

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



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

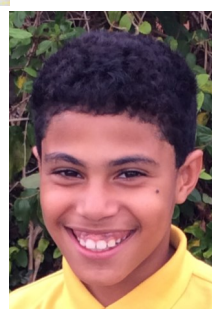
Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 28th April 2017

Week 28

This week we pray for these special people!



Lucy  
Isabella  
Matthew  
Joseph  
Kieran  
Akeela  
David



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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,

Welcome back for the Summer Term, I hope you all had a good Easter break. It has already been an eventful start! I would like to thank you all for your support and patience as we have temporarily moved Leading Light Club into the school hall following the discovery of asbestos in the Parish Hall. I would like to assure parents that the asbestos has been removed and dealt with professionally, it caused no danger to staff or pupils before it was discovered under an existing floor covering which was being replaced last week and it will cause no future risk or danger now that it has been removed and treated. The new floor has been started today but is not finished so Leading Light Club will still be in school on Tuesday next week.



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

This term we also have the 'pleasure' of Year 6 SAT's on Monday 8th to Thursday 11th of May. I am so proud of all of the children for their effort and hard work and just want them to know that I will continue to be proud of them whatever they achieve. They do not need to worry about them, just try their best, it's all we can ask. We also have the genuine pleasure that is Y3 Sacrament of the Eucharist where the children receive the Body of Christ for the first time. It is always such a special event for the school and Parish community... See you on Sunday 21st May @ 10.30 am.

We warmly welcome a new pupil, Aimee Nupa and her family, into Year 2 and the wider SS Peter & Paul School Community. I know you will all make her feel welcome and help her settle into her new school brilliantly.

Please don't forget that school is closed this Monday 1st May for the Bank Holiday. Let's pray for some good weather so we can get outside and enjoy ourselves. See you all back in school on Tuesday 2nd May. **Non-Uniform next Friday 5th May for £1.00.**

**God Bless.** Just to clarify we are **OPEN** next Thursday, we are not a polling station!

## 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	£7.00
Year 5	£19.37
Year 6	£7.06
Total	£91.05

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.**

- **Protect Erdington Schools Funding Meeting for Parents**—I'm sure you have seen in the news the proposed government budget cuts to education funding. This will have a direct impact on all schools but particularly schools in Erdington. I am part of a group of Erdington Head Teachers who are organising an information evening for parents to give a clear understanding of the implication this will have on the day to day running of our school. You are all invited to attend: St. Edmund Campion Secondary School on Thursday 11th May @ 7 pm. I hope to see you there. See letter attached.
- **SPFA Talent Show Final**—Friday 5th May in the Hollyfields Club at 7.30 pm is the Talent Show Final, this promises to be another fantastic event with some amazingly talented acts performing before the DJ helps finish the night off with a disco. Tickets are still available (Contact Kristina Moore on 07950815868). To help raise funds next Friday will be Non-Uniform for £1.
- **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.
- **School Meal Increase**— Unfortunately the City Council have increased the cost of school meals from 1st April to £2.25 per day (£11.25 per week). We have implemented the change with effect from 25th April 2017. Dinners for week commencing 2nd May (Tuesday to Friday) will cost £9.00.
- **HSBC Bank**— Mrs Lowe the lady from HSBC Bank will be in on Wednesday 3rd May to bank any monies that Years 3 to 6 pupils may have saved recently to deposit into their account.
- **Teacher Training Day**—School will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 17th May so that the school staff can undertake training.
- **Year 4 & 5 Football Team Success**—Congratulations to the boys who won all their games without conceding a goal on Tuesday this week to qualify for the Birmingham School's Football Association 7-a-side final at Bodymoor Heath next Friday. Well done Luke Drust, Jayden Ray, Archie Moore, Liam Shanahan, Joseph Bailey, Jaiy Leydon & James Hughes. Thank you Mr Moore and Mr Leydon for their help and support. Superstars!
- **Netball Match**—On Wednesday after school, our Year 6 girls played their first netball match, a friendly against St. Nicholas. All our girls played very well and represented our school excellently but unfortunately lost the match. Well done Megan Campbell, Elizabeth Carter, Sienna Miller, Scarlett Leishenring-Flynn, Ellie Morgan, Mesmin Muringampurath, Jessica Niec, Veronica Okon, Alicia Soeiro, Poppy Steel, Shelbie Styles & Dempsey Washbrook. I would like to thank all the parents who turned up to support the girls and Mrs Seager for organising the event.
- **House Reward Afternoon**—Last terms winners, St. Peter, will be having their reward afternoon on Friday 5th May. Well done.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 5th May. 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 Meetings/Workshops for Parents**—Important information is given at these events so please make every effort to attend:
  - Y2 Parents Reconciliation Workshop—Thursday 8th June @ 9 am

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Bank Holiday School Closed  
Monday 1st May 2017

Y2 Reconciliation Enrolment Mass  
Sunday 7th May 2017 @ 10.30 am

Y6 SAT's Week 2017  
Monday 8th to Thursday 11th May

Teacher Training Day—School Closed  
Wednesday 17th May 2017

Y3 First Holy Communion Sacrament  
Sunday 21st May 2017 @ 10.30 am

Reception Class Assembly  
Friday 26th May 2017 @ 9.00 am

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

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

## TRAINING DAYS

- **Monday 24th April 2017**
- **Wednesday 17th May 2017**
- Plus one other to be arranged

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**Monday** (3.15—4.15 pm)  
- Y3 & 4 Football Club

**Tuesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)  
- Y2 Multi-Skills

**Wednesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)  
- Y3 Multi-Skills  
- Y5 & 6 Basketball Club  
- Gardening Club

**Thursday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)  
- Y1 Multi-Skills  
- Y5 & 6 Football Club  
- School Choir (3.15 - 4.00 pm)

**Friday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)  
- Irish Dancing Club (3.15 - 4.30 pm)  
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## SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 4th May 2017 @ 9.15 am  
Whole School 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.



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL— Y3 & 4 'Tri-Golf' Tournament 3rd Place!!!



Well done team! Finishing 3rd is a great achievement. Well done Sina, James, Maisie, Shelbie, Amelia, Freya, Evie-Mae, Karol, Alice & Anthony. A big thanks to Miss Stansbie and Miss Ghanbari for taking the children and to Mr Moore for helping with transport. Top 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.

[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 - Eloquent and Truthful

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

## Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: How do you make the number *one* disappear?

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

**Last weeks answer was:**

... the numbers all look the same whether they are upside down or back to front.

## Prayer of the Week!!!

### Prayer for our family

Blessed are you, loving Father,  
Ruler of the universe:

You have given us Your Son as Your Leader,  
And have made us temples of Your Holy Spirit.

Fill our family with Your light and peace.

Have mercy on all who suffer,  
And bring us to everlasting joy with You.

Father,

We bless Your Name for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Parish Events

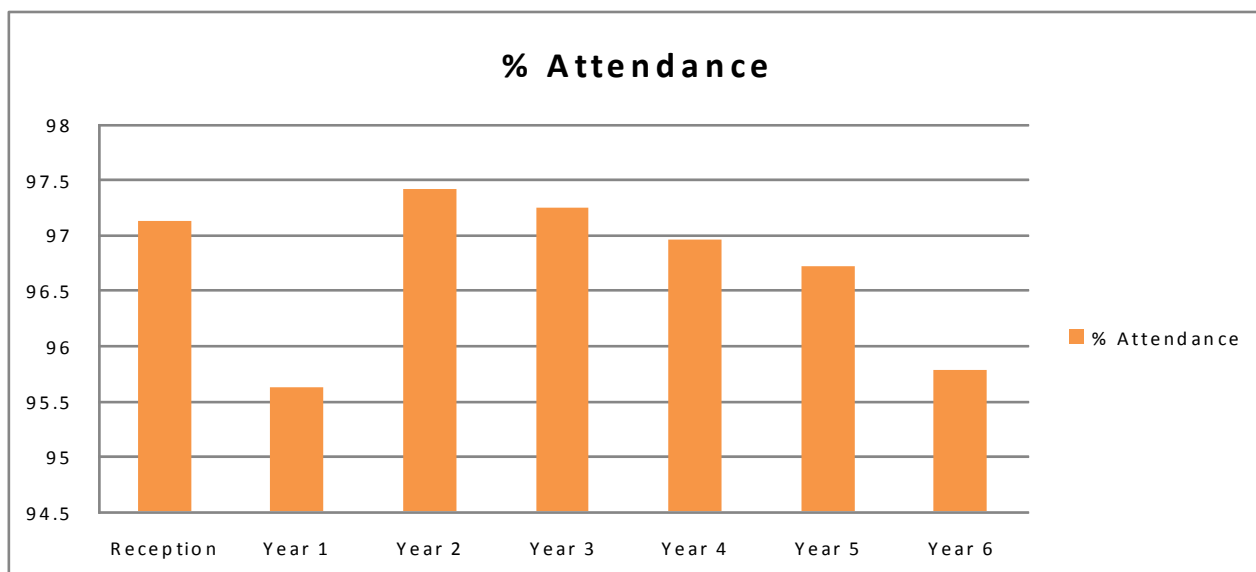
### SS Peter & Paul Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.15 pm.

Sunday @ 9 am & 10.30 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 Autumn/Spring termly report commencing:  
6th September 2016 to 7th April 2017 is 96.68%**



**Congratulations to 2 Class well done for their excellent attendance!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

**Ellis Pointon-Doyle, Kamarni Gerroni, Matthew Akpobaro, Amelia Jaggars.**



**'STAR OF THE WEEK'**

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

- Reception — Harry Jarvie
- Year 1 — Oliver Wiggins
- Year 2 — Aimee Nupa
- Year 3 — Anthony Shi
- Year 4 — Mareena Biju
- Year 5 — Eleanor Donnelly
- Year 6 — Chelsea Graham



**House Points**

Saint Peter	72
Saint Paul	52
Our Lady	42
Saint Joseph	42



Well done to St Peter's 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

5. Increase your understanding of the internet so you can feel more confident. More information can be found at

[www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety)

**Spanish Word of the Week**

"Fuerza" means... strength

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.





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Friday 28th April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Important – Proposed School Funding Changes and how you can help.**

You may have seen or read about the ongoing situation with school funding on the news recently so I am writing to update you on how these issues impact upon our school.

For many years, schools around the country have been funded at different levels. This has resulted in some schools receiving more and some receiving less money. Therefore, the Government is planning a move towards a National Funding Formula (NFF) which means that funds are spread evenly regardless of where you are based in the country. Whilst we agree that this is a fairer way to fund schools, what is clear is that the Government does not have enough money in the system for this to happen without many schools losing out.

In addition to the changes being made to the way funding is allocated to schools there are many other pressures facing our school budget at this time. National Insurance and Pension contributions are increasing resulting in greater staff costs. Just like at home, utilities and other goods and services that we buy, are also increasing. Our budget however is remaining static (reducing in real terms) which is putting a strain on our finances. Also the Government are imposing a tax on organisations from April 2017 requiring us to pay a percentage of our budget back into a pot known as the 'Apprenticeship Levy'. This amounts to 0.5% of our budget which may not sound like a lot but is another additional pressure. This will have a negative impact on our annual budget by 2019 in real terms unless the proposed policy is changed. To put this into perspective, the reduction will seriously affect our ability to continue with staffing levels as they are now and provide resources for the children. It is also important to highlight that schools are already operating in a significantly more challenging financial position than we were prior to the economic crash in 2008.

If you would like to have your say and express your concern at how these proposals will directly impact SS Peter & Paul, please go to the following link: [www.schoolcuts.org.uk](http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk)

You can type in the schools postcode: **B24 9ND** and see the figures and statistics for yourself.

Following the link under the section 'Get Involved' you can add your own details that will generate a petition letter to email to Mr Jack Dromey MP asking him what he is doing to protect schools in the area and also sign the petition which has been set up. You will need to give your full name and address, as MP's can only deal with matters raised by their own constituents.

I am sorry if this letter makes for some difficult reading however I feel it is important to let you know of the challenges we face at school with regards to funding so you can better understand what is happening. Please support this cause for your children and make your voice heard!

Yours sincerely

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