

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 9th December 2016

Week 13

This week we pray for these special people!



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TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017
New Term Begins	Tuesday 6th Sept	Tuesday 10th January	Monday 24th April
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 21st October	Friday 17th February	Friday 26th May
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 31st October	Monday 27th February	Monday 5th June
Term Ends	Thurs 22nd Dec	Friday 7th April	Tuesday 25th July

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

I was blown away by the outstanding Infant Christmas Nativity performance this week. Such a confident and polished performance by our youngest children really helped to get us into the Christmas spirit. Every single one of them was fantastic. Thanks go to all of the staff who made this amazing production happen and also to the parents for your generous donations to help pay for the costumes. I was an extremely proud Head Teacher. Well done to all.

Well done Year 3, your Mass yesterday was a lovely tribute to Our Lady. Excellent reading and beautiful singing. Thank you Mrs Barker, Mrs Seager & Mrs Manion for preparing the children so well.

I would like to apologise to all those parents who have had any problems or delays getting their Christmas Card order or School Photograph. We have been working with both companies to sort this. Thank you for your patience.

Please can I remind parents that if there is an issue between your child and another in school that it is best to contact us so that we can investigate and sort any problem without the need for you to approach another parent as this can only escalate the situation and move it further from a resolution. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, a reminder that after Christmas I will be moving away from a paper copy of the weekly newsletter and using many other forms of communication to help keep you all informed. To help with this, you should find attached to this newsletter, I am launching our brand new 'Smart Phone School App' which is now available to download. This will be regularly updated and notifications will appear on your phone for you to view instantly, linking to your personal calendar events too. I hope it helps.

God Bless.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not including standing orders)

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Reception	£8.87
Year 1	£16.00
Year 2	£27.25
Year 3	£6.50
Year 4	£12.00
Year 5	£20.37
Year 6	£8.91
Total	£99.90

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.

- **Christmas Raffle**—Tickets are on sale all next week for £1 a strip.
- **After School Club Clothing**—Please can I remind everyone who attends an after school club that is outside that they should have appropriately warm clothing, not just a short sleeved t-shirt! Thank you.
- **Y5 Football Team**—Well done to all the boys for getting to the 7-a-side final this week, unfortunately loosing on penalties after a tense draw in normal time. Archie Moore, Jayden Ray, Michael Owen, Jaiy Leydon, Luke Drust, Joseph Bailey, Liam Shanahan & Aidan Subhan all played really well. Thank you to Mr Leydon for coaching and organising the team and Mr Moore for providing transport. You are all a credit to our school. Well done.
- **Advent Voluntary Masses**—8 am on Wednesday 14th & 21st December. Breakfast will be provided in the school hall afterwards. See you there.
- **New Admissions for September 2017**—A reminder if you have any siblings that are due to start school in Reception class 2017, you must complete our application forms as well as the Local Authority forms. Please call into the School Office if you wish to collect them. Thank you.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am on Friday mornings will be Friday 16th December. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Parent Workshop coming up**—We invite parents to come in to spend time working with their children, to help support their learning, in the school hall from 9.00 am until around 11.00 am; please make every effort to attend: -
 - Year 3 Wednesday 14th December. I hope to see you there.
- **Inclement Weather**—As the cold weather approaches, should there be any snow, school will be open as normal unless you hear otherwise from me. Please ensure you check your phone as a text message will be sent if the school is closed. Please do not ring the school office. Alternatively, listen to local radio updates as I will inform them to broadcast if we are closed.
- **SPFA Children's Christmas Discos**—Infants Tuesday 20th December then Juniors Wednesday 21st December @ 3.15—5.30 pm. The cost is £2 per child. Refreshments will be provided. Please return your reply slip asap.
- **Sacramental Preparation Meetings/Workshops for Parents**—Important information is given at these events so please make every effort to attend:
 - Y6 Parents Confirmation Meeting—Wednesday 25th January @ 6 pm
 - Y3 Parents Communion Workshop—Tuesday 28th March @ 9 am
 - Y2 Parents Reconciliation Workshop—Thursday 8th June @ 9 am
- **Christmas Stocking Fillers**—We are selling Christmas Baubles and washbags for 50p and iPad Covers for £1.00 before and after school next week. See Mr Porter or the school office for more details. All proceeds to school fund.
- **Parish Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch**—Please let Fr. Joe know if you have anyone you would like to attend. It is on Thursday 15th December from 11.30 am. Our children will be supporting this event.
- **Year 4 & 5 Guitar Assembly**—If your child is learning to play the guitar with Birmingham Music Service (not Miss S Weir) there is a showcase assembly on Thursday 15th December in the school hall at 2.45 pm.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—Contact 07392370662 or e-mail asu2012@hotmail.co.uk

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert in Church
Tuesday 13th December 2016 @ 6.30

Rec & Y1 Class Trip to 'The Bear'
Thursday 15th December 2016

Christmas Dinner for Children
Friday 16th December 2016

Y4 Class Mass @ 10.30 am
Sunday 18th December 2016

Christmas Parties
Monday 19th December 2016

SPFA Christmas Discos 3.15-5.30 pm
Infants on Tuesday 20th December
Juniors on Wednesday 21st December

Y3 First Holy Communion Enrolment
Sunday 12th February 2017 @ 10.30

Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday 5th March 2017 @ 10.30 am

Y2 Reconciliation Enrolment Mass
Sunday 7th May 2017 @ 10.30 am

Y3 First Holy Communion Sacrament
Sunday 21st May 2017 @ 10.30 am

Y2 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 27th June 2017 @ 6.00 pm

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 9th January 2017
- Monday 24th April 2017
- Plus two others to be arranged

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.15—4.15 pm)
- Y3 & 4 Football Club
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Tuesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
- Y6 Multi-Skills
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Wednesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
- Y5 Multi-Skills
- Y5 & 6 Basketball Club
- Gardening Club

Thursday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
- Y4 Multi-Skills
- Y5 & 6 Football Club
- School Choir (3.15 - 4.00 pm)

SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 22nd December 2016 @ 9.15 am
Whole School Children & Families
Led by Year 6



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— Y6 Maths Workshop



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

Punctuality – School starts at 8.55 am and closes at 3.15 pm each day.

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 a.m.** & 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 now £2.15 per day (£10.75 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 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 what God has called us to be.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: If a blue house is made out of blue bricks, a yellow house is made out of yellow bricks and a pink house is made out of pink bricks, what is a green house made of?

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

Last weeks answer was:

... A river.

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer of Advent - Week 2

Let us pray.

O Lord, stir up our hearts
that we may prepare for Thy
only begotten Son,
that through His coming

we may be made worthy to serve
Thee with pure souls.

Through the same Christ our Lord
Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Christmas Masses

Saturday 24th Dec @ 5.00 pm (Family Mass)
8.00 pm (Solemn Mass - Carols from 7.30 pm)

Sunday 25th Dec @ 10.00 (Parish Mass)

Parish Elderly Mass & Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December 2016 Mass @ 11.30 am
Lunch @ 12.00 pm. All are welcome.

Parish New Years Eve Party

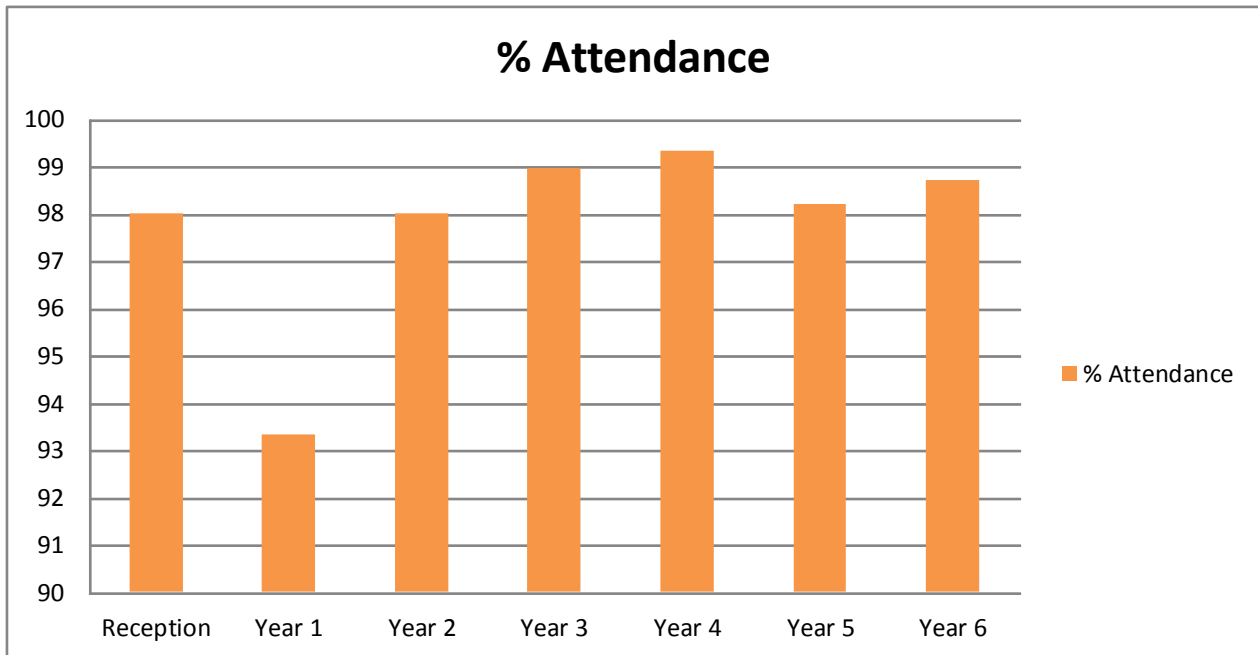
Saturday 31st December 2016

8.00 pm until 1.00 am

Tickets - Nicki Donnelly - 07967 194 952

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 week commencing:
28th November 2016 to 2nd December 2016 is 97.79%**



Congratulations to Year 4 well done for their excellent attendance!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Aleksander Michalski, Tao Thompson, Liam Cole, Charlie Edwards, Alfie Mateo, Sian Cook, Shelbie Styles, Joseph Pardy.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Whole Class - Amazing Nativity
- Year 1 — Whole Class - Amazing Nativity
- Year 2 — Whole Class - Amazing Nativity
- Year 3 — Tara Cunnane
- Year 4 — Shelbie Fitzpatrick
- Year 5 — Joseph Bennett
- Year 6 — Whole Class - Great Workshop



House Points

Saint Peter 96
Saint Paul 49
Our Lady 84
Saint Joseph 44



Well done to St Peter's our winners.
Congratulations!!!

Spanish Word of the Week

"alegría" means... happiness

"paz" means... peace

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

