

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 20th January 2017

Week 17

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,

Another great week here at SS Peter & Paul!!! It started with a lovely assembly by Anne, the lady from HSBC, who talked to the children about opening a bank account (for aged 7 upwards) and saving a bit of money for things they might like to buy. If you are interested then please get your child to ask Mr Porter for an application form.

On Tuesday, we had 2 sports events: The Erdington Schools Swimming Gala & Catholic Cup 9-a-side football. Well done Veronica Okon, Ola Jackiewicz, Elizabeth Carter, Aidan McElwaine and Joseph Bennett for competing so well, winning your heats to qualify for the final and winning a medal. Ola—Gold, Joseph—Silver & Bronze, Aidan—Bronze, Elizabeth—Silver. You are all superstars! Our footballers lost 4-3 in extra time but played amazingly well, with Jaiy Leydon scoring a goal from the half-way line!!! I would like to thank all of the children for representing the school so well and to all of those who provided transport and support (Mr Leydon, Mr Moore, Mrs Calvert-Lyons & Mrs Manion), we couldn't participate in these events without you so thank you.

On Thursday, we had a lovely Mass celebrated by all of Key Stage 1 and led by Year 2. I was so proud of the way the children read so clearly and confidently and led the singing so beautifully. Thank you Miss Hanrahan and Mrs Ruffle for your hard work and preparation for this lovely service. I'm looking forward to Year 5's Class Mass this Sunday 22nd January @ 10.30 am. I will see you all there.

Today, you should receive a paper copy of your child's Termly Study Plan which gives information on what the class will be learning about in the Spring Term. It will also be posted on our new website so please take a look. Enjoy your weekend.

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	£31.75
Year 4	£32.00
Year 5	£19.37
Year 6	£34.26
Total	£169.50

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.

- **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 to collect them. Thank you.
- **Y5/6 Football Club**—There will be no club next Thursday 26th January.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am on Friday mornings will be Friday 3rd February. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Inclement Weather**—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. Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing to school on any days we have snow so that they can go outside and enjoy themselves: Coat, hat, scarf, gloves, boots, etc...
- **Year 6 Trip to Parliament**—Just a reminder to all Year 6 parents that the children need to be in school early on Tuesday 24th January for their trip to London. Please make sure you are here by 7.45 am to leave at 8.00 am.
- **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:
 - 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
- **Year 6 Parents Meeting for Confirmation, SAT's & PGL Residential**—On Wednesday 25th January at 6.00 pm in the school hall. Lots of important information will be given about these events and give you the chance to ask any questions you have. See you there.
- **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
- **Junior Playground Equipment installation date**—TBC

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

- Y5 Class Mass
Sunday 22nd January 2017 @ 10.30
- Y6 Class Trip to Parliament
Tuesday 24th January 2017
- Y6 Parents Meeting - Confirmation
Wednesday 25th Jan 2017 @ 6 pm
- Y3 First Holy Communion Enrolment
Sunday 12th February 2017 @ 10.30
- 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
- Y3 First Holy Communion Sacrament
Sunday 21st May 2017 @ 10.30 am

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



SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 26th January 2017 @ 9.15 am
Key Stage 2 Children & Families
Led by Year 4



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— Year 3 Gymnastics



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 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

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: What two things can you never eat for breakfast?

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

Last weeks answer was:

... an icicle.

Prayer of the Week!!!

Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of your faithful,
grant that by that same Holy Spirit,
we may be truly wise,
and ever rejoice in your consolation,
Through Christ our Lord. 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

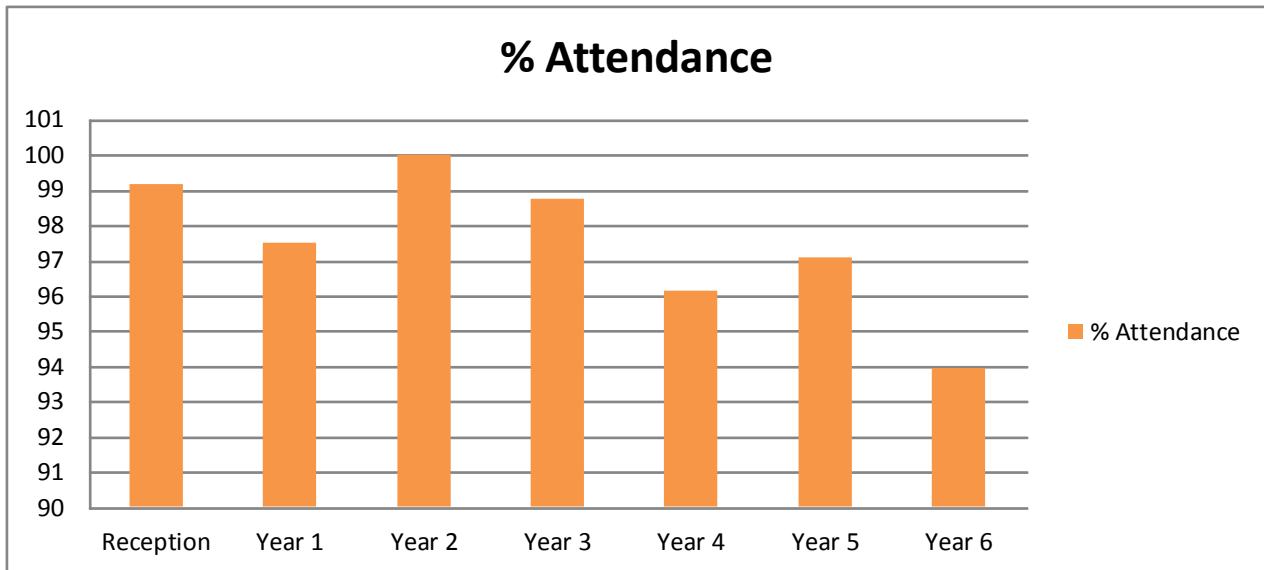
Friday 24th March @ 7.00 pm
Teams of up to 6 people (£6 per person)

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:
10th January 2017 to 13th January 2017 is 97.50%**



Congratulations to Year 2 well done for their excellent 100% attendance!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Wiktor Krzeminski, Lucy Santos, Amy Cleaver, Isobel O'Neill, Libby Johnstone, Caragh McEvilly, Aidan Subhan, Sienna O'Reilly, Cerian Owen, Sophie Sweeney, Thomas Sweeney, Ciara Wilkes.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Michelle Nortey
- Year 1 — Elaine Nguyen & Bryan Mudalige
- Year 2 — Whole Class for wonderful Mass
- Year 3 — Amelia Recci
- Year 4 — Aidan McElwaine
- Year 5 — Luke Drust
- Year 6 — Callum Massey



House Points

Saint Peter	99
Saint Paul	104
Our Lady	96
Saint Joseph	80



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

Spanish Word of the Week

"Mi madre" means... my mother

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

