Parish Quiz Night

Friday 27th April @ 7.00 pm

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 2nd March– 6th March 2020 = 96.35%



**Congratulations to Year 3 for their 98.67% attendance.**

| Attendance Explanation |               |                       |                         |                        |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 100% - Excellent       | 99-97% - Good | 96-95% - Satisfactory | 94% - Below Expectation | < 94% - Unsatisfactory |

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

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

- Reception – Una Franklin
- Year 1 — Grace Cook
- Year 2 — Isabella Sulikowska
- Year 3 — Harry Jarvie
- Year 4 — Eszter-Izabella Borsos
- Year 5 — Harry Roberts
- Year 6 — Clara Moy



### House Points

St. Peter 95  
St. Paul 189  
Our Lady 291  
St. Joseph 177



**Congratulations Our Lady!!!  
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)

"Cuaresma"

means... Lent.



### Leading Light Club

#### Contact Details

07885 235 488

07885 235 491

[leadinglightclub@ssptrpl.net](mailto:leadinglightclub@ssptrpl.net)



**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  
Friday 28th February 2020

Draw 1 - £206.00

**Ball 64 - Mrs Kelly Barrett**

Draw 2 - £103.00

**Ball 65 - Mrs Margaret Folan**

Well done to you!!!



Following the success of Elfridges we are delighted to announce that we will be running a

*Mother's*  
**DAY**

## **Pop Up Shop**

During the school day

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Similar to Elfridges children will come along and choose a small gift. Gifts will be pre-wrapped and the children will add a tag ready to take home for that special person to receive on Mothering Sunday.

**The cost will be £3.00 per gift**

19

5

30

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## SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates 2020

|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <b>January</b><br><b>Friday 31st</b><br><small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (5) | <b>February</b><br><b>Friday 28th</b><br><small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4) | <b>March</b><br><b>Friday 27th</b><br>(4)    | <b>April</b><br><b>Friday 24th</b><br>(4)   |
| <b>May</b><br><b>Friday 29th</b><br>(5)                                  | <b>June</b><br><b>Friday 26th</b><br>(4)                                  | <b>July</b><br><b>Friday 31st</b><br>(5)     | <b>August</b><br><b>Friday 28th</b><br>(4)  |
| <b>September</b><br><b>Friday 25th</b><br>(4)                            | <b>October</b><br><b>Friday 30th</b><br>(5)                               | <b>November</b><br><b>Friday 27th</b><br>(4) | <b>December</b><br><b>Friday 18th</b><br>Drawn week early due to<br>Christmas Day (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.



Public Health  
England

# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

## How serious is the coronavirus?

- It can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- The infection is not serious for most people, including children
- There is currently no vaccine
- Most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- You can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- The chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- If you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



**Catch it**  
with a tissue



**Bin it**



**Kill it**  
by washing  
your hands with  
soap & water or  
hand sanitiser

### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



**After breaks  
& sport  
activities**



**Before  
cooking  
& eating**



**SCHOOL  
ETC.**  
**On arrival at  
any childcare  
or educational  
setting**



**After using  
the toilet**



**Before  
leaving  
home**



**Try not to touch your  
eyes, nose, and mouth  
with unwashed hands**



**Do not share items that come  
into contact with your mouth  
such as cups & bottles**



**If unwell do not share  
items such as bedding,  
dishes, pencils & towels**



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

**If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately**



# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 15

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020

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