

★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★



Part of... St. John Paul II Multi-Academy

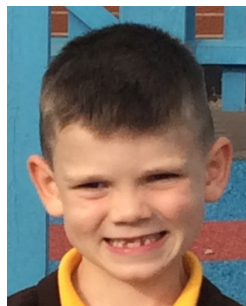
We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 25th January 2019



Spring 1 - Week 18

This week we pray for these special people!



Lucy
Oliver
Grace
Gjavaun
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Poppy
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BIRMINGHAM TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2018
New Term Begins	Monday 3rd Sept	Monday 7th January	Monday 29th April
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 26th October	Friday 15th February	Friday 24th May
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 5th Nov	Monday 25th February	Monday 3rd June
Term Ends	Friday 21st Dec	Friday 12th April	Friday 19th July

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 18

School Fund will continue...

Direct Debit

My mistake! If you pay school fund via direct debit we have been informed by the Multi Academy that we can continue to keep our School Fund account open for another year. Sorry for any confusion caused please continue paying as usual.

School Fund.

Apologies this will not change for the next year so please continue as usual.

Sorry for any confusion.

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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Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Following our Teacher Training Day on Tuesday where we have been looking at ways of improving outcomes for all pupils, particularly in writing, we have decided to trial a new morning routine starting next week on Monday 28th January 2019 where the children come straight into their classroom when the gates open at 8.40 am so that they can have a go at a SODA (Start Of Day Activity) Challenge where they work independently to complete a task without too much teacher input. They will be supervised by their class teacher but complete the challenge themselves. I have attached a letter with this newsletter giving more detail. We feel the children will be able to settle down to work much quicker so no valuable learning time will be lost. We'll see how it goes.

We had a visitor in school this week, Fr. Neil Bayliss, Chair of the Board of Directors for the St. John Paul II Multi Academy. He received a warm welcome from all the children as he was shown around the school and he introduced himself to every class and all of the staff. It was great to see him in school. Please can I ask that you keep Fr. Neil in your prayers as he hasn't been well recently. He is welcome here anytime and we wish him health and happiness from all here at SS Peter & Paul.

There are two Sacramental Preparation information meetings next week on Tuesday 29th January. Firstly, Year 3 Parents at 5.30 pm to find out more about Reconciliation (Confession) and Eucharist (First Holy Communion). Then, Year 6 Parents at 6.00 pm to find out more about Confirmation. These will be short meetings giving you a brief overview of what these sacraments entail, our expectations and requirements, important dates and essential documents so please make every effort to attend.

Hopefully Mr Rice will be back with us next week so we continue to wish him well. I look forward to seeing you all at Year 5's Mass this Sunday at 9.30 am.

God Bless. *NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS... www.ssptrpl.net*



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

NEWS

We will keep you informed, please read this information carefully.

- **Fortnite!!!** - Please be aware, this game is starting to cause problems in school with children re-enacting the violence they see in the game! No child under 12 years of age should be playing this game. Thank you.
- **Year 6 Leavers Prom/Disco Change of date**—All Year 6 Parents should've received a ParentMail explaining the change of date from Friday 12th to Saturday 13th July 2019 due to a double booking error. Sorry.
- **Term Dates for 2019-2020**—Please find the agreed dates for next academic year for all schools within the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy attached.
- **Leading Light Club Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme**—To all parents who pay for Leading Light Club using the Government Tax Free Childcare Account, we are **back up and running** again so you can now log onto your account and make any outstanding payments. Thank you for your patience.
- **Snow and bad weather closure**—As the threat of snow continues, we have to plan for what would happen if (for the health and safety of the schools' community) school had to close due to bad weather. We have in previous years made decisions as early as possible using the website and ParentMail and such decisions will apply to all schools within the Multi-Academy. We will continue to use these mediums of fast communication if it becomes necessary. It can be quite difficult to get through to the local radio stations in the absence of a city wide decision but please check these sources of information if you have difficulty accessing the internet.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Monday 28th January 2019 @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **E-Safety**—Mrs Wright, our ICT leader, has found some fantastic resources for parents to support you with ensuring your children are safe when they are online. I will attach some of the information leaflets to this newsletter via ParentMail but I have included the direct link to the website on Page 4 of this newsletter for anyone who wants to find out more.
- **Sacramental Preparation Meetings**—I will be holding two meetings for the parents of children making a Sacrament this year on Tuesday 29th January; **Year 3 Parents @ 5.30 pm** (Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) then **Year 6 Parents @ 6.00 pm** (Confirmation) Plus SAT's and PGL Residential. These meetings will not take long but will contain some important information for parents about the sacramental preparation process. I hope that as many of you can attend as possible.
- **Basketball Success**— Well done Laurence Clifford, Akeelah Jackson, James Hughes, Freya Pawley, Bobby Bricknell and George Hillier who competed in the Erdington Basketball Finals on Monday; finishing 3rd overall. All the children were brilliant, such good sportsmanship shown. My thanks go to Mrs Seager and Mr Barnes for taking them and coaching them so well.
- **SPFA Meeting**—There will be a SPFA meeting on Tuesday 29th January 2019 at The Digby, Chester Road at 6.30 pm. All are invited come and share your ideas with this fantastic group of parents/carers, who do a wonderful job of raising much needed funds for the pupil of this school.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Y5 Class Sunday Mass
Sunday 27th January @ 9.30 am

Sacramental Preparation Meetings
Parents of Y3 @ 5.30 pm & Y6 @ 6 pm

Reception Eye Tests
Wednesday 30th January @ 9.10 am

Y1 Class Mass for Key Stage 1
Thursday 31st January @ 9.15 am

Y6 @ Bishop Walsh—Sister Act
Tuesday 5th February @ 12.30 - 3 pm

Y3 Class Mass for Key Stage 2
Thursday 7th February @ 9.15 am

Life Education Caravan Workshops
Monday 11th February - KS1 & Y3
Tuesday 12th February - rest of KS2

Y5 @ St. Edmund Campion - Hairspray
Tuesday 12th February @ 11.00 - 1 pm

Y2 Class Mass for Key Stage 1
Thursday 14th February @ 9.15 am

Y4 Class Assembly for Parents
Friday 15th February @ 9.00 am

Break Up for Half-Term Holiday
Friday 15th February @ 2.00 pm

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Tuesday 4th September 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Tuesday 22nd January 2019 (MAC)
- Monday 29th April 2019

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5/6 Football

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Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS2 Monster Craft

- Skills 4 Life Club

Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5/6 Girls Football

- KS1 Toddler Tennis (4.30 pm)

Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS1 Monster Craft

- Y6 Tag Rugby

Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

- Y3/4 Football

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SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 24th January 2019 @ 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... Teacher Training on Tuesday



Our Whole Staff Training Day was focused on improving the standards of written English in school. The staff spent the day working together to devise efficient methods of ensuring the outcomes for our pupils in writing improve.

It was a very productive day that benefitted all staff involved and will ultimately benefit the children; as the teaching improves the children's learning and understanding will improve.

I would like to thank all of my staff for their whole hearted participation and valuable contributions to what was a great day for school improvement and development.

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

Punctuality – School starts at 8.50 am & closes at 3.20 pm Monday to Thursday. Every Friday it's open 8.50 am to 2.00 pm. Punctuality is important to ensure a good school day for both children and staff.

Security – Once children have been dropped off at school they must not, under any circumstances, leave the school premises for reasons of Safeguarding.

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 **£2.30 per day (£11.50 per week)**. Please remember we are now 'Cashless' so all dinner money payments must be made via **ParentMail**.

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 - Eloquent & Truthful

Our pupils are taught that it is important they are able to express their thoughts and beliefs and that they must learn to explain and convince others with great articulation and *eloquence*. That being *truthful* is being faithful to oneself and to Jesus. Always tell the truth.

Riddle of the Week!!!

**Q: People buy me to eat but never eat me.
What am I?**

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

**Last weeks answer was:
...a map...**

Prayer of the Week!!!

A Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Parish Weekend Masses

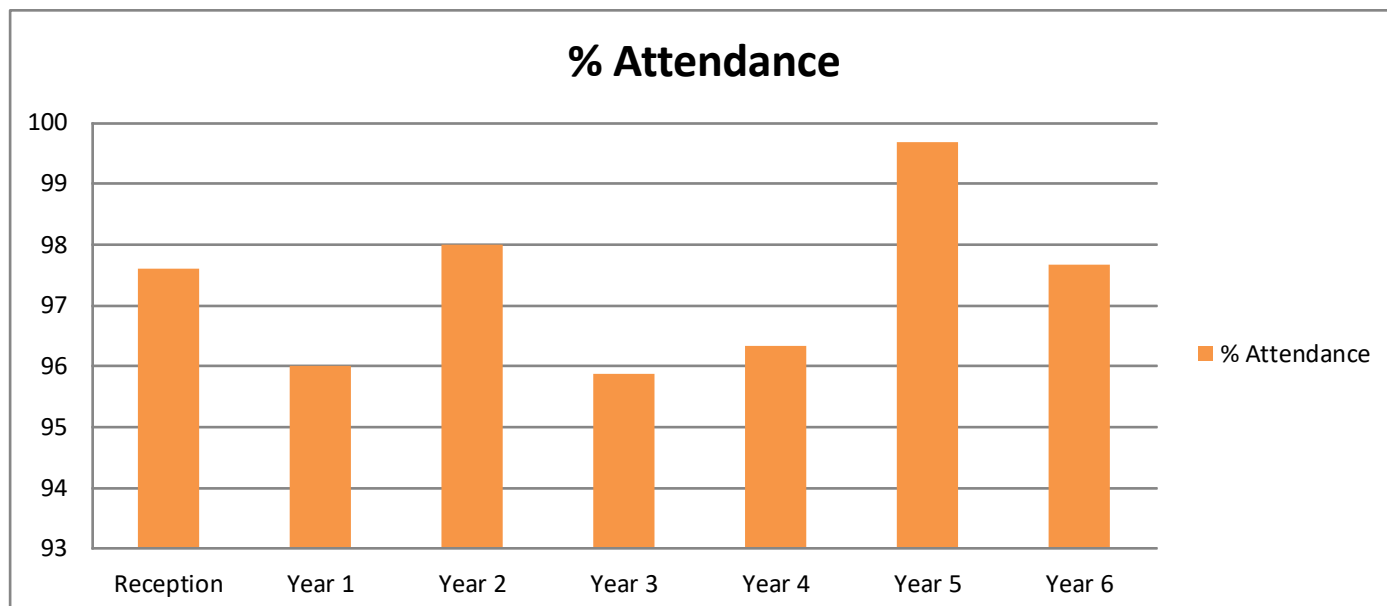
Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

Family Fun Night

Saturday 26th January

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 January 14th to 18th January 2019 = 97.31%



Congratulations to Year 5 well done for their excellent 99.67% attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Pippa Bricknell, Natalia Duda, Aidan McElwaine, Isabella Sulikowska, Grace Cook.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Poppy Porter
- Year 1 — Teshayne Ewers
- Year 2 — Bethany Mallinder
- Year 3 — Chloe McBride
- Year 4 — Whole Class for the wonderful Mass
- Year 5 — Tara Cunnane
- Year 6 — Aidan McElwaine



House Points

Saint Peter	49
Saint Paul	42
Our Lady	49
Saint Joseph	41



Well done to St. Peter & Our Lady's
our winners.
Congratulations!!!

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)

"Hace frío!"

means... It is cold.



Leading Light Club

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<p>A message on behalf of the Board of Directors of the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy</p> <p>regarding term dates for 2019-2020</p>
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Dear Parents/ Person with Parental Responsibility,

I am writing to you to inform you of the term dates for all six current schools in the St John Paul II Academy in the academic year 2019-2020. As with a number of other Catholic Schools in our area and in the city, these term dates deviate from those produced by the Local Authority. This is so pupils will be able to be in school during Holy Week to remember the passion and death of Our Lord leading up to the greatest Christian Festival of all, Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead.

St John Paul II Multi Academy Term Dates 2019/2020:

Autumn Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 2 September 2019

Half Term: Monday 28 October 2019 to Friday 1 November 2019

Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020

Term Ends: Thursday 9 April 2020 (**Maundy Thursday**)

Easter Sunday 12 April

Summer Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 27 April 2020

Half Term: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

Term Ends: Friday 17 July 2020

INSET days for the academic year 2019-2020 will be published in due course. We hope that by letting you know this information sixteen months before time will help you to arrange childcare, family time and travel plans during this holiday period. It is worth knowing that the Board of Directors will always intend to arrange term dates so that in future all pupils will be required to attend school during Holy Week. I hope you are having a hopeful Advent and will enjoy a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J.B. Farrell

Catholic Senior Executive Leader - (seconded for the academic year 2018-2019)
St. John Paul II Multi Academy



**SCHOOL PARENTS &
FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

S.P.F.A

Page

Our SPFA will trial an 'Advertising Page' in each weeks school newsletter. Anyone with a small business or service to promote can pay the SPFA to put their advert on this page.

For more information please contact:

Kristina Moore on 07950815868 or Kelly Thompson on 07938638541

SPFA Bonus Ball Winner
£174.00
Friday 25th January 2019
Ball 57 - Mr Adam Dockery
Well done to you!!!

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!

There is an SPFA meeting next week - Tuesday 29th January @ 6.30 pm at The Digby Pub on Chester Rd. Bring your enthusiasm and fantastic ideas, new faces are always welcome. See you there...

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SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates 2019

January Friday 25th DRAW COMPLETE (4)	February Friday 22nd Recorded & Posted (4)	March Friday 29th (5)	April Friday 26th Recorded & Posted (4)
May Friday 31st Recorded & Posted (4)	June Friday 28th (5)	July Friday 26th Recorded & Posted (4)	August Friday 30th Recorded & Posted (5)
September Friday 27th (4)	October Friday 25th (4)	November Friday 29th (5)	December Friday 27th Recorded & Posted (4)

*Draws will take place during Celebration Assembly. Where no assembly takes place the numbers will be drawn by Mr Porter or Mrs Calvert-Lyons and sealed in an envelope for revealing on the draw date.



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Morning Routine Changes

Dear Parents,

Following our Teacher Training Day on Tuesday where we have been looking at ways of improving outcomes for all pupils, particularly in writing, we have decided to trial a new morning routine starting from next week on Monday 28th January 2019.

The gates will be open at 8.40 am as normal but from now on, the children will come straight into their classroom so that they can have a go at a **SODA (Start Of Day Activity) CHALLENGE** where they work independently to complete a task without too much teacher input. They will be supervised by their class teacher but complete the challenge themselves. So the children will not be outside on the playground in the morning, they will hang their coats and bags up and get into class to complete their SODA task straight away.

We feel that this will bring a number of benefits for the pupils as they:

- will be able to settle down to work much quicker so no valuable learning time will be lost.
- will develop their independent learning skills; doing things for themselves.
- will grow an inner resilience to face challenges and succeed on their own.
- will improve their basic literacy skills which will have a positive impact on English work in class.
- will get into the right mind-set for their day of learning quicker.
- will not be suffering any playground related injuries first thing.

The gates will close at 8.50 am as normal and I am not saying that the children have to be in school any earlier however, they will miss out on their SODA challenge or have less time to complete it if they are not here before 8.50 am or are late. I am really excited by this new initiative and I know that the children will enjoy it too.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. Porter

