

This week we pray for these special people!



Jaiy
Bethany
Joseph
Julia
Thomas
Maja
Anthony



Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Autumn Term comes to an end, I cannot believe it has gone and we are breaking up for Christmas already! I would like to thank all my staff for all of their hard work this term, especially their efforts for all of the Christmas celebrations, you are an amazing bunch and I am so lucky to have you as a Head Teacher. I hope you enjoy a well earned rest.

This week we had Mass which was beautifully led by Year 5 (well done Mrs Wright & Mrs Hastings) and was supported amazingly well by a group of guitarists and the rest of KS2 as they sung the Spanish Carol they have learned. They sing it incredibly well and it brings a lump to my throat every time I hear them sing it with such passion & gusto. My thanks go to Ms Dormi for teaching them this special carol. It went down very well at the KS2 Carol Concert on Tuesday too where once again the children were outstanding! As are you parents, who again blew me away with your generosity. The gifts for the NSPCC were piled high on the sacristy and once again showed how our school cares for others. I thank you for all your kindness and thoughtfulness in this donation. I, and all the staff, would also like to thank you for the generous personal gifts and cards we have received. We feel incredibly lucky to have such supportive parents who appreciate our effort; to do our best for your child. Thank you so much!

The SPFA have been amazing this week too. The disco's were very well attended, well done to all the ladies (and past pupils) who helped run them. The SPFA also provided refreshments on Tuesday after the Carol Concert, raising an impressive £160 in half an hour. To give something back, they provided all of the children with a Christmas present this week too. I thank them for all their hard work, they're a fantastic bunch. Remember, it is a Teacher Training Day on Monday 8th January so school is closed, the children return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2018 @ 8.50 am.

Wishing you all a happy & Holy Christmas. God Bless.



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TERM DATES

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

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 15

Reception	£7.00
Year 1	£11.62
Year 2	£17.50
Year 3	£30.75
Year 4	£6.00
Year 5	£3.00
Year 6	£15.00
Total	£90.87

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.

- **Fashion Haircuts**—I have noticed that a few of the boys in school have had their hair cut in a way which I consider to be inappropriate for school and in contradiction to our Policy on School Uniform. The policy outlines clearly what is considered to be unacceptable or a fashionable haircut and all of you have read and signed our Home School Agreement where you have agreed to abide by our school rules and policies. Please make sure you fully understand what is expected and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about any aspect of school uniform and appearance. If you need another copy of the policy please ask me. If your child has had their hair shaved higher on one side than the other, has their scalp showing or has had a line shaved into their hair then I consider that to be a fashion haircut so I would like it to grow out over the Christmas Holiday and be of an appropriate style when we get back. Thank you.
- **Lateness!!!** - Please can I remind parents that school **STARTS @ 8.50 am** so your child needs to be here before that time. So many children are late which is costing valuable learning time. Please be on time for drop off and pick up. Ask Fr. Christmas for an alarm clock this year, see if it helps... 🕒
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation News**—Following Diocesan advice, I've taken the decision to move this Sacrament out of Year 2, back into Year 3 where it was originally and should be. This means there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation this academic year as the current Y3 made it last year and the current Y2 will make it next year when they are in Y3. You can find out more information about the Sacramental programme on our website.
- **Inclement Weather**—School will remain **OPEN** until you hear otherwise. If school is to be closed you will be contacted using the school **text** messaging system (Please make sure the office has your latest mobile phone number). A notification will also be posted on the school **website**, school **twitter** feed and the smartphone **SchoolApp**. Please **DO NOT** phone the school office. Please make sure your child comes appropriately prepared for bad weather with waterproof coats, boots, gloves, hats, scarves, etc,... (Labelled with their name) because if there is some snow during the day while they're at school it would be good to go out and enjoy it at play & dinner time.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 12th January 2018. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Parent Workshops**—Due to the bad weather, I cancelled this weeks Parents Workshop for Year 6. I will rearrange this for the New Year as soon as I can. I'm sorry for any inconvenience caused by this decision.
- **Admission to Reception Class 2018**—Families have until 15th January to submit their applications to the City Council online. Further information can be obtained from www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Please don't forget to complete our Admission Forms from the school office.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—School uniform can be ordered by contacting ASU Linda & Tony: Telephone - 07392370662 or asu2012@hotmail.co.uk
- **Brushstrokes Charity Donation**—We were given a load of toiletries and food by a group using the Parish Hall so decided to donate them to charity, Brushstrokes (Part of Fr. Hudson's) to help those in need at Christmas.



SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 11th January 2018 @ 9.15 am
Whole School Children & Families
Mass - 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

Break Up for Christmas Holiday
Friday 22nd December @ 2.00 pm

Teacher Training Day - School Closed
Monday 8th January 2018

Spring Term 1 Starts for Children
Tuesday 9th January 2018 @ 8.50 am

Whole School Mass led by Year 6
Thursday 11th January @ 9.15 am

Reception Height & Weight Check
Wednesday 17th January 2018 am

Key Stage 2 Mass led by Year 4
Thursday 18th January @ 9.15 am

Year 6 Confirmation Meeting
Tuesday 23rd January @ 6.00 pm

Key Stage 1 Mass led by Year 2
Thursday 25th January @ 9.15 am

Year 5 Class Sunday Mass
Sunday 28th January @ 9.30 am

Maths Week
Mon 29th Jan - Fri 2nd Feb

Key Stage 2 Mass led by Year 3
Thursday 1st February @ 9.15 am

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 4th September 2017
- Friday 17th November 2017
- **Monday 8th January 2018**
- Monday 16th April 2018
- Plus 1 more to be arranged

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y5/6 Football Club
- Chess Club (12.30 - 12.55 pm)
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Tuesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

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Wednesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y6 Running Club (12.00 - 12.30 pm)
- Irish Dancing (until 4.30 pm)
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Thursday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y3/4 Football Club
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This week in school... James the Bear 2017 Christmas Raffle



Congratulations to Bradley Wiggins who has won the 'Name the Bear' Competition. He is now called Fluffy and is going to a new home for Christmas. Thank you to everyone who had a go, all the money is going to school fund.

Superstar Musicians

So proud of our guitar students who played every hymn at Mass yesterday. Well done Laurence Clifford, Alice Cushion, Daniel Murray, Luke Drust, Eleanor Donnelly, Finley O'Sullivan and Joseph Bennett. A massive thanks to Mrs Weir for all her hard work!



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.

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Punctuality – School starts at 8.50 am and closes at 3.20 pm Monday to Thursday. Friday 8.50 am to 2.00 pm. 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 2017 and is £2.25 per day (£11.25 per wk).* 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

Autumn 2 - Learned & Wise

Our pupils are taught that it is important they are able to acquire as much knowledge & information as possible; being **learned**, so that they are able to use what they have learned to help them to make informed decisions and live their life in a way that Jesus would want; being **wise** like him.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: What goes around the garden but doesn't move?

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

Last weeks answer was:
... a telephone/doorbell ringing...

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer of Advent - Week 3

Let us pray.
We humbly beg you, O Lord,
to listen to our prayers;
and by the grace of your coming
bring light into our darkened minds.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)



Parish Events

Parish Weekend Masses

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

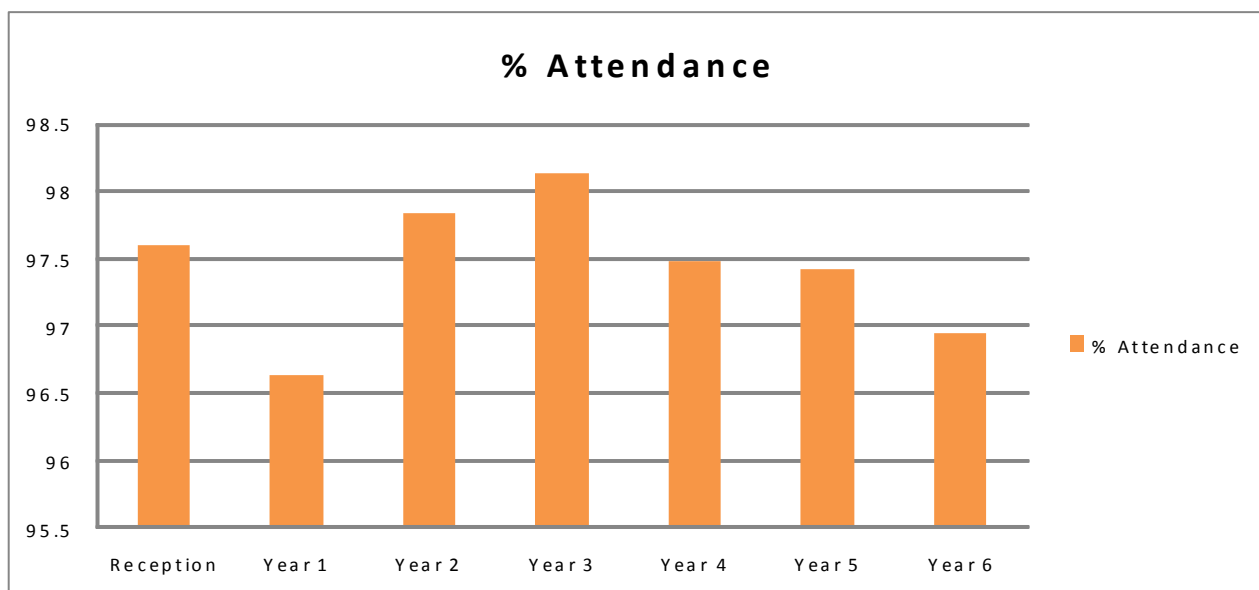
Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 24th Dec - Family Mass @ 5.00 pm
Christmas Eve 24th Dec - Solemn Mass @ 7.00 pm
Christmas Day 25th Dec - Parish Mass of Christmas Dawn @ 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 for the term of September 2017 to December 2017 is 97.43%



Congratulations to Year 3 well done for their excellent attendance this term!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Olivia Stack, Daniel Harris, Rebecca Coll.

Birthdays up to January 6th we have — Eve Newson, Tyler Campbell, William Jabang, Amelia Kozłowska, Tayler-James Roe.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Thomas Cronin-Roberts
- Year 1 — A'Taya Gerroni
- Year 2 — Lucy Santos
- Year's 3, 4, 5 and 6 — Classes for the wonderful Carol Service this week, and to those pupils who could not attend thank you for your support in helping everyone to learn their songs.



House Points

Saint Peter	110
Saint Paul	117
Our Lady	77
Saint Joseph	75



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

Autumn Term Winners - St. Peter

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/

Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

"Feliz Navidad"

means... Merry Christmas.



Leading Light Club

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Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

