

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 12th October 2018

Autumn 1 - Week 06

This week we pray for these special people! - Year 2



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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 06

Reception	N/A
Year 1	£7.00
Year 2	£11.62
Year 3	£17.50
Year 4	£30.75
Year 5	£6.00
Year 6	£3.00
Total	£75.87

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

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

An emotional week as we said goodbye to Mrs Pearce. The special assembly went very well, she didn't want a big fuss but we couldn't let her go without a little fuss instead! She was delighted with the gifts, cards, flowers and good wishes from the children, staff, governors and parents. I thank you all for taking the time to give this special lady the send off she deserves! Well done to all who contributed.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

A big thank you to Miss Ghanbari and the children of Year 2 for the lovely KS1 Mass yesterday. I was so impressed with the reading and the way the children conducted themselves but I was blown away by the beautiful singing, it really was a treat for the congregation to hear such a special, heartfelt sound.

Please don't forget the SPFA Disco tonight. The whole school community is welcome to attend as we make our new reception families feel part of the wider school and Parish community. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Parents Evening appointments live on Monday from 9.00 am via ParentMail. Please log on early to avoid disappointment, particularly if you are trying to get 2 separate appointments on the same night. I will try my best to help if there are any issues.

Parent Workshops are back! Please look out for the date and time of the workshop for your child's class and make every effort to attend. It is a great way of seeing how well your child is working in school and learning how you can support them at home.

The Academy Consultation Closes today at 5.00 pm, thank you for your input and questions. I have sent the minutes of the Parent Consultation Meeting out to Parents via ParentMail but, for those that haven't seen them yet, I have attached them to this newsletter too. Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless... CHECK OUT PAGE 7 FOR FLOSSATHON INFO...

NEWS

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

- **Mrs Pearce would like to thank all staff and parents for all the wonderful cards, gifts and good wishes. She will miss everyone; children, parents and staff. Thank you all for your support and kindness over the years.**
- **SPFA Reception Welcome 'Monster Mash' Disco**—Tonight we are holding our welcome disco for our Reception families in the Parish Hall. The first hour is for Reception families only then they will be joined by the rest of the school community from 7.00 pm. Please see the SPFA page on this news-letter for more details. See Kristina or Kelly for tickets or you can now book your tickets online at www.pta-events.co.uk/spfa. C U There!
- **Children's School Uniform**—Please can I remind all parents that every item of school uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name. The number of lost items is growing already! Can I also remind parents that your child's uniform is their own responsibility, not my staff's responsibility.
- **School Open Afternoon**—For those parents looking to send their child here for Reception Class in September 2019, we are holding our annual open afternoon event on Tuesday 23rd October @ 1.30 - 3.00 pm. Please spread the word to anyone you know who has a child the right age and those who are interested in applying for a place here. They will need to fill out our own additional application form which will be available on the day.
- **Parents Evening Dates**—We will be holding our Autumn Term Parents Evenings on Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th October @ 3.30 - 6.00 pm. The appointments will be available for booking via the ParentMail system from Monday 15th October @ 9.00 am, you will receive a notification.
- **Swimming**—Y5 will need their kit for the next 2 weeks on Thursday.
- **Year 4 Fundraiser**—Year 4 will be holding a fundraiser on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th October at break time in school and after school outside on the driveway. This is to help raise funds toward the cost of their trip coach. Any extra funds raised will go into school fund for all year groups like last year. Activities include at Treasure Hunt, Cake Sale, Decorating Biscuits, Bath Bomb Sale and Name the Bear. Any help would be greatly appreciated.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Thursday 25th October between 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Admissions for Reception Class September 2019** — Please be aware the e-admissions online application entry opened up on 3rd September on the Birmingham City Council website. There is **NO** paper application available for 2019, all applications **MUST** be submitted via the website. If parents do not have access to a computer or tablet then you can either visit your local library to use a computer there, or you may pop into school where we will arrange for a computer here to be available.
- **Late Collection of Children at the end of the school day**—If your child is not collected by 3.45 pm, they will be taken over to Leading Light Club in the Parish Hall and you will be charged £8.00 per child for the session. Please phone if you're going to be late.
- **FLOSSATHON FOR FUNDING**—Next Friday, we are holding a whole school 'FLOSSATHON' for children, staff & parents from 1.45 - 2.00 pm at the end of Celebration Assembly in the school hall. It is free for all to take part so just pop in before you collect your child. See the attached sheet for info.



SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 18th October 2018 @ 9.15 am
Key Stage 2 Children & Families - 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

Academy Consultation Closes @ 5 pm
Friday 12th October 2018

SPFA Reception Welcome Disco
Friday 12th October @ 6.00 pm

Y6 - KS2 School Mass
Thursday 18th October @ 9.15 am

FLOSSATHON FOR FUNDING
Friday 19th October @ 1.45 - 2.00 pm

School Open Afternoon
Tuesday 23rd October @ 1.30 pm

Parents Evening @ 3.30 - 6.00 pm
Wed 24th & Thurs 25th October

Y3 - KS1 School Mass
Thursday 25th October @ 9.15 am

Break Up for Half-Term Holiday
Friday 26th October @ 2.00 pm

School Open for Autumn Term 2
Monday 5th November @ 8.50 am

Y5 - KS2 School Mass
Thursday 8th November @ 9.15 am

School Photographs
Monday 12th November 2018

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Tuesday 4th September 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Monday 29th April 2019
- One To Be Confirmed

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5&6 Football Club

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Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS2 Monster Craft Club

- Y5&6 Multi-Skills

Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS1 Monster Craft Club

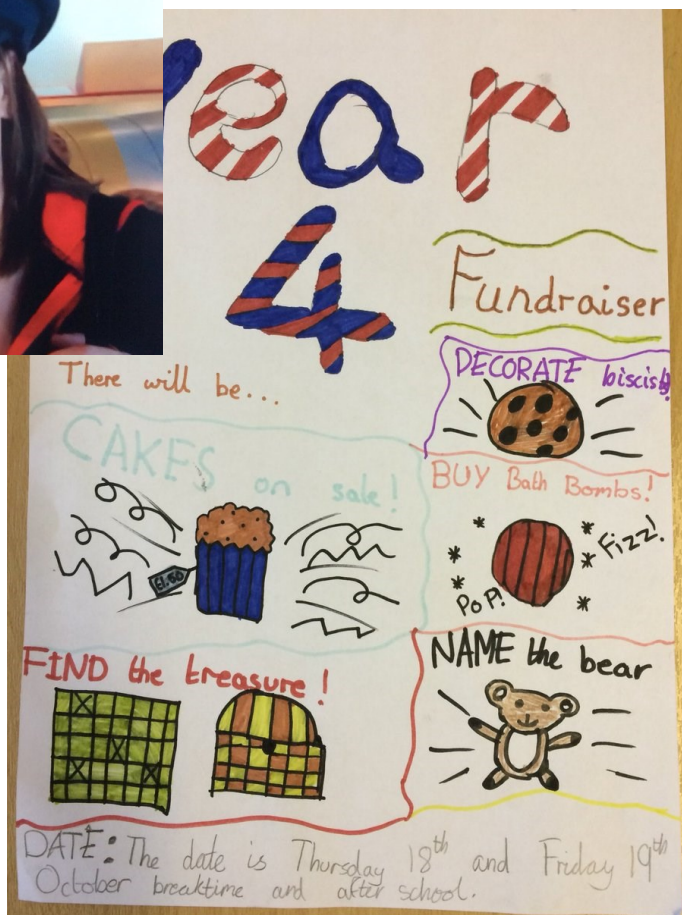
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Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

- Y3&4 Football Club

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This week in school... Goodbye Mrs Pearce. Thank you for everything!



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

Autumn 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* to all of our neighbours by their just actions and forgiving words.
We live and learn in the light of Christ.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: If you threw a White stone into the Red Sea, what would it become?

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

Last weeks answer was:
...A do-you-think-he-saw-us...

Prayer of the Week!!!

A Prayer for Peace

Father of love, hear my prayer.
Help me to know Your Will
and to do it with courage and faith.
Accept my offering of myself,
all my thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings.
May my life be spent giving You glory.
Give me the strength to follow Your call,
so that Your Truth may live in my heart
and bring peace to me and to those I meet,
for I believe in Your Love.
Amen.

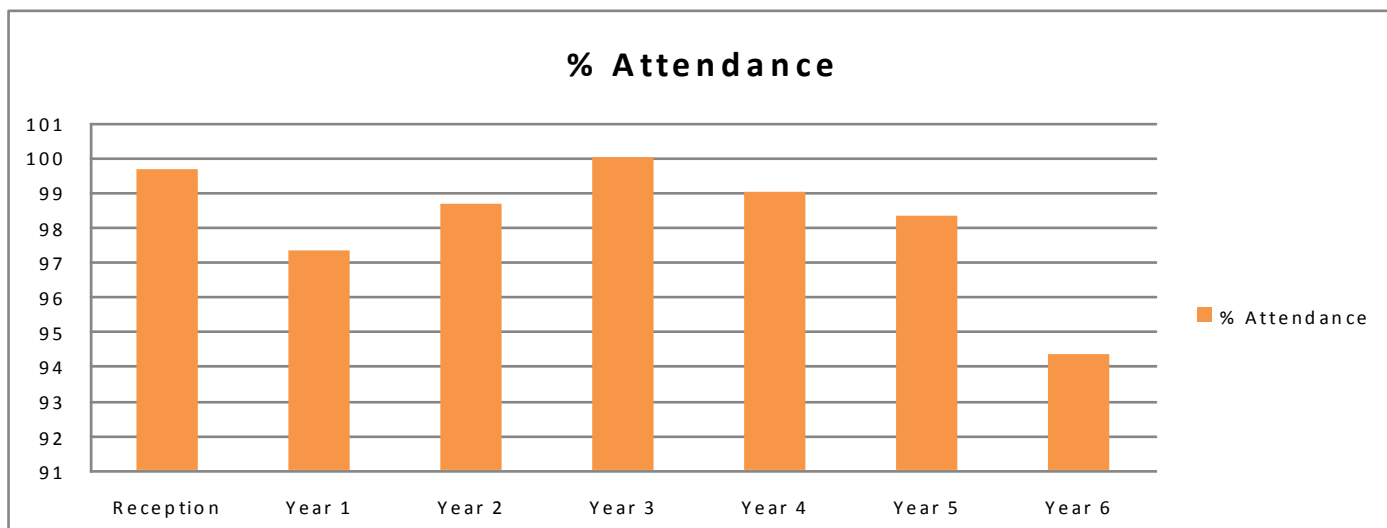
Parish Events

Parish Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 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 September 1st October to 5th October 2018 = 98.17%



Congratulations to Year 3 well done for their excellent attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Alice Cushion, Alex Swithenbank-Wilson.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- **Reception — Sandra Pracz**
- **Year 1 — Josephine James**
- **Year 2 — Whole Class for the lovely Mass**
- **Year 3 — Mercedes Nortey**
- **Year 4 — Joel Ejiogu**
- **Year 5 — Tayler-James Roe**
- **Year 6 — Jesse Ejiogu**



House Points

Saint Peter	141
Saint Paul	138
Our Lady	131
Saint Joseph	94



**Well done to St. Peter 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

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)

"Necesito un doctor"

means... I need a doctor.



Leading Light Club

Contact Details

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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 Reception Class

Welcome Disco &



**Come In
Fancy Dress**

SPFA SCHOOL UNIFORM

See the attached order form for any new uniform, especially the 'Winter Uniform' for after half-term.

Get your order in asap to avoid disappointment.

Order forms are available from the Entrance Hall or SPFA Page
www.pta-events.co.uk/spfa

Date:	Friday 12th October 2018
Reception Class Families	18:00pm
Rest of the School	19:00pm
Where:	SS Peter & Paul Church Hall
Adult	£3.50
Child	£2.50
Family of 4	£10.00
Family of 5	£11.00

For tickets see Kristina or Kelly or alternatively book online at:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/spfa>



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SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates

January Friday 26th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small>	February Monday 26th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small>	March Thursday 29th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> <small>May change if no assembly</small>	April Friday 27th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small>
May Friday 25th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small>	June Friday 29th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small>	July Friday 27th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> <small>Recorded & Reported</small>	August Friday 31st <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> <small>Recorded & Reported</small>
September Friday 28th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small>	October Friday 26th	November Friday 30th	December Friday 28th

* Dates may move

** Draws will take place during Celebration Assembly with the exception of July and August these draws will take place with two SPFA members

Flossathon 4 Funding!



On Friday the 19th October children, teachers, parents and many more people will be flossing for funding. We are doing this to ask the Government to put desperately needed money into schools budgets. The real term funding cuts that schools are facing is a national crisis and we want to show that we are united in saying **'Fund our Futures'**.

*You can floss at school, at home, at the gym or at work. Take a photo or a short video and share it on social media with this message:

Listen to teachers, parents and pupils, we must end the school funding crisis #budget2018 #parentsteachersunite #floss4funding @DamienHinds @PhilipHammondUK @JackDromeyMP

Our 'flossathon' is on Friday 19th October @ 1.45 - 2.00 pm in the School Hall straight after our 'Celebration Assembly'.

Everyone is welcome so please come along and join us to show your support. Please share any photos or videos to help raise awareness using the message above. Thank you for your support.

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School Uniform



Place your order by completing this form and returning it either to Kristina Moore at school or katie@admerchandise.co.uk – Mobile: 07748 685 998 or 07415 360 558.

Forms must be completed or you can also e-mail: katie@admerchandise.co.uk – we are not able to accept orders through text, social media or messenger.

You can also place your order and pay online if you prefer at: www.pta-events.co.uk – if you click on uniform and merchandise this shows a full list of all the uniform available.

We have uniform samples available in all sizes. If you are unsure of which size your child will need, please contact Kristina Moore: 07415 360 558 to arrange a fitting.

Please note that a donation from each order you place will go back to the SPFA to be used towards funds for the school.

Your order should be ready to collect/delivered to school within 2 weeks, during busy summer periods orders may take 2/3 weeks.

Please make sure all orders are accompanied with payment. You can pay using cash, bank transfer direct to the SPFA or with a cheque. Cheques should be made payable to SPFA. If you choose to order through www.pta-events.co.uk you can also pay through the website.

Any returned cheques due to insufficient funds will incur a charge.

PLEASE SEND A SEPARATE ORDER FORM FOR EACH CHILD

Parent Name & Mobile Number

Address

CHILD'S NAME (Please print clearly) Date of Order

(Please tick the relevant box below)

Deliver items to school: ☐




Collect from Katie: ☐

Deliver items to home: ☐






Payment Method: Cash: ☐

SPFA Bank Transfer: ☐

(see next page for bank account details)

GARMENT:	QUANTITY:	SIZE:	Sizes available:	PRICE:	TOTAL:
 <p>Banner Twin Pack Long Sleeve Boys shirt Colour: Tussore</p>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Collar: 11", 11.5", 12", 12.5", 13", 13.5", 14"	£15.00 per pack	<input type="text"/>
 <p>Banner Twin Pack Long Sleeve Girls shirt Colour: Tussore</p>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Chest: 22", 24", 26", 28", 30", 32", 34"	£15.00 per pack	<input type="text"/>
 <p>Woodbank Polo Shirt Colour: Gold</p>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12	£9.00 Each	<input type="text"/>

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GARMENT:	QUANTITY:	SIZE:	Sizes available:	PRICE:	TOTAL:
 Amber A Line Junior Skirt Colour: Brown	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 9-10, 11-12, 13	£12.00 per pack	£ <input type="text"/>
 Tenby Double Box Pleat Pinafore Colour: Brown	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 9-10, 11-12	£19.00 Each	£ <input type="text"/>
 Avon Zip-Fronted Corded Gingham Dress Colour: Yellow	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 9-10, 11-12	£13.50 Each	£ <input type="text"/>
 Rowlinson Courtelle Acrylic V-Neck Jumper Colour: Brown	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Chest: 24", 26", 28", 30" Chest: 32", 34", 36", 38"	£16.00 Each £19.00 Each	£ <input type="text"/>
 Rowlinson Courtelle Acrylic Cardigan Colour: Brown	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Chest: 24", 26", 28", 30" Chest: 32", 34", 36", 38"	£17.00 Each £20.00 Each	£ <input type="text"/>
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PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE UNABLE TO PROCESS ORDERS WITHOUT PRIOR PAYMENT

SPFA Bank Details for Bank Transfer:
 Sort Code: 77-85-41 Bank Account: 41677660

Signature:

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School
 Kingsbury Road, Erdington
 Birmingham B24 9ND



SS PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
MINUTES OF THE PARENTS MEETING REGARDING ACADEMY CONVERSION.
Held at 5.00pm on Thursday 27th September 2018 in the School Hall

Present: Neil Porter (HT), Emma Calvert-Lyons DHT, John Farrell (John Paul II Academy), Emma Samuel (John Paul II Academy)

In attendance was Wendy Wright Minute taker.

Welcome and introductions

- NP opened the meeting to remind the parents that the consultation process for conversion to Multi Academy opened on 17th September 2018. Consultation has taken place with staff, Union Reps and parent stakeholders and the wider stakeholders i.e., the Erdington MP and local businesses and other local schools.
- NP will be putting an anonymous box in the school entrance hall if any parents have any questions that they would like to ask regarding the academisation conversion.
- NP stated that the Governing Body decision to join a Multi Academy was made at the right time and with the right Multi Academy. The primary reason for conversion is to protect the future of Catholic Education as directed by the Diocese. We would like to ensure that we protect the Catholic Schools now and in the future and maintain standards in growth and development. At the moment there are many services that we have to pay for example, school nurses, Pupil School Support, Payroll, HR, ICT etc. As an academy we will be in charge of our own destiny and be able to purchase services as a group at reasonable prices.
- NP shared a presentation with the parents at the meeting on the vision for the future upon joining the Multi Academy. This will be made available for all parents to see and will be sent out attached to the newsletter this week.

Items Discussed:-

- The Board of Directors shared vision for the Catholic ethos of the Academy. NP explained the Board of Directors set up which is 14 Directors, 8 Foundation, 2 Staff and 2 Parents. They all offer accountability and support.
- Funding – Savings can be made on purchases of services and will be more cost effective, which in turn will allow money to be spent on teaching and learning.
- The Mission statement was discussed and the continual path for pupils through Primary to Secondary. Best practice and the sharing of ideas and support specialists. Whole Multi Academy training for staff will also take place. Staff will also have the opportunity for development, help and support, and secondment placement opportunities if they arise.
- School term dates will be in line with the Academy dates. There will be no change in the admissions procedure to either Primary or Secondary Schools. The budget will remain the same but will come from Central Government instead of Local Government.
- The conversion date will be 1st December 2018.

NP asked the parents if they had any questions following the presentation, there is an e-mail address set up for any questions that parents wish to ask. NP stated the closing date for any questions will be 12th October at 5 pm. There will be a Governors meeting to discuss the questions to which they will be answered before we convert to Academy:-

- The parents felt that the presentation NP gave was very informative. NP will arrange to attach a copy of the presentation to the weekly newsletter so that all the parents can see it.
- A parent asked how many schools will be in the Multi Academy – JF stated one secondary at the moment although another may be joining next year, we will have five primary schools and another one may join next year. JF stated that by all working together we could provide a stronger and richer school community offering support to each other. We want the children to be happy. SS Mary & John School has made good progress, they have been fully supported by the Multi Academy and are now in a stronger position. NP commented that we will benefit from joining the MAC, we are all equal partners.
- Parent asked about fundraising and the School & Parent, Family Association, will the fundraising be for SS Peter & Paul School or will it go elsewhere? NP confirmed that the fundraising will still be used for the benefit of SS Peter & Paul School. The school budget is still for our school.
- Parent asked if we could purchase goods outside of the market. ES commented that we could, the MAC are currently working with the Department for Education in looking for quotes for certain services. So we do have purchasing power. JF stated that the MAC had already saved money on photo copying by negotiating a contract for all the schools with a saving of £30,000.
- Parent asked about the amount of pupils and funding. JF stated that once we get over 3,000 pupils we have access to extra capital funding in which we will then have a strategic plan to spend the money. Each school will have the opportunity to submit a bid. JF stated that Bishop Walsh School have recently received funds for roofing. Parent asked how many pupils the MAC have so far, JF stated that they have 1,800 at the moment, when the Primary schools join and St Edmund Campion we will have over 3,000 pupils.
- Parent asked, how soon will we see savings made? NP commented that all contracts will be looked at for services to see if we can stop them or replace them with a better deal. JF stated that we need best for all the schools and better control of services that we use.
- Parent asked if the staff would be TUPED over and would the pension etc remain the same. NP stated that it would remain the same. Parent commented that they noticed on the MAC Annual Report showed a pension deficit. JF stated that that would be the Local Government pension scheme; we currently pay a top slice to Birmingham City Council. This would go to the MAC instead who then guarantees £27,000 per year for twenty one years. The MAC have put plans in place, the amount will be re calculated every 3 years, it is effectively like a mortgage debt that needs to be repaid over time. SS Peter & Paul School will be calculated, some schools may have a difference if they have long term staff in place.
- Parent asked JF and ES what their work background was. JF stated that he has a History Degree, has taught at Bishop Walsh School then taught for eight years at St Edmund Campion School. Then went back to Bishop Walsh where he was appointed as Head Teacher and has now been seconded for one year to help with the MAC changes and growth. ES stated that she has set up a Multi Academy in Sparkhill, then employed as Head of Operations at John Paul II Academy, previously worked in HR and for the Ministry of Justice.

NP asked the parents if there were any further questions. As there were no further questions the meeting was closed. Thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes signed by:-



Neil Porter
Head Teacher



SS Peter & Paul Academy Consultation

Parents Consultation Meeting

Thursday 27th September 2018 @ 5.00 pm

Consultation Period:

Monday 17th September – Friday 12th October 2018



Why change?

- Archdiocese of Birmingham directive to secure the future of Catholic education
- Local Authority support is dwindling in terms of quality and quantity
- Local Authority funding stream may be at risk
- Additional funds in addition to our current budgets (we get a percentage of the top slice currently kept by LA to provide services)
- Governors and school management need to protect the schools and build for the future
- Allows the schools to grow and develop and maintain standards
- Gives the schools the freedom it will need in the future

What is a MAC?

- **What is a Multi-Academy Company?** - MAC consists of individual academies run by a Board of Directors. [B of D]
- **Why the Trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham believe in MAC model** - Diocese needs to consider the longevity of VA schools - Bishop appoints B of D for Multi-Academy Company model.
- **Current collaboration of North Birmingham Schools:**
 - Long standing links through our Catholic Cluster Group and transition from primary to secondary.
 - Strong relationships, learning from each other, building trust and shared vision in changing landscape.
 - Understand need for change to strengthen our provision and common good to secure Catholic education.
- **Governance**
 - The principles of governance are the same in academies as in maintained schools, but the governors have greater autonomy.
 - MAC is made up of Board of Directors: 14 Directors - Foundation Directors x8, (4 of C of G, + 4 other Foundation Directors – **criteria**), **elected** Staff x2, **elected** Parents x2 plus **elected** Principals x2.
- **Board of Directors**
 - Directors have the rights/freedoms to set the strategic vision and drive improvement across all the academies.
 - The legal and strategic powers of the Board of Directors can be used to break down barriers at a very local level for collaborative practice, easy to achieve.
 - The Directors delegate some operational control to individual academy to **Academy Committees** though a Scheme of Delegation made up of Academy Representatives.
- **Funding**
 - Greater freedom over how they use their budgets to best benefit their students.
- **Accountability**
 - Each Principal via committee of principals will feedback to B of D,
 - Each academy held to account to Academy Committee local level.
 - All Ofsted and RE Section 48 inspections separate.

What would be the main benefits of our school becoming a multi academy?

- **Fulfilling our Catholic Mission and strengthening the Catholic Community**
 - Strengthen the Catholic life of children and families in Erdington & Sutton Coldfield
 - Provide support for Catholic Education outside Erdington, Sutton Coldfield and the wider community
- **Teaching, Learning and professional development**
 - To secure outstanding attainment and progress for our children in all aspects of development – the whole child.
 - Taking and sharing the best practice from each school.
 - An increase in peer to peer support
 - Strengthening and sharing of specialist knowledge and expertise
- **Leadership and Management**
 - Strengthen our autonomy and power to innovate
 - Strategic formal commitment – working together will be structured and binding and not optional
 - Provide support and challenge
 - Multi academy status helps us to organise the support we need which would otherwise have been provided by LA (no longer available).
 - It will ensure high attainment and achievement is sustained and where needed and possible improved.
- **Economies of scale/ deployment of resources**
 - Support for our schools where areas of development identified to secure rapid progress in self improvement and possibly if there are temporary staffing difficulties
 - To plan and organise support beyond our schools for weaker local Catholic schools to secure self improvement and DfE expectations

What would change?

- Freedom from local authority control
- Freedoms around the delivery of the curriculum
- The ability to change the lengths of terms and school days.
- The ability to set own pay and conditions for staff
- Shared overall Governance 'Board of Directors'
- Appointments of HT and DHT by B of D
- Shared long term vision, additional funding available to MAC's with larger pupil numbers.
- Strategic formal commitment – working together will be structured and binding.
- Strategic appointments could be made to work across all schools
 - eg. *Y5 to Y8 teaching strategies. MFL teaching across KS2,3,4*
- Developing new approaches to: accountability; collaborative practice; distributed and collective leadership; team-work; use of budgets; and deployment of resources, human, financial and material; etc.
- Ofsted judgements frozen. Schools have no Ofsted category status until their next visit.
- Strength in resources when offering outreach to support others.
- Huge financial savings through collaborative ordering and shared services.

What would stay the same?

- High academic standards.
- Each school would retain its Catholic Ethos, mission, name and character.
- Each governing body (academy committee) will continue to be responsible for its own school.
- Budget for each school to be the same initially.
- All staff continue to be employed on same terms and conditions on conversion. (TUPE).
- Pensions will be protected and will continue in the future in accordance with other prevailing developments.
- Links with existing networks to be retained by individual schools.
- OfSTED - will still come!



We would like to hear your
views

Any questions ?

Contact:

academyconsultation@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk

Or

Put a note in the box in the entrance hall