

★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 3rd February 2017

Week 19

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 received a complaint this week from the lady in charge of all the crossing supervisors, who work outside schools all over Birmingham, for Birmingham City Council and she was shocked by the parking behaviour of some of our parents when she came to visit last week. A number of parents parked on the yellow school keep clear road markings and a number of other parents parked inconsiderately which compromised the safety of the children and adults trying to cross the road safely. She has asked me to remind you all, once again, that you need to find somewhere to park a bit further away from school to ensure the safety of the children. As a school, we will soon be working with Birmingham City Council Transport Behaviour Change Team who will help us **educate** the children and parents first but then look to **prosecute** persistent offenders. Please don't be one of those parents who doesn't care!



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

Next week, we welcome the 'Life Education Workshops' into school who will be working with each year group on issues that we don't always get time to cover in the curriculum. I have sent a letter home today with your child which outlines the basic content of each year groups workshop. Please take the time to have a look at it and then discuss what they have learned when they get home next week.

I finally have a date for the installation of the new playground equipment in the Key Stage 2 playground: Monday 6th March 2017. I thank everyone for their patience and hope the children will be happy once the new equipment is in place. Enjoy your weekend.

God Bless.

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not including standing orders)

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Reception	£8.87
Year 1	£16.00
Year 2	£27.25
Year 3	£9.50
Year 4	£9.00
Year 5	£19.37
Year 6	£8.06
Total	£98.05

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.

- **Dates for Parents Evening**—Please make note of these dates in your diary: Wednesday 22nd March & Thursday 23rd March 2017. The appointment times will be handed out shortly.
- **World Book Day 2017**—To celebrate reading and world book day we will be having a special 'Dress up as a character' day on Thursday 2nd March 2017. For those struggling for a costume, pyjamas or onesies will do as a lost boy/girl from Peter Pan. Time to get your thinking caps on...
- **Car Park**— Please can I remind parents that the school car park is only for staff or those parents who have a blue disability badge. We seem to be getting more and more parents using the car park, to collect their children. This also applies to Leading Light Club parents, please park out on the road safely and then walk down to collect your child. Thank you.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 17th February. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **School Football Team**—Congratulations to our team for winning 5 and only losing 1 of their 4-a-side finals matches in the tournament yesterday; winning the tournament overall!!! Well done to Aodha Morrin, Allen Sibotsha, Louis Olivier, Archie Moore, Jaiy Leydon and Aidan Subhan and thank you Mr Leydon, Mr Sibotsha and Mr Moore for taking the boys. It is very much appreciated.
- **Year 5 Alton Castle Residential Trip**—Our annual trip to Alton Castle will be on Wednesday 29th March to Friday 31st March. More details will be sent out in a separate letter soon.
- **After School Clubs**—Some of our after school clubs have to take place on the playground outside as the school hall is already in use. Please can you make sure your child has the appropriate clothing to ensure they are warm throughout the session. As the saying goes... *'there's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing'*. Think about it.
- **Sacramental Preparation Meetings/Workshops for Parents**—Important information is given at these events so please make every effort to attend:
 - Y3 Parents Communion Workshop—Tuesday 28th March @ 9 am
 - Y2 Parents Reconciliation Workshop—Thursday 8th June @ 9 am
- **OurSchoolsApp**—Those of you with Smart Phones can download our school app; another way of keeping up to date with anything going on in school.
- **Weekly Newsletter**—If you are reading this then you have obviously been successful at accessing our weekly newsletter digitally as I am no longer going to print paper copies to send home; good for our budget and good for the environment. Please spread the word so that everyone knows how they can access the weekly newsletter. Each Friday I will send out a text with a direct link, I will also send a tweet via our school twitter page and I have now put a direct tab link on the school app as well as on our new website.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—Contact 07392370662 or e-mail asu2012@hotmail.co.uk . ASU are currently ordering jumpers for £13 and cardigans £13.75, so please contact them if you would like to order one.
- **Junior Playground Equipment installation date**—Monday 6th March!!!!!!!

SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 16th February 2017 @ 9.15 am
Key Stage 1 Children & Families
Led by Year 1



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

- Y3 First Holy Communion Enrolment
Sunday 12th February 2017 @ 10.30
- Life Education Workshops in School
Tues 14th & Wed 15th February 2017
- Y4 Class Assembly
Friday 17th February @ 9.00 am
- Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday 5th March 2017 @ 10.30 am
- Y3 Class Assembly
Friday 17th March 2017 @ 9.00 am
- Y1 Class Assembly
Friday 24th March 2017 @ 9.00 am
- Y5 Alton Castle Residential Trip
Wednesday 29th March 2017 to
Friday 31st March 2017
- Y2 Reconciliation Enrolment Mass
Sunday 7th May 2017 @ 10.30 am
- Y6 SAT's Week 2017
Monday 8th to Thursday 11th May
- 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 24th April 2017
- Plus two others to be arranged

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.15—4.15 pm)

- Y3 & 4 Football Club

Tuesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y2 Multi-Skills

Wednesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y3 Multi-Skills
- Y5 & 6 Basketball Club
- Gardening Club

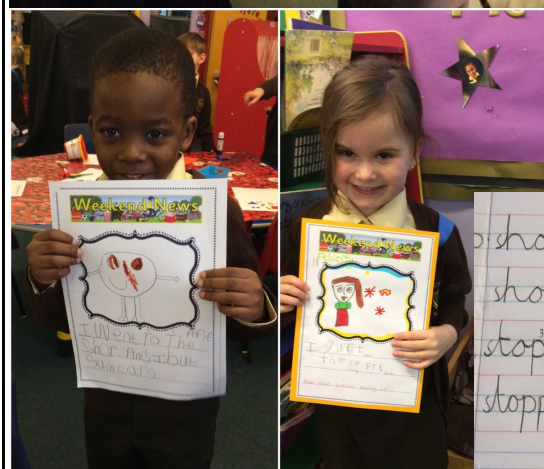
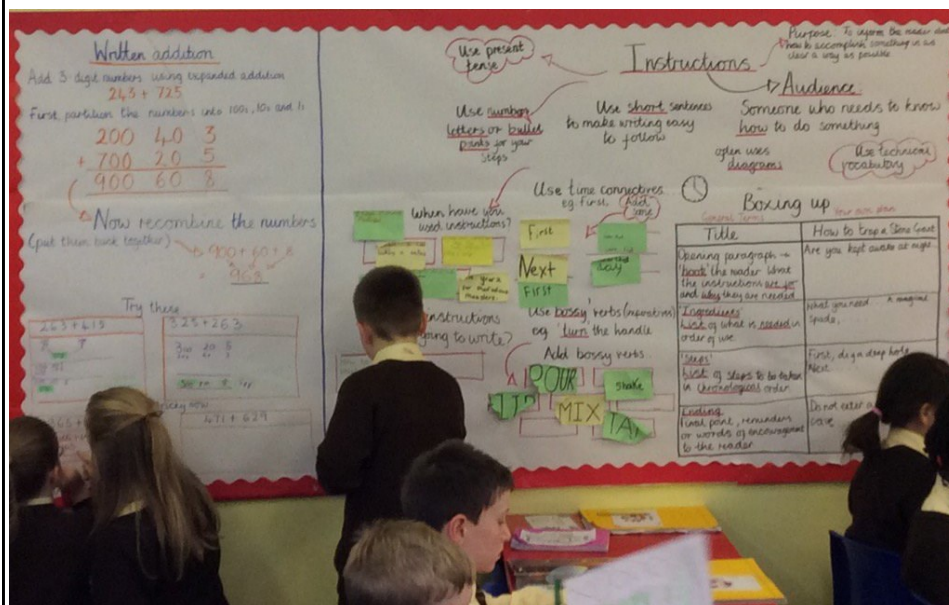
Thursday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

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

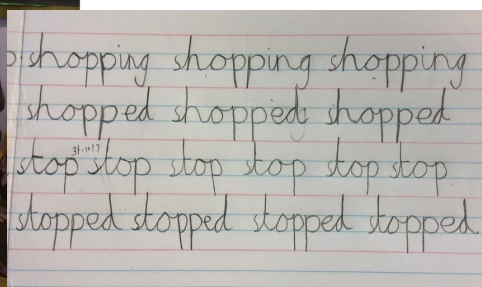
Friday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Irish Dancing Club (3.15 - 4.30 pm)
- Rec/Y1 Balance Bike Club

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL— Improving writing in school



We are working hard across the school to improve our writing content and hand-writing presentation.



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

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 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 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

Spring 1 - Grateful & Generous

Our pupils are taught that it is important to be **grateful**; count your blessings every day and remember to pause sometimes to change things to make them right. Be **generous**; give to others without counting the cost or expecting anything in return and grow to be men, women and children for others.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: You draw a line. Without touching it again, how do you make it longer?

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

Last weeks answer was:
... she is blind and using braille.

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer for a family

O dear Jesus,
I humbly implore you to grant your special graces to our family.
May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love labour and faith.
O dear Jesus,
protect and bless us all,
absent and present, living or dead.
Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Valentine's Night Irish Dance

Saturday 11th February @ 7.30 pm
See Sue Flynn for tickets 07803 405 248

Quiz Night

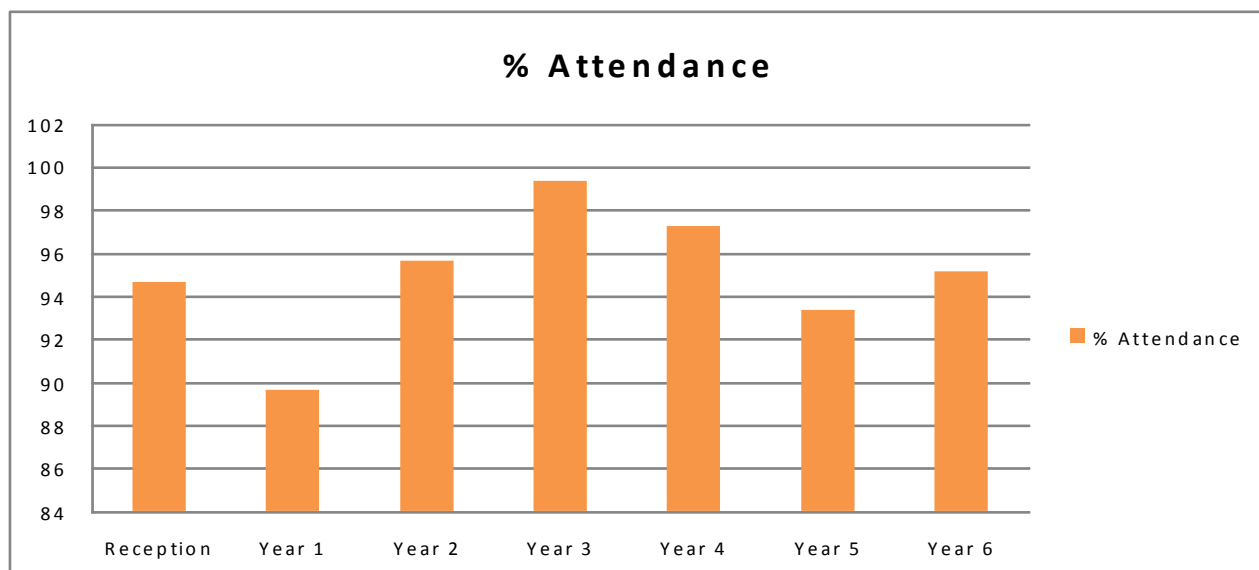
Friday 24th March @ 7.00 pm
Teams of up to 6 people (£6 per person)

Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.15 pm
Sunday @ 9.00 & 10.30 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 termly report commencing:
23rd January 2017 to 27th January 2017 is 95.00%**



Congratulations to Year 3 well done for their excellent attendance!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Natalia Duda, Aidan McElwaine, James Jones, Callum Massey, Jaiy Leydon.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — James Healy
- Year 1 — Lucy Santos
- Year 2 — Eve Newson
- Year 3 — Finley O'Sullivan
- Year 4 — Lena Lijo
- Year 5 — Rebecca Coll
- Year 6 — Alicia Soeiro



House Points

Saint Peter	136
Saint Paul	66
Our Lady	59
Saint Joseph	75



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

Spanish Word of the Week

"Mi hermano" means... my brother
(the 'h' is silent)

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.



Life Education Caravan West Midlands (LECWM)

Reception – All about Me – 45 minute session

Children will meet Harold the Giraffe and begin to:

Understand that the body needs food, water and air and that exercise and sleep are important to our health

Name major internal body parts – heart, blood, lungs, stomach (tummy), brain

Understand the importance of basic personal hygiene

Understand that medicines can sometimes make people feel better when they're ill and understand issues of safety and responsibility

Know some strategies for dealing with sadness (what to do or who to talk to for help)

Year 1 – My Wonderful Body – 1 hour session

Children will learn about keeping the body healthy and safe and:

Know that food can be divided into different groups and that the body needs a balanced diet

Understand that medicine can help the body if someone is unwell and issues of medicine safety

Understand the importance of personal hygiene and how it can help us stay healthy

Friendship qualities and strategies for when friends fall out

Year 2 – Feelings – 1 hour session

Children will learn about healthy choices for the body and emotional well-being:

Recognising and naming feelings

Begin to understand that there are different types of teasing and bullying

Understand that medicine can help the body if someone is unwell and issues of medicine safety

Coping strategies around bullying and how to get help

Understand the importance of friendships

Year 3 – My Talented Brain – 1 hour session

Children will explore the body and how choices can affect the body in more detail:

The brain and the nervous system; and how messages are sent and received

Understand that medicines are drugs and medicine safety

Understand that nicotine and alcohol are drugs and explore their effects and risks

Making choices

Understand how their actions can affect others

Develop relationship skills

Year 4 – Choices – 1 hour session

Children learn about the body systems and how healthy and unhealthy choices can affect the way the human body works, and:

Understand that everyone is unique and feel a sense of self-worth

Choices and consequences

Understand some of the key risks and effects of smoking and drinking alcohol

Responsibility for their own safety and behaviour

Friends and their influences

Year 5 – Friends – 1 hour 15 minutes

The body and its physical and emotional needs

Know that all medicines are drugs but not all drugs are medicines and issues of safety and responsibility

Consider different ways of categorising drugs

Develop critical thinking skills in relation to medicine, nicotine and alcohol – the health and social risks

Identify risk factors in a situation involving smoking and consider the outcomes of risk taking in this situation

Identify characteristics of passive, aggressive and assertive behaviours and practise assertiveness skills

Year 6 – Decisions – 1 hour 15 minutes

The body and its physical and emotional needs

Know that all medicines are drugs but not all drugs are medicines and issues of safety and responsibility

Consider different ways of categorising drugs

Develop critical thinking skills in relation to the health and social risks of legal and illegal drugs

Identify risk factors in a situation involving alcohol and consider the outcomes of risk taking in this situation

How friends and others can influence their choices

Recognise/empathise with patterns of behaviour in peer-group dynamics

How their choices can affect themselves and others