

★ 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 13th December 2019



Autumn 2 - Week 14

This week we pray for these special people!



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ACADEMY TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020
New Term Begins	Monday 2nd Sept	Monday 6th January	Monday 27th April
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 25th October	Friday 14th February	Friday 22nd May
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 4th Nov	Monday 24th February	Monday 1st June
Term Ends	Friday 20th Dec	Thursday 9th April	Friday 17th July

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

All Parent Workshops are now complete. We had Year 6's on Wednesday and great fun was had by everyone. I would like to thank all parents who took the time to attend and to all my staff for preparing the workshops so well. Thank you.

The KS1 Nativity Performances this week were amazing!!! I was so proud of the children who performed brilliantly for their parents; singing and acting with such confidence and passion. It really was a pleasure to watch them. My thanks go to all of my Staff who prepared the children so well, the costumes in particular were very impressive. I thank all the parents who came to watch. The CAFOD collection afterwards raised an impressive £130.75 - Thank you for your generosity.

Yesterday was the annual Senior Parishioners Christmas lunch and Year 6 went over to the Parish Hall to sing Christmas songs as entertainment and help serve the food to the visitors. They did themselves and our school proud.

Next week is a busy week as we draw the term to a close. I have put more details inside this newsletter so please make sure you check what is happening. It is the KS2 Christmas Concert on Tuesday evening at 6.00 pm in Church. Once again we look to you for your support with your present donations for the Salvation Army. We have Christmas Dinner, Christmas Parties & KS1 Film night on Wednesday 18th, Whole School End of Term Mass & KS2 Disco on Thursday 19th then Christmas Jumper Day & break up for the Christmas holiday on Friday 20th @ 2.00 pm.

God Bless...



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 14

School Fund will continue...

Direct Debit

You should all have received a new Standing Order form for your School Fund contributions, please can you complete and return it to school as soon as possible so that we can get your School Fund set up again. If you need a new form, please ask.

School Fund Account Details.

Account Number: 30048268

Sort Code: 30 98 37

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 will keep you informed, please read this information carefully.

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM & CLOTHING IS CLEARLY LABELLED**
- **Photos and Videos**—Please can I remind all parents that we no longer allow parents to take photos or make videos of the children during any assembly or school event for reasons of safeguarding. Thank you for cooperating.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Friday 20th December @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Year 3 First Holy Communion Date**—Sunday 3rd May 2020.
- **Year 6 Confirmation Date**—Saturday 27th June @ 5.00 pm.
- **Parish & School Christmas Fair Success!!!!**—Thank you to everyone who helped to organise, set up or attended the Christmas Fair last Saturday, it was a lovely event, as always! The total profit raised on the day was £1466.20 which will be split evenly between the school and Parish so £733.10 for each. Well done everyone and thank you for the support.
- **Year 6 PGL Residential**—Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June 2020.
- **Year 5 Alton Castle Retreat**—Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th June 2020.
- **SPFA Christmas Events for Children**—Our amazing SPFA have organised a Christmas Film Night for Key Stage 1 on Wednesday 18th December after school from 3.30—4.45 pm. Then a Christmas Disco Night for Key Stage 2 on Thursday 19th December after school from 3.30—5.15 pm.
- **Are your children staying safe online?** - Please can I remind parents to be vigilant and monitor what your child is doing online. A few incidents have been brought to my attention about the **ROBLOX** game that some children are playing. There is a social media messaging element to this game where your child can be contacted by people they do not know. This is very dangerous as I have heard of very inappropriate, threatening and offensive language being used and directed at some of our children online. Please keep a close eye on what your child is being exposed to. I have enclosed a safety leaflet on Page 7 of this newsletter for more information. Thank you.
- **Next Weeks Timetable of Christmas Events**—There is a lot going on next week, please read the following and hopefully you'll be up to speed:
 - ⇒ Tuesday 17th December
 - * KS2 Christmas Carol Concert @ 6.00 pm in Church
 - ⇒ Wednesday 18th December
 - * Christmas Dinner - KS2 Order & pay on ParentMail
 - * Christmas Parties in class - Whole School Non-Uniform/Party Clothes
 - * SPFA Christmas Film for KS1 @ 3.30 - 4.45 pm
 - ⇒ Thursday 19th December
 - * Whole School End of Term Mass @ 9.15 am - Led by Year 5
 - * SPFA Christmas Disco for KS2 @ 3.30 - 5.15 pm. KS2 can wear own clothes if they are going to the disco. Uniform for everyone else.
 - ⇒ Friday 20th December
 - * Christmas Jumper Day for Whole School (Free)
 - * Break Up for Christmas Holiday @ 2.00 pm
- **St John Paul II Multi Academy Staff Vacancies**—We have a number of vacancies within the Academy that are advertised on our website, to find out more please visit the website: <http://johnpaulii.co.uk/vacancies>

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

KS2 Christmas Carol Concert in Church
Tuesday 17th December @ 6.00 pm

School Christmas Dinner for children
Wednesday 18th December @ 12 pm

Christmas Party Day - Party Clothes
Wednesday 18th December 2019

SPFA Christmas Film for KS1
Wed 18th Dec @ 3.30 - 4.45 pm

Whole School End of Term Mass - Y5
Thursday 19th December @ 9.15 am

SPFA Christmas Disco for KS2
Thurs 19th Dec @ 3.30 - 5.15 pm

SPFA Christmas Jumper Day & Break Up for Christmas Holiday @ 2.00 pm
Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term Starts for everyone
Monday 6th January @ 8.50 am

Whole School Start of Term Mass
Thursday 9th January @ 9.15 am

Maths Week
Mon 20th - Fri 24th January 2019

Y3 & Y6 Parents Sacramental Meeting
Wednesday 22nd January @ 5.30 pm

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 2nd September 2019
- Monday 30th September 2019
- Friday 29th November 2019
- Monday 24th February 2020
- One more to be confirmed...

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
- Y5 & 6 Football Club
- Coding Club

Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
- KS2 Monster Craft
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Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
- Y5 & 6 Girls Football
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Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
- KS1 Monster Craft
- Y5 & 6 Girls Football Club

Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)
- Y3 & 4 Football Club
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SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 19th December 2019 @ 9.15 am
Whole School Mass - Led by Year 5
End of Term



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... Reception Class

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.net

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 – Please note this will increase to **£2.35 per day (£11.75 per week)** with effect from **30th April 2019**. 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.



Warming up with hot

chocolate



Warming up after their walk to the post box to deliver their letters to Father Christmas. Well done Reception.

Thought for our Diocesan Virtues
Autumn 2- Attentive & Discerning

Our pupils are taught that it is important to be *attentive*; pay attention to the big and small things and the responses of other people. Be *discerning*; by using what we have learned to decide what is the right thing to do and be who God has called us to be.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: Why is an island like the letter T?

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

Last weeks answer was:
... the letter W ...

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer for all Human Life

Lord and giver of all life,
help us to value each person,
created in love by you.

In your mercy,
guide and assist our efforts to promote
the dignity and value of all human life,
born and unborn.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve—Tuesday 24th December

Family Mass @ 5.00 pm

Christmas Carol Concert @ 8.30 pm

Solemn Mass @ 9.00 pm

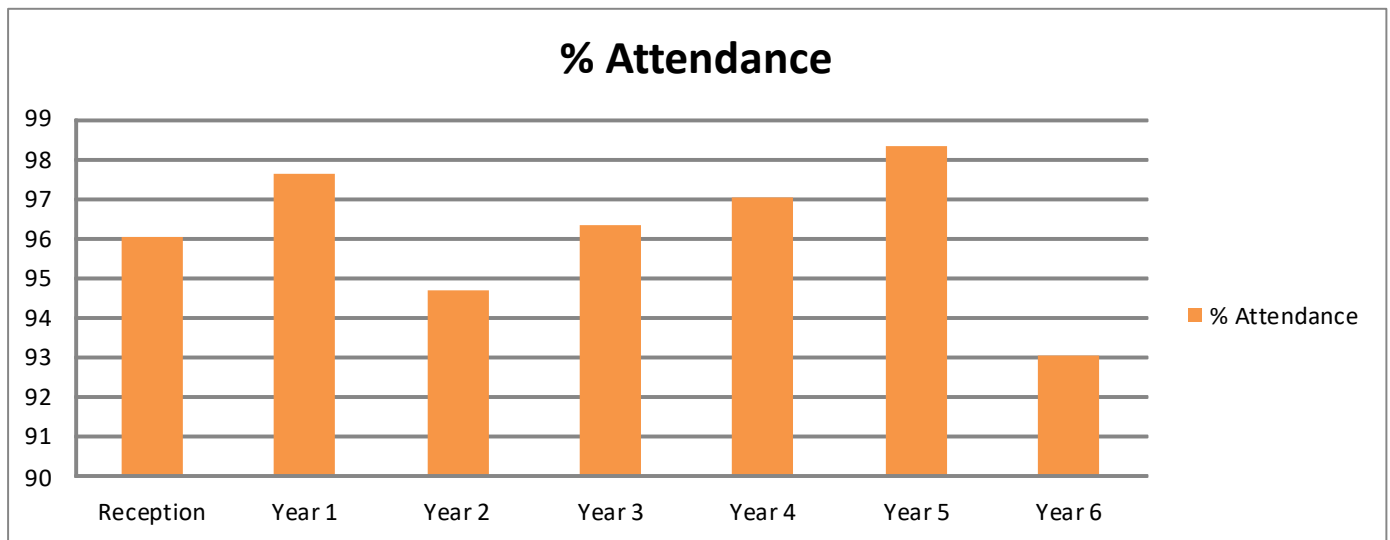
Christmas Day—Wednesday 25th December

Parish Christmas Mass @ 9.30 am

See Church Bulletin for more details

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 2nd December – 6th December 2019 = 96.12%



Congratulations to Year 5 for their 98.33% attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Joanna Adjei, Finton Dockery, Finley Kibble



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:

- **Reception - Stefan Lijo**
- **Year 1 — Isobelle Thompson**
- **Year 2 — Olivia Kardas**
- **Year 3 — Mia Floyd**
- **Year 4 — Mercedes Nortey**
- **Year 5 — Eliza Hillier**
- **Year 6 — Whole Class**



House Points

Weekly-	St Peter	236
	St Paul	86
	Our Lady	108
	St Joseph	202
Termly-	St Peter	1474
	St Paul	1371
	Our Lady	1674
	St Joseph	1756



**Congratulations St. Peter!!!
Our Weekly Winners.**

**Congratulations St. Joseph!!!
Our Termly Winners**

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)

"Feliz Navidad"

means... Merry Christmas.



Leading Light Club

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**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
£232.50
Friday 29th November 2019
Ball 86 - Mr Adam Stack
Well done to you!!!

DECEMBER

17th

KS2 Carol
Concert

18th

KS1
Christmas
Disco/Movie -
3.30pm -
4.45pm

19th

KS2
Christmas
Disco -
3.30pm -
5.15pm

20th

Christmas
Jumper Day -
FREE

19 5

30 10

SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates 2019

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



According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play.' For those of you who are unfamiliar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**

ROBLOX STUDIO

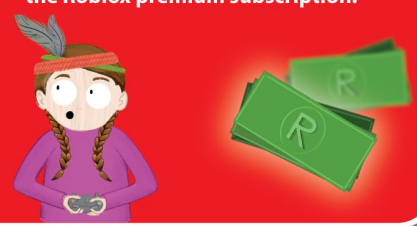
The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and to remove games from the platform Roblox relies on people reporting negative/violent content.

CHATTING & FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means that both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.

ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux,' which works as a currency within the platform and enables the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the ability to earn a lot of 'Robux.' Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



**National
Online
Safety**

Top Tips for Parents

ALERT!

Tell your children to be careful and to think twice before they click any random advert or popup. There are a lot of phishing scams that advertise free Robux etc. with the intent of stealing your child's personal information.

UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account information. If they are, advise them to set them to private or remove them from their account. This will ensure that nobody will be able to find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2-STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great two-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and generally doing something in the game to spoil their gameplay. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will enable you to restrict how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you want to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they cannot contact anyone, including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

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