

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



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

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 30th November 2018

Autumn 2 - Week 12

This week we pray for these special people!



Esme  
Tyler  
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## BIRMINGHAM TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2018
New Term Begins	Monday 3rd Sept	Monday 7th January	Monday 29th April
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 26th October	Friday 15th February	Friday 24th May
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 5th Nov	Monday 25th February	Monday 3rd June
Term Ends	Friday 21st Dec	Friday 12th April	Friday 19th July

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

It has been another busy week that is going to be followed by a busy weekend. We have the Parish & School Christmas Fair tomorrow from 11.00 am - 2.00 pm, it will be great to see you all there to support. I know the SPFA have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes so that it will be a great success. See you there. We've also got Year 4 Class Sunday Mass this week; a Mass to mark the first Sunday of Advent and the start of a time of preparation in our homes and in our hearts for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ at Christmas. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

This weeks Year 4 Parents Workshop was very well attended on Wednesday, thank you to all those parents who gave their time to come into school and work with their child. It is always such a valuable experience so thank you for attending. My thanks goes to Mrs Basra and Mrs Hastings for their workshop preparation and delivery, plus Mrs Wright for taking the opportunity to talk to all parents about the online safety of our children while they're on tablets, phones or computers at home. I hope you all found the information useful in keeping our children safe.

We also had a busy week in Year 3 as they led their Class Mass for our Key Stage 2 children yesterday & performed so well in their amazing Class Assembly today. On both occasions the children were excellent so I thank Mrs Pawley and Mrs Panjaden for their hardwork preparing the children so well. I could see how much they enjoyed both events and I was very proud of all of them. Super movers!!!

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow for the Christmas Fair, on Sunday for Y4's Mass and Wednesday's Y4 Class trip to Harry Potter Studios (leaving at 6.40 am!!!)

**God Bless. Happy Advent!!!**

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 12

Reception	N/A
Year 1	£7.00
Year 2	£11.62
Year 3	£17.50
Year 4	£30.75
Year 5	£6.00
Year 6	£3.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£75.87</b>

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 will keep you informed, please read this information carefully.

- **'SS Peter & Paul's Little Helpers'**—A massive thank you to all of the parents who gave up their time to come and help put up and decorate the school Christmas Trees, you've done an amazing job and they both look stunning!! Also, those who turned up to prepare everything for the Christmas Fair tomorrow, a lot of work has gone on behind the scenes to make sure tomorrow is a great success so thank you. We've had a fantastic amount of bottles donated too, you're all amazing so thank you for those too.
- **We would like to welcome our new crossing lady Pauline Hicks.** Mrs Hicks has been helping us when Sammi the previous crossing lady was ill. I am sure that you will all make her feel very welcome and respect the excellent job that she does in ensuring that our children and families can cross the busy road safely.
- **Remember Parking Safety**—It is unacceptable for any vehicle to drop off or park on the 'school keep clear' road markings between the hours of 8.00am – 4.00pm. These markings have been provided to keep the area of carriage-way clear of parked vehicles allowing parents and children to cross the road in a safe environment. There is also a white 'courtesy line' on the opposite side, this is also there for safety and should not be parked on. Whenever a vehicle parks in these location it reduces visibility and the effect of the markings; giving the impression to other parents that it is 'OK' for them to park in a similar manner. Please help maintain the safety of our children by parking responsibly.
- **ParentMail**—Only 84% (135 out of 160) of our families are accessing Parent-Mail by downloading and using the App. ParentMail is now our premier form of communication as it is free for us to use via the app and e-mail. Please make sure you encourage every parent you know to download it to ensure that they don't miss any vital information and events. Thank you.
- **Swimming**—Y3 will need their kit for the next week on Thursday.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Thursday 6th December @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- [senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk), to book a session.
- **Free Fire Alarm Fitting!!!** - This week we had a visit from the Erdington Fire Service who have informed us that they offer a free home fire alarm fitting service to families. If you would like to know more, please contact the Fire Service on 0800 389 5525 and they will sort it.
- **Parent Workshops**—The time when Parents get to come into school and work alongside their child to help and support their education. Please make every effort to attend. See the dates below:
  - ⇒ Year 5 - Tuesday 4th December @ 9.00 am - English
  - ⇒ Year 2 - Thursday 6th December @ 9.00 am - Maths
  - ⇒ Year 6 - \*\*\*Date Change\*\*\* Wed 16th January @ 9.00 am - Maths
- **School Christmas Events**—Important dates are as follows:
  - ⇒ Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 1 - Thursday 13th Dec @ 2.00 pm
  - ⇒ Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 2 - Friday 14th Dec @ 9.30 am
  - ⇒ Key Stage 2 Nativity Carol Concert - Tuesday 18th Dec @ 6.00 pm
  - ⇒ Christmas Parties (Party Clothes) & Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 19th Dec
  - ⇒ SPFA KS1 Christmas Disco - Wednesday 19th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm
  - ⇒ SPFA KS2 Christmas Disco - Thursday 20th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm



### SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 6th December 2018 @ 9.15 am  
Key Stage 2 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.

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

- School & Parish Christmas Fair  
Saturday 1st December @ 11 - 2 pm
- Y4 Class Sunday Mass  
Sunday 2nd December @ 9.30 am
- Year 5 Parents Workshop—English  
Tuesday 4th December @ 9.00 am
- Year 4 Trip to Harry Potter World  
Wednesday 5th December 2018
- Year 2 Parents Workshop—Maths  
Thursday 6th December @ 9.00 am
- Y6 Class Mass for Key Stage 2  
Thursday 6th December @ 9.15 am
- West End in Schools—Aladdin Panto  
Tuesday 11th December @ 2.00 pm
- KS1 Nativity Performance 1  
Thursday 13th December @ 2.00 pm
- KS1 Nativity Performance 2  
Friday 14th December @ 9.30 am
- John Taylor Hospice Carol Singing  
Monday 17th December @ 1.00 pm
- KS2 Nativity Carol Concert in Church  
Tuesday 18th December @ 6.00 pm

## TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Tuesday 4th September 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Monday 29th April 2019
- One To Be Confirmed

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

### **Monday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5&6 Football Club

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### **Tuesday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS2 Monster Craft Club

- Y5&6 Multi-Skills

### **Wednesday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Toddler Tennis (3.30 - 4.30 pm)

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### **Thursday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS1 Monster Craft Club

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### **Friday** (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

- Y3&4 Football Club

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**This week in school...** Amazing cake competition entries!!!



Thank you  
Georgia,  
Noah,  
Ciarán,  
Imogen  
and Libby,  
super  
job!!!



**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.bham.sch.uk](http://www.ssptprpl.bham.sch.uk)

**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** – This is £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week). 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 - 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: If two is company and three is a crowd, what are four and five??**

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

**Last weeks answer was:**  
...food was good but it had no atmosphere...

**Prayer of the Week!!!**

**Prayer for our family**

Blessed are you, loving Father,  
Ruler of the universe:  
You have given us Your Son as Your Leader,  
And have made us temples of Your Holy Spirit.  
Fill our family with Your light and peace.  
Have mercy on all who suffer,  
And bring us to everlasting joy with You.  
Father, We bless Your Name for ever and ever.  
Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

**Parish Events**

**School & Parish Christmas Fair**

Saturday 1st December @ 11.00 - 2.00 pm

**Parish Weekend Masses**

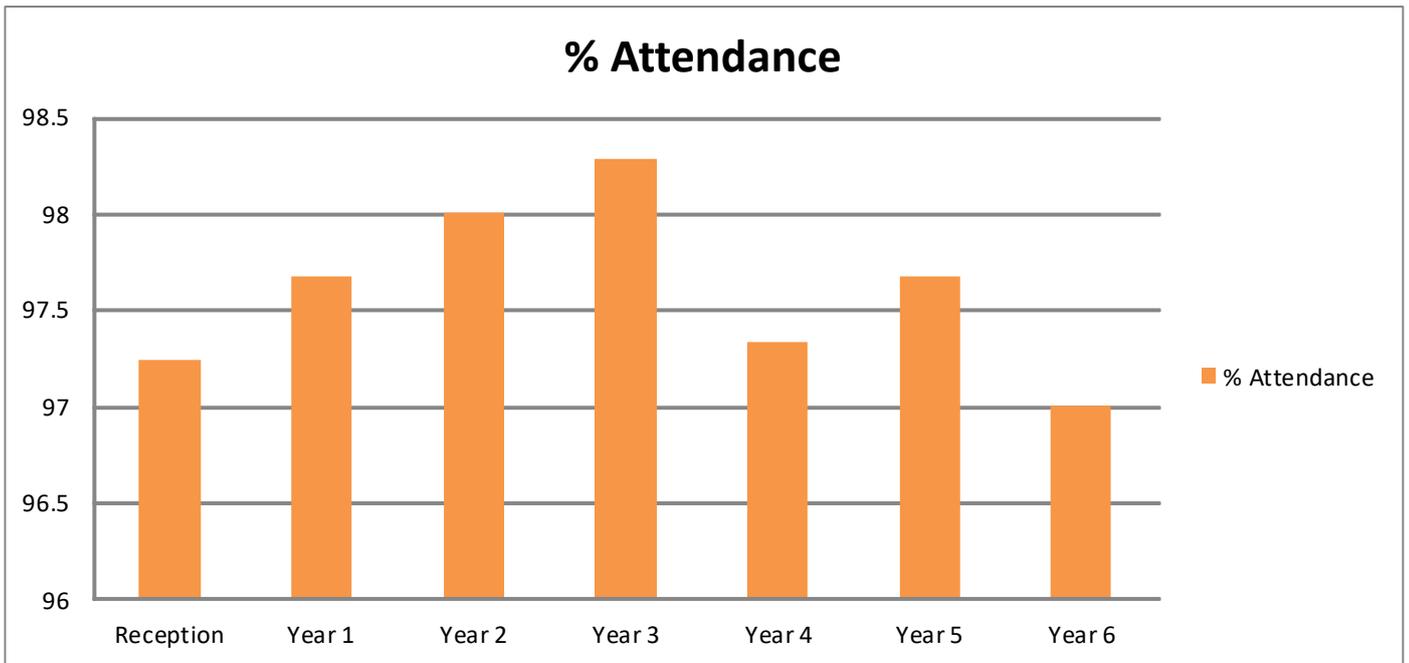
Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am  
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

**Parish Christmas Mass Times**

24th December @ 5.00 pm & 7.00 pm  
25th December @ 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 September 19th November to 23rd November 2018 = 96.25 %



**Congratulations to Year 3 well done for their excellent 98.21% attendance.**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Sophie Doyle, Harry Stinton, Aleksander Michalski, Liam Cole, Charlie Edwards, Sian Cook.



### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Annabel Sutton
- Year 1 — Olivia Stack
- Year 2 — James Healy
- Year 3 — Joe O'Callaghan
- Year 4 — The whole class for the wonderful workshop this week
- Year 5 — Finley O'Sullivan
- Year 6 — Shelbie Fitzpatrick



### House Points

Saint Peter	37
Saint Paul	44
Our Lady	77
Saint Joseph	42



Well done to Our Lady's 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)

"Adventio"

means... Advent.



### 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**

Following the successful SPFA AGM meeting on Tuesday evening, I would like to bring a few things to your attention regarding **communication**... making sure everyone knows stuff! The AGM minutes and report are attached to this newsletter via ParentMail.

\* Please sign up to the SPFA's own website page: [www.pta-events.co.uk/spfa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/spfa) where you will be able to find out more information regarding any of the SPFA events that are planned. They are the people with all of the information and will be able to answer your questions better than me so get yourself signed up asap!!!

\* Each class or year group has a 'Parents Whatsapp' group which everyone in that group is invited to join. It is a really easy way of communicating with a majority of parents and can be very useful to ask other parents any questions about homework, swimming, Masses or SFPA events. Not all parents are signed up to the group appropriate for their child so at the meeting the SPFA have asked for a parent to volunteer as a representative for each year group to act as a point of contact to firstly find out how they can join the parents whatsapp group for their child and secondly be a point of contact for all things SPFA. The volunteers are as follows, ask your child and they'll point them out to you:-

- Reception: Sarah Nelson (Noah's Mum)
- Year 1: Juliette O'Donnell (Niall's Mum)
- Year 2: Elaine Eannetta & Rebecca Franklin (Noah & Felicity's Mum's)
- Year 3: Katie Wiggins (Oliver's Mum)
- Year 4: Jenny Newson & Tracey Player (Eve & Louis's Mum's)
- Year 5: Paula Cunnane (Tara's Mum)
- Year 6: Sarah Nelson & Juliette O'Donnell (Lauren & Sean's Mum's)

They will know how you can access the whatsapp group so please give them a shout if you would like to be involved.

SPFA Bonus Ball Winner  
£162.50  
Friday 30th November 2018  
Ball 36 - **Mrs Catherine Bennett**  
Well done to you!!!

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# SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates

<p><b>January</b>  <del>Friday 26th</del>  <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)</p>	<p><b>February</b>  <del>Monday 26th</del>  <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)</p>	<p><b>March</b>  <del>Thursday 29th</del>  <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (5)  <small>May change if no assembly</small></p>	<p><b>April</b>  <del>Friday 27th</del>  <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)</p>
<p><b>May</b>  <del>Friday 25th</del>  <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)</p>	<p><b>June</b>  <del>Friday 29th</del>  <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (5)</p>	<p><b>July</b>  <del>Friday 27th</del>  <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)  <small>Recorded &amp; Audited</small></p>	<p><b>August</b>  <del>Friday 31st</del>  <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (5)  <small>Recorded &amp; Audited</small></p>
<p><b>September</b>  <del>Friday 28th</del>  <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)</p>	<p><b>October</b>  <del>Friday 26th</del>  <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)</p>	<p><b>November</b>  <del>Friday 30th</del>  <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (5)</p>	<p><b>December</b>  <b>Friday 28th</b>  <small>(4)</small></p>

\*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

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

**SS Peter & Paul – Academy Decision**

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of the official final decision regarding our proposed conversion to Academy status, following the Diocesan directive in July 2016. On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 the Governing Body of SS Peter & Paul met to discuss the findings of the consultation and then reached a unanimous decision to support the schools conversion to Academy; joining the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

The Governing Body considered all of the responses received as part of the stakeholder consultation process which was opened on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and closed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018. All interested stakeholder parties were contacted and consulted with during this period including school staff, parents, Governing Body, staff union representatives, Birmingham Local Authority, Archdiocese of Birmingham, Parish Priest Fr. Joseph McLoughlin, local businesses and the Erdington MP Jack Dromey. There was an open meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 where I gave a presentation to those in attendance, outlining the process and reasoning behind the proposal, leading the open discussion and answering any questions. The minutes of this meeting were then sent to all parents via the school newsletter. Parent e-mail responses, of which there were only two, were distributed to all parents via the newsletter along with the answers to any questions raised.

The Governing Body considered all of the official documentation. This included the Common Transfer Agreement (CTA), Supplemental Funding Agreement (SFA) and Church Funding Agreement (CFA), the due diligence and the Impact Assessment that were completed to ensure that all parties knew exactly what we are committing to. Governors also submitted questions and sought clarification on anything within the documentation that they were unsure of.

Once all aspects had been considered in detail, the Governing Body reached a unanimous decision to support the conversion to Academy status so our school will officially become part of the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy (SJPIIMAc) on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. We will be joining Bishop Walsh Secondary School, Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, SS Mary & John Catholic Primary School, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School and St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School who are all already part of the MAC and we already have strong collaborative links with. I am looking forward to working closely with the leaders, staff and pupils of these schools and know that it will prove to be a positive experience for all of us.

I would like to thank everyone who responded to the consultation; the challenging questions posed and the positive messages of support. I firmly believe this is the correct decision for our school and our children both now and for the future.

Yours sincerely,



Mr N. Porter  
Head Teacher