

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



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

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 15th September 2017

Week 02

This week we pray for these special people!

Year 5



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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	Tuesday 24th July

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Another great week has seen our new Reception children start so I welcome all of new children and their families and hope they have a fantastic seven years as part of our fantastic school community.

Please can I remind everyone that school starts at 8.50 am every morning so make sure you're on time. I am monitoring those who are late so please make every effort to be punctual. Thank you to everyone who is on time.

Well done to Year 6 who led us beautifully in our first school Mass of the year on Thursday. The reading and singing was lovely. Thanks goes to Mrs Oakley, Mrs Seager and Miss Gilliver for preparing the children so well. A big well done to our guitarists from Year 6; Joseph Bennett, Eleanor Donnelly, Daniel Murray and Luke Drust for supporting the music so well, what a talented bunch we have. Thanks to Miss Weir for all her hard work getting them ready.

As I stated in last weeks newsletter, Celebration Assemblies are going to be on Friday afternoons from 1.15 - 1.45 pm. I understand that this will cause issues for those of you who usually attend to see your child receive their award and I apologise for this. I have decided that if a child is to receive an award in Friday's assembly they will get a slip inviting you to come if they are getting a Merit Certificate. If it is an award they have brought in from home, then you already know about it so perhaps you do not need to come to the assembly if it would prove difficult. The only group of parents that will receive a text message invitation are those whose children who have been chosen as 'Star of the Week'. This way you can decide whether you can attend or not. You are all still most welcome but I do not want parents to feel that they have to take additional time off work to attend. I hope you understand my reasoning.

God Bless.



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not yet including standing orders)

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Reception	£3.00
Year 1	£14.00
Year 2	£11.00
Year 3	£14.00
Year 4	£12.00
Year 5	£5.00
Year 6	£2.00
Total	£61.00

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.**

- **Home School Agreements**—Please ensure you sign and return these asap so that I can update my records. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **New School Gates**—Our new school gates should be operational from Tuesday 19th September. They have been installed to increase the level of security and safeguarding for our school and children. As we share the drive with the Church and Parish, the gates will only be locked during school hours which are Monday to Friday - 7.00 am to 6.00 pm. During these times anyone wishing to enter the school site will have to press the buzzer to alert the school office and then they will open the gates as required. Can I remind parents that it is only those parents with disability blue badges who can come down the drive to drop off and pick up their child, nobody else should be driving down. The pedestrian gate will be unlocked (but still closed, give it a pull or a push to open it) during the drop off and collection times so that parents can have free access in and out without the need to press the buzzer. I'm sure we will experience our fair share of teaching troubles for the first few weeks but I know we'll all get used to them very quickly.
- **Year 6 Walking Home**—Year 6 walking home on their own is something that we encourage but will not allow until the Summer Term. The safety of the children is our priority and I feel that as the dark nights approach, it is not safe for the children to be on their own, especially if they're going back to an empty house. I'm sorry for any inconvenience this causes. Summer Term gives them ample opportunity to prepare for Secondary School but until that point the children need to be collected as normal. Thank you for your support.
- **Parents Information Meetings**—Thank you to everyone who came to these meetings this week to meet your child's new teacher, they have been very well attended and received. My apologies for forgetting to put them in the newsletter before we broke up. There is still one to take place:  
Reception - Thursday 21st September @ 3.20 pm
- **Affordable School Uniform**—School uniform can be ordered by contacting ASU Linda & Tony: Telephone - 07392370662 or asu2012@hotmail.co.uk
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 29th September. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- [senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk), to book a session.



**Calling all Year 2 Footballers!!**  
Holly Lane United are holding open trials for our brand new U7's team on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 11.00am at Yenton Playing Fields for boys and girls of all abilities. For more details or to join the trial please contact Club Secretary Paul Manton at [hollylaneunited@gmail.com](mailto:hollylaneunited@gmail.com)



### SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 21st September 2017 @ 9.15 am  
Key Stage 2 Children & Families  
Mass - Led by **Year 5**



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

Y5 Class Mass for Key Stage 2  
Thursday 21st September @ 9.15 am

Rec Parents Information Meeting  
Thursday 21st September @ 3.20 pm

Y2 Class Mass for Key Stage 1  
Thursday 28th September @ 9.15 am

Y4 Class Mass for Key Stage 2  
Thursday 5th October @ 9.15 am

Reception Class Welcome Mass  
Sunday 8th October @ 9.30 am

Y3 Class Mass for Harvest Festival  
Thursday 12th October @ 9.15 am

Open Afternoon (Prospective Parents)  
Tuesday 17th October @ 1.15 pm

Parents Evening Dates:  
Wednesday 18th October @ 4 - 6.30  
Thursday 19th October @ 3.30 - 6 pm

Break Up for Autumn Half-Term  
Friday 20th October @ 2.00 pm

Back to School - Autumn Term 2 Starts  
Monday 30th October @ 8.50 am

Whole School Mass - All Saints (Y6)  
Wednesday 1st November @ 9.15 am

## 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)

- Y5/6 Football Club

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**Tuesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

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**Wednesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Irish Dancing (until 4.30 pm)

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**Thursday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y3/4 Football Club

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**This week in school...** New friends in Reception.



**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 and is £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

**Thought for our Diocesan Virtues**

**Autumn 1 - Eloquent & Truthful**

Our pupils are taught that it is important they are able to express their thoughts and beliefs and that they must be learn to explain and convince others with great articulation and *eloquence*. That being *truthful* is being faithful to oneself and to Jesus.

**Riddle of the Week!!!**

Q: Why couldn't the lion roar?

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

Last weeks answer was:

... Frost bite...

**Prayer of the Week!!!**

**Prayer for Holiness.**

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my work may be holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
To defend all that is holy.

Guard my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
That I may always be holy.

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.

**Changes to Parish Mass Times**

Please note, Parish Mass times are changing on the weekend of 30th September/1st October.

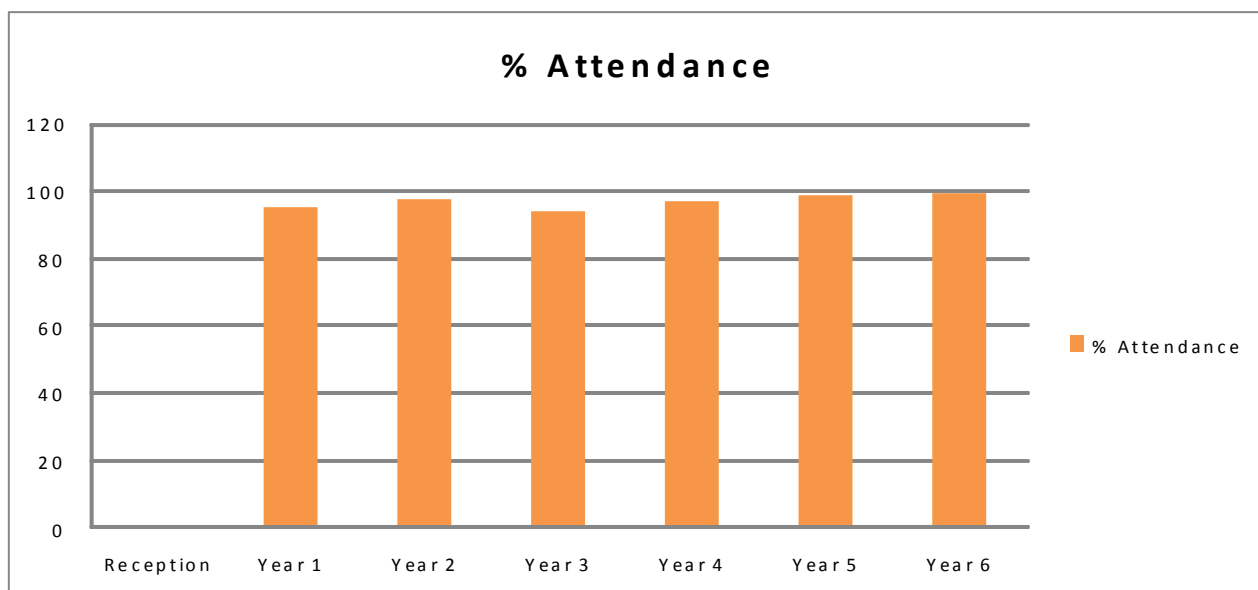
Saturday @ 5.00 pm

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 week of September 5th to 8th 2017 is 97.49%



**Congratulations to Class 6 well done for their excellent attendance!**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Archie Moore, Szymon Bylica, Henry Carter, Olaf Kosalka, Maja Kesik, Julian Kossecki, Lily-Alice Parsons.



### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Whole class for settling in so well
- Year 1 — Mollie-Monro Gaskin
- Year 2 — Jakub Rog
- Year 3 — Eliza Hillier
- Year 4 — Grace Dempsey
- Year 5 — Whole Class for excellent work in their new class
- Year 6 — Jayden James Ray



### House Points

Saint Peter	56
Saint Paul	70
Our Lady	54
Saint Joseph	59



Well done to Saint 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)

"Amabilidad"

means... kindness



### Leading Light Club

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Thank you for taking time  
to read our Newsletter.



# SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Swimming

Dear Key Stage 2 Parents,

One of the knock on effects of changing the timings of the school day is that we can no longer take our children swimming on a Friday afternoon. Swimming this year will now be on a Thursday afternoon. The swimming lesson will be at 2.30 – 3.00 pm with the children returning to school just in time for collection at 3.20 pm.

I am also changing the way that we offer swimming to our children. In Key Stage 2, every child will go swimming for at least 3 sessions. This is a change from last year where everybody had 8 sessions. The 3 sessions will be used to teach essential swimming technique and to assess the child's ability to complete the National Curriculum Age Related Expectations outlined below:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

The children who have achieved the required standard do not then need any further swimming tuition at Key Stage 2. This will give them additional time to focus on other areas of the curriculum in school and ensure valuable learning time is not wasted.

The children who do not meet the required standard will be given additional sessions to help them improve their confidence, technique and overall swimming ability so that they get closer to achieving the required standard. You will all be informed of any additional sessions that your child will be taken part in.

We start with:

- Year 6 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept & 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017.
- Year 5 on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct & 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017.
- Year 4 on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov & 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017.
- Year 3 on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017.

I hope you understand my thinking behind this change. I envisage more children being able to reach the required standard by the end of Key Stage 2 as the children that need extra support will receive it, just as they would if they had a specific need in any other area of the curriculum.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

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