

★ 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 25th September 2020



Autumn 1 - Week 04

This week we pray for...



... our Year 5 Children

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

As we continue to be considered a high risk area for COVID-19 infection in Birmingham, please can I remind everyone to remain vigilant and follow the guidelines for hygiene and social distancing restrictions at home to ensure that we limit the chances of infection being brought into school at this challenging time. Wearing face coverings at drop off and collection is a big help so I thank everyone who is adhering to this, including my staff. Thank you all.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

We had a lovely Year 5 Class Mass on Thursday with Fr. Joe and we were allowed music for the first time. Our new member of staff, Mrs Adamo, is an amazing musician with a beautiful voice and she will be leading the musical liturgy at each Mass moving forwards. The children are not allowed to sing at the moment but they will be hearing these lovely hymns and be learning them as we go, until such time when communal and congregational singing is permitted again. I can't wait! I thank the children for their excellent reading, respect and reverence throughout and Miss Turner & Miss Gilliver for preparing the children so well. Plus, I thank Mrs Adamo for joining our staff team and leading the music. A lovely Mass!

We welcome a new pupil and family to the school community this week; Skye Imms and her family join us in Year 2. I know she has settled in really well and that you will all make the whole family feel very welcome and an integral part of our extended school family very quickly. Thank you.

As my new role as Executive Principal over two schools officially starts on Monday 28th September I would like to wish all of my staff here who are moving to new roles the very best of luck; I know they will be absolutely fantastic!!! Mrs Calvert-Lyons will now be Head of School, running the school day to day and Mrs Pawley will now be the Deputy Head supporting Mrs Calvert-Lyons. You will still see plenty of me around but I know everyone will benefit as we move forward, especially the children.

Another sad day as we say goodbye to Finn Brennan who is leaving today to start a new adventure at a new school closer to his new house. We wish him every success and hope that he settles in and makes new friends quickly. Goodbye and good luck.

God Bless...

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ACADEMY TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
New Term Begins	Tuesday 1st Sept	Monday 4th January	Monday 19th April
1st Half -Term Ends	Friday 23rd October	Friday 12th February	Friday 28th May
2nd Half -Term Begins	Monday 2nd Nov	Monday 22nd February	Monday 7th June
Term Ends	Friday 18th Dec	Thursday 1st April	Wed 21st July

ACADEMY FUND DONATIONS

Academy Fund via ParentMail (School Enrichment Funding)

This is a voluntary contribution to be paid each term which goes towards buying additional equipment and resources for your children. You will receive a request via ParentMail termly...

"St. John Paul II Multi-Academy invites parents to give annually to your school fund. A donation of £10 per term is suggested but you may contribute more if you wish."

Please rest assured that any payment you make is for our school and our children only, guaranteed!
Thank you 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**
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Friday 2nd October 2020 @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.net, to book a session.
- **First Holy Communion**—It is with the greatest of disappointment that I have to inform you all that we are cancelling the Sacrament of First Holy Communion scheduled for Saturday 7th & 21st November 2020 at 11.00 am. This difficult decision has been taken due to changes in the current circumstances and updated guidance from the Archdiocese of Birmingham and the Government where the numbers permitted to attend celebrations outside of normal Sunday worship have been drastically reduced, to ensure safety and effective social distancing at this difficult time, Groups cannot exceed 15 which has massive implications for the amount of children we could administer the Sacrament to at one time and the possibility of only one family member allowed to attend. We now feel that, all things considered, in the interests of safety and trying to give this most important of Sacraments the significance that it deserves, we will postpone this celebration until further notice. I deeply apologise to all of you who have already made arrangements with family and purchased special things for your child (including dresses) but I feel that it is the right thing to do. We will reorganise the Sacrament as soon as we feel it is safe and appropriate to do so.
- **First Confession**—We have now undertaken the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) for all Year 4 pupils as this was interrupted last year due to lockdown. I thank Fr. Joe for taking the time to help our children through their confession and complete their Sacramental preparation as part of their journey towards First Holy Communion.
- **Risk Assessment Changes**—As we come to the end of Week 04 in school we have made some changes which are as follows:
 - * Homework will continue to be set online, if possible, but we are now going to allow Homework Books to be sent home for some activities. Teachers will endeavour to set work on a Monday and it should be returned by Thursday so that the books can be stored in a safe place to ensure minimal risk of cross contamination.
 - * Junior playtimes in the afternoon are to be withdrawn as we try to increase teaching and curriculum catch up time. Each class can go outside for a short 'brain break' if required but that will be down to class teachers to decide.
 - * Hot School Meals will be available for all Key Stage 1 children through the Universal Infant Free School Meal programme and those pupils in Key Stage 2 who qualify for Free School Meals; identified through the official government benefit support programme. Those parents concerned have already been contacted about this change. If you feel you could qualify for a Free School Meal, please contact Mrs Brennan in the office and we will check for you.
 - * Parents are reminded to wear a face covering (mask/visor) when dropping off and collecting children from school. Staff will do the same.
 - * **These changes will come into effect from Monday 28th September 2020.**

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Year 4 Class Mass in Church
Thursday 1st October @ 9.15 am

Year 3 Class Mass in Church
Thursday 8th October @ 9.15 am

Year 2 Class Mass in Church
Thursday 15th October @ 9.15 am

Year 1 Class Mass in Church
Thursday 22nd October @ 9.15 am
Feast of John Paul II

Break Up for Half-Term
Friday 23rd October @ 1 - 1.30 pm

Summer Term 2 Starts for pupils
Monday 2nd November 2020

TRAINING DAYS

- Tuesday 1st September 2020
- Friday 27th November 2020
- Monday 7th June 2021
- Two more to be confirmed...

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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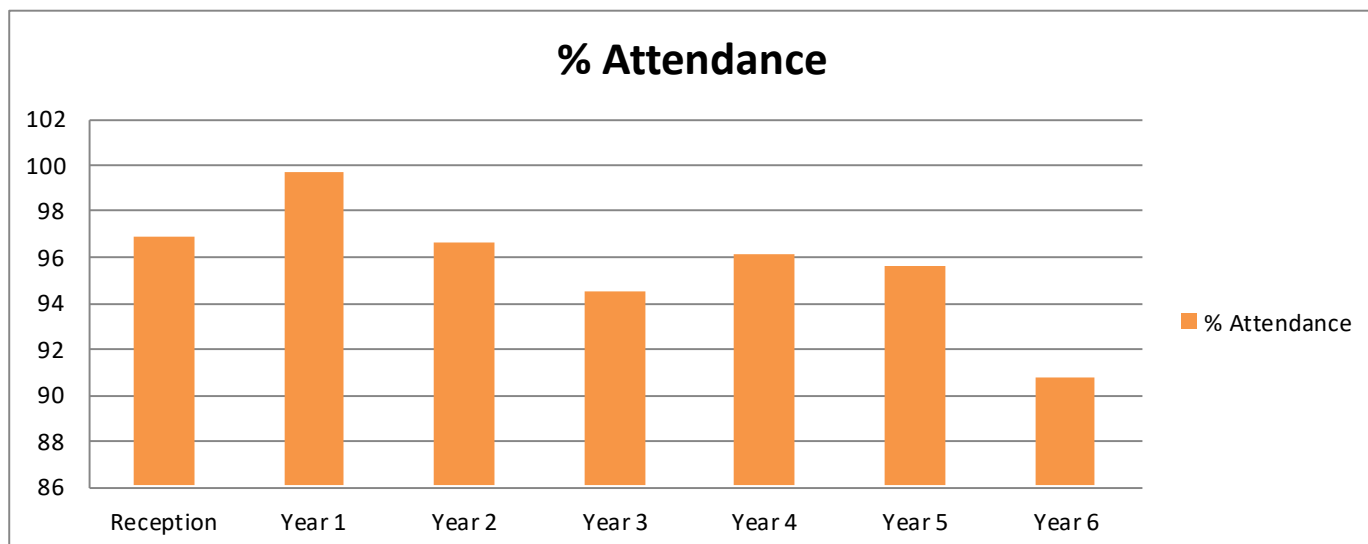
Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

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Pupil Attendance 14th September – 18th September 2020 = 95.79%



Congratulations to Year 1 for their 99.7% 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:-

Week 01 - Amal Biju

Week 02 - Henry Carter, Olaf Kosalka

Week 03 - Julian Kossecki, Isabella Recci, Maja Glogowska

Week 04 - Fiona Fashi Muringampurath



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:

- Reception – Max Austin
- Year 1 — Brody Owen
- Year 2 — Skye Imms
- Year 3 — Josephine James
- Year 4 — Noah Eannetta
- Year 5 — Sienna O'Reilly
- Year 6 — Ola Mosakowska



House Points

St. Peter	244
St. Paul	221
Our Lady	238
St. Joseph	250



**Congratulations St Joseph's!!!
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)

"Bienvenidos"

means... Welcome back.



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Thank you for taking time
to read our Newsletter.





COVID-19 RELATED PUPIL ABSENCE
A quick reference guide for parents and staff

Please follow the advice below for your child and family.

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do not come to school- Contact school to inform us- Self-isolate the whole household- Get a test Inform the school immediately about the test result	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do not come to school.- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).- Self-isolate the whole household.	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contact school to inform us.- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day).	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do not come to school.- Contact school to inform us.- Ring on each day of illness.	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do not come to school.- Contact school to inform us.- Self-isolate the whole household.- Household member to get a test.- Inform school immediately about test result.	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do not come to school.- Contact school to inform us.- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).- Self-isolate the whole household.	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do not come to school.- Contact school to inform us.- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.- Child can continue to attend school.	...child can continue to attend school

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*: - minimum of 14 days' self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. - *Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed: - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	...you have informed the office of your return to the UK <i>(the office will ask you a few questions about your travel).</i>
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs <i>(please contact school if you need support getting your child to school).</i> 	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
...I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.



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

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. 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



CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

