

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



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

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 26th May 2017

**Week 32**

This week we pray for these special people!



Mesmin  
Aidan  
Lena  
Alex  
Olivia  
Mollie-Monroe  
Aleksander



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## TERM DATES

Term	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018
New Term Begins	Monday 24th April	Monday 4th Sept	Monday 8th January
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 26th May	Friday 20th October	Friday 16th February
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 5th June	Monday 30th October	Monday 26th February
Term Ends	Tuesday 25th July	Friday 22nd Dec	Thurs 29th March

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

What a beautiful First Holy Communion Mass we had last Sunday. Year 3 looked amazing in their lovely dresses and sashes, they were immaculately behaved; reverent and respectful throughout, enjoying every minute of their very special day. I was a very proud Head Teacher. My thanks go to Mrs Seager, Mrs Barker, Mrs Manion, Miss Weir and Mr O'Sullivan for preparing such a great Mass. Thank you.



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

May Procession on Thursday was another chance for the Communion candidates to get their lovely outfits on again. This was another fabulous celebration. I thank all of the school community for their generous donations of flowers which are now placed at Our Lady's grotto.

Reception Class Assembly never fails to impress! The children were fantastic this morning, it astonishes me how much the children can learn at such a young age. I know everyone was blown away with what they saw. Huge thanks to Miss Stansbie and Mrs Dilks for all of their hard work and preparation. It was all worth it!

Today I am sending out a very important letter proposing changes to the timings of the school day for September 2017. It is attached to this newsletter but I have also sent out paper copies. Please take the time to read the letter carefully as what I am proposing will have an impact on all of you. I am looking at the possibility of finishing slightly earlier on a Friday with minimum disruption to learning time and maximum benefit to the efficiency of the school. I wouldn't be proposing this if I didn't think it could be necessary. Please let me know your thoughts. The consultation starts today.

Enjoy your half-term break everyone. Stay safe and I'll see you on Monday 5th June.

**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	£5.50
Year 4	£11.95
Year 5	£21.37
Year 6	£8.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>£98.00</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):

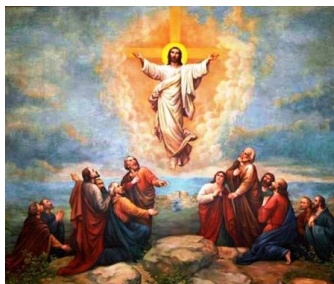


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## NEWS

**We wish to keep you informed about school issues so please read the following information carefully.**

- **Thank you to our DIY handy parents** - It was great to have parental help constructing the 3 plastic sheds today, it was one of those jobs that I just couldn't fit in on my own so thanks goes to Mr Dockery, Mr Owen & Miss Llewellyn. Thank you so much for giving up your time.
- **Year 6 PGL Residential**—Our annual weekend residential is planned for the end of June but there are still a number of parents who still need to send in the rest of the balance. Please make the payment asap. Thank you.
- **Academy Update**—Just to let you know, work continues behind the scenes to enable SS Peter & Paul's move towards becoming an academy in line with the instruction from the Arch Diocese of Birmingham. I will be holding information meetings for parents and let you have more as soon as I have the necessary details.
- **School Funding Cuts**—Please, please, please, sign this petition to show your support, we can make a difference if we make our voices heard.  
<https://www.change.org/p/uk-parliament-erdington-schools-funding-petition>
- **Sal's Shoes**—I am arranging an old shoe collection event for the charity Sal's Shoes, to give all of you parents the opportunity to have a clear out and put yourself in the position of being able to help others less fortunate than yourselves. If you have a clear out over half-term you can bring the shoes in on Friday 9th June. Please check out their website for more details: <http://www.salsshoes.com> Thank you Mrs Carter for the idea.
- **Year 5 & 6 footballers**—On Saturday 20th May, our boys took part in the BCSFA football finals at The Football Arena. They represented SS Peter & Paul excellently but were knocked out in the group stage, an extremely tight group where any of the teams could have qualified depending on the last result. Ironically, we were the only team to beat the eventual winners! Thanks again to Mr Leydon for organising the team.
- **SPFA Summer Fair Leaflet**—Please can I remind parents to have a read of the leaflet that was sent out last week with ideas for this years Summer Fair. Your support is essential to ensure this years event is the tremendous success it deserves to be. Fill in the attached form and drop it into the box in the school entrance hall or send it in with your child. We need your help!
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 9th June. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- [senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk), to book a session.
- **Sacramental Preparation Meeting/Workshop for Parents**— Important information is given at this event so please make every effort to attend:
  - Y2 Parents Reconciliation Workshop—Thursday 8th June @ 9 am
- **Affordable School Uniform**—07392370662 or [asu2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:asu2012@hotmail.co.uk)
- **Family Holidays**—Please do not book a holiday during term time. Thankyou
- **Feast of the Ascension**—This Sunday is the celebration of Jesus' Ascension into heaven to be with his Father. It is 40 days after Easter.  
*"As he blessed them, he parted from them and was taken up to heaven."* Luke 24: 51



### SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 25th May 2017 @ 9.15 am  
Key Stage 2 Children & Families  
Led by Year 2



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

Y2 Reconciliation Parents Workshop  
Thursday 8th June 2017 @ 9.00 am

Open Meeting - Proposal Consultation  
Tuesday 6th June 2017 @ 6.30 pm

Rec Class Trip to the Farm &  
Y5 Class Trip to Museum & Art Gallery  
Thursday 8th June 2017

Y1 Class Sunday Mass  
Sunday 11th June @ 10.30 am

New Reception Parents Meeting  
Wednesday 14th June @ 6.30 pm

Spanish Day  
Monday 26th June 2017

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

SS Peter & Paul Feast Day Mass - Y6  
Thursday 29th June 2017 @ 9.15 am

Y6 PGL Residential  
Friday 30th June to Monday 3rd July

Transition Day (Y6 to Secondary)  
Wednesday 5th July 2017

Summer Fair  
Friday 14th July 2017 @ TBC

## TRAINING DAYS

- Plus one other 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)

- Y5 Multi-Skills

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**Wednesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y1 Multi-Skills

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**Thursday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y2 Multi-Skills

- Y5 & 6 Football Club

**Friday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Irish Dancing Club (3.15 - 4.30 pm)

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## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL— Year 6 Maths Problems: Ordering a curry



It's been a great 'Maths Week' where every class focused on developing their fluency, reasoning & problem solving skills. Ask your child about it.

## 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](http://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 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 has increased from 24th April and is now £2.25 per day (£11.25 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

### Thought for our Diocesan Virtues

#### Summer 1 - Compassionate & Loving

Our pupils are taught that it is important to be **Compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially those less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.

We live and learn in the light of Christ.

### Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: Poor people have it. Rich people need it.  
If you eat it you die. What is it?

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

**Last weeks answer was:**

... A pillow.

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### Prayer for Ascension Day

God our Father,  
make us joyful in the  
ascension of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we follow him into the new creation,  
for his ascension is our glory and our hope.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

### Parish Events

#### SS Peter & Paul Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.15 pm.

Sunday @ 9 am & 10.30 am.

#### Parish Cultural Evening

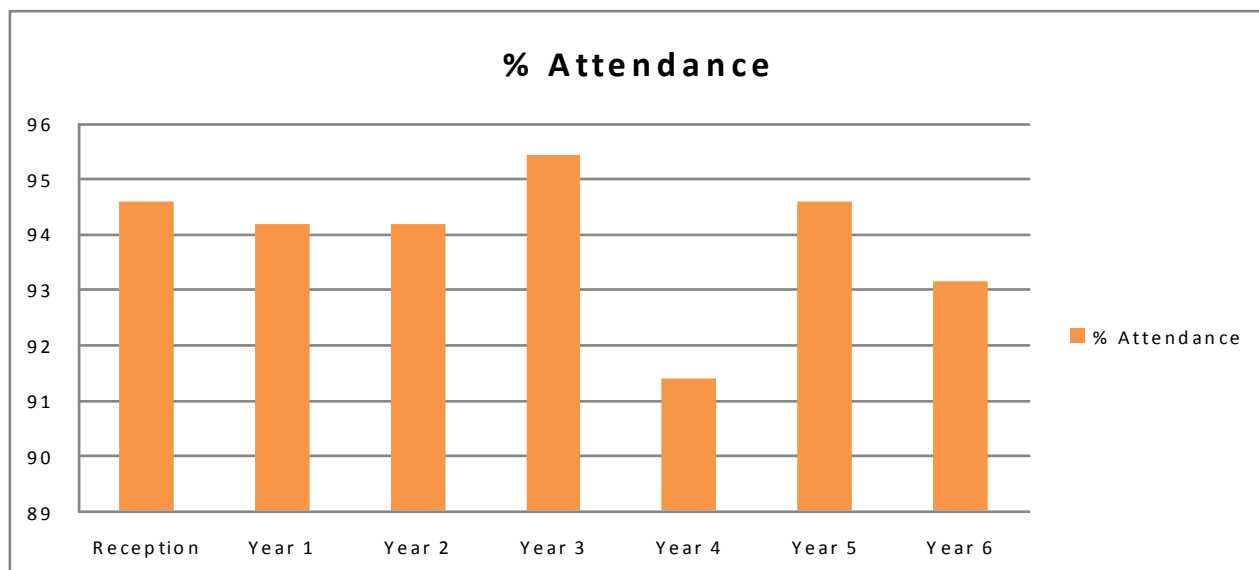
Saturday 24th June @ 6 pm (after 5.15 pm Mass)

#### Summer Buffet & Barbeque

Sunday 23rd July @ 11.30 am (after 10.30 am Mass)

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 for the week of 15th May to 19th May is 93.93%**



**Congratulations to Class 3 well done for their excellent attendance!**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-**

**Lucy Recci, Allen Sibotsha, Daniel Plant, Angelika Jackiewicz, Szymon**

**Szmulewski, Joseph Bailey, Alexandra Jackiewicz, Ava Salmon-Jackson, Natalia**

**Sitarz, Jacques Pritchard, Tara Cunnane.**



### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

**Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-**

- **Reception — Whole Class** for their wonderful assembly
- **Year 1 — Maja Glogowska**
- **Year 2 — Shaun Fitzpatrick**
- **Year 3 — Whole Class** for beautiful First Holy Communion Mass
- **Year 4 — Jake Duke**
- **Year 5 — Savannah Miller**
- **Year 6 — Mesmin Roni Muringampurath**



### House Points

Saint Peter	135
Saint Paul	34
Our Lady	63
Saint Joseph	43



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

## Stay Safe Online

E-Safety is very important! Do you know what your child is watching on the internet?

### Top Tips for staying safe online

- 9. Never send any words or material that you consider to be rude or offensive. You could end up being prosecuted by the police.

## Spanish Word of the Week

"Hace (silent h) mucho calor"

means... It is very hot.



### Leading Light Club

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**Thank you for taking time  
to read our Newsletter.**



# SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School



## Proposed changes to the school day for September 2017 Notification of Stakeholders and Consultation Opening

Dear Parents,

I am writing this letter to you to read, take in and provide you with the time and opportunity to respond.

In a response to the Government funding cuts to School Budget for next year, I am looking at ways of making savings on my current expenditure and one of the ideas I am proposing is to eliminate the cost of cover for teachers during their Planning, Preparation & Assessment (PPA) time, which they are legally entitled to but it comes at a considerable cost to school as the children still need to be taught during this time.

Currently, I employ a sports company to deliver high quality P.E. sessions across the school and a music specialist to teach music across the school and take hymn practice. This costs the school £18,057.60 per year. Unfortunately, this does not cover all of the PPA required; Mrs Calvert-Lyons and I also have to spend some time covering so that the teachers get their full PPA entitlement and the children receive their full educational entitlement. This takes us away from the leadership responsibilities we have which is not ideal.

My plan is to make changes to the timings of the school days so that:

- no child misses out on any valuable learning time,
- all teachers get their PPA without the need for cover,
- the school makes the financial savings necessary to keep the school functioning efficiently to provide the best education possible for our children,
- hopefully I don't need to look at reducing contracted hours of staff or even making redundancies (Long term)

I am proposing that we finish school earlier on a Friday, at 2.00 pm, to eliminate the need for PPA cover which will mean we make considerable financial savings without reducing the amount of time spent teaching each week. I would like to start the school day **5 minutes** earlier, reduce lunchtime by **5 minutes** and then add **5 minutes** onto the end of the day (Monday to Thursday) so that the children receive the same quality of education that they receive now. Please see the table below for more details.

	<b>As it stands now</b>
	<b>Infants</b>
	<b>Monday to Friday</b>
Morning Session	8.55 – 12.00 pm = 3 hours 5 minutes
Afternoon Session	1.15 – 3.15 pm = 2 hours
School day	= 5 hours 5 minutes
School week	= <b>25 hours 25 minutes</b>
	<b>Juniors</b>
Morning Session	8.55 – 12.00 pm = 3 hours 5 minutes
Afternoon Session	1.00 – 3.15 pm = 2 hours 15 minutes
School day	= 5 hours 20 minutes
School week	= <b>26 hours 40 minutes</b>

<b>In September 2017</b>	
<b>Infants</b>	
<b>Monday to Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
8.50 – 12.00 pm = 3 hours 10 minutes	8.50 – 12.00 pm = 3 hours 10 minutes
1.10 – 3.20 pm = 2 hours 10 minutes	1.00 – 2.00 pm = 1 hour
= 5 hours 20 minutes	= 4 hours 10 minutes
= 21 hours 20 minutes	= 4 hours 10 minutes + 21 hours 20 minutes = <b>25 hours 30 minutes</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	
8.50 – 12.00 pm = 3 hours 10 minutes	8.50 – 12.00 pm = 3 hours 10 minutes
12.55 – 3.20 pm = 2 hours 25 minutes	1.00 – 2.00 pm = 1 hour
= 5 hours 35 minutes	= 4 hours 10 minutes
= 22 hours 20 minutes	= 4 hours 10 minutes + 22 hours 20 minutes = <b>26 hours 30 minutes</b>

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I understand that this may seem like quite a drastic measure in order to save money which is why I am giving you all as much information as possible to help you understand why I am making such a proposal.

I have consulted the Local Authority about this and they have informed me that a number of schools are making similar proposals so we are not the only school considering this.

I have checked the Government Department for Education (DfE) guidance on the necessary process on making such changes. There is a process to follow which includes:

- a meeting with the Governors to discuss the proposal,
- notification to stakeholders (parents, staff, etc...) of the proposal,
- a period of consultation where stakeholders have the opportunity to respond to the proposal in writing,
- a second meeting with Governors to discuss the responses to the proposal and then make an informed final decision on whether to make the change or not.

I have also checked the Government Department for Education (DfE) guidance on suggested recommendations of learning time for the various ages of the children to ensure the children receive their full entitlement and we are over those timings recommended for Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 so there will be no loss of learning time or problem legally.

I understand that some parents will not be able to pick their child up at 2.00 pm on a Friday due to work commitments. I am going to be in a position to offer child care from 2.00 - 3.15 pm through Leading Light Club for a certain number of children, for a minimal cost, until those parents who would normally collect at 3.15 pm can make it to school. Those parents who always use Leading Light Club on a Friday would continue as they are now where the children will be cared for up until 5.45 pm for the usual cost with a little addition to cover the costs of 2.00 - 3.15 pm.

I am actively looking at alternatives to this proposal so nothing has been decided at this stage of the process. I am looking for your feedback, whether in favour of the proposal or against so that I can be as fully informed as possible before any decision is made.

I will be holding an open meeting for all parents on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 6.30 pm** to discuss the proposal further; explaining myself as clearly as I can and listening to feedback from whoever attends.

In the meantime, please fill in the feedback form attached, giving details of your support or concerns, returning it to school after the half-term holiday before the consultation closing date of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017. This gives a consultation period of 4 weeks for me to receive your responses.

I urge you to consider your responses carefully and not just dismiss this as change for the sake of change. I do feel that there could be certain advantages to parents and families here too. I have a lot of parents asking to collect their child early on a Friday to go away for the weekend in order to beat the traffic. Parents could also arrange medical appointments for Friday afternoons as after 2.00 pm would no longer be considered school hours.

I look forward to your responses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil Porter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Neil Porter  
Head Teacher



# **Proposed changes to the school day for September 2017**

## **Notification of Stakeholders and Consultation Opening**

### **Response and Feedback Form**

**I am in favour of the proposal**

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**I am against the proposal**

☐

**I am happy either way**

☐

Reasons for your response:

I will struggle to get my child collected at 2.00 pm on a Friday

Yes

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No

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I do not think Friday is the right day, I would prefer an alternative day

Yes

☐

No

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_