

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 7th December 2018

Autumn 2 - Week 13

This week we pray for these special people!



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BIRMINGHAM TERM DATES

| Term | Autumn 2018 | Spring 2019 | Summer 2018 |
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| 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 13

| Reception | N/A |
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| 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):



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Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

A massive thank you to everyone who made last weekends Parish & School Christmas Fair such a great success! The SPFA team have done an amazing job again, I thank them and everyone who helped set it up, ran a stall, donated anything and then turned up on the day to spend their money for the benefit of our school and Parish. A massive £1686 was raised, split evenly means £843 for our children. My thanks also go to all my staff who gave up their time to help and support this fantastic event. Well done to you all.

A beautiful Year 4 Class Mass on Sunday was the perfect way to finish such a lovely, community spirit-filled weekend. The children did an great job with the readings and singing. My thanks go to Mrs Basra & Mrs Hastings for preparing the children so well. I also thank all my school staff who turned up to support the children.

The Year 5 & Year 2 Parent Workshops were also a great success this week. I thank all of the parents who took the time to come into school to work with their child. The feedback has been extremely positive and all involved found them to be a very worthwhile experience. Well done Mrs Wright, Mrs Lines, Miss Ghanbari & Mrs Lay and thank you all for your hard work and preparation. Great job!

Year 6 Mass on Thursday was another lovely school experience as part of our Advent celebrations as we prepare for the birth of our Lord at Christmas. Thank you Mrs Seager, Mrs Oakley & Miss Gilliver for preparing the children so well.

Year 4 Trip to Harry Potter World was a great success again, the children had a fantastic time. My thanks go to all the adults who escorted the children and made this trip possible. Well done Mrs Basra and thank you for organising it.

KS1 Nativity Performance ticket allocation letters have been sent out today.

God Bless. Happy Advent!!!



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

NEWS

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

- **Christmas Dinner & Class Parties**—This year we have made a change to the way we celebrate the Christmas festivities in school. Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 19th December, followed by our class Christmas parties. The children can wear their own party clothes on this day. The information and payment request has gone out on ParentMail.
- **Key Stage 2 Nativity Carol Concert**—Our annual Christmas event is taking place on Tuesday 18th December in Church. Again, we are asking for donations of presents for those children who have nothing at Christmas. A letter has already been sent out with more details on but your support is greatly appreciated. Mince pies and refreshments are available afterwards.
- **Remember Parking Safety**—It is unacceptable for any vehicle to drop off or park on the 'school keep clear' road markings between the hours of 8.00am – 4.00pm. These markings have been provided to keep the area clear of vehicles allowing parents and children to cross the road in safety. There is also a white 'courtesy line' on the opposite side for safety and should not be blocked. Whenever a vehicle stops in these locations it reduces visibility and safety. Please help maintain safety by parking responsibly. Thank you.
- **Aladdin Panto (West End in School)** - This is on Tuesday 11th @ 2.00 pm for all children. A ParentMail notification and payment request for £2.50 has been sent out. Please check ParentMail and send the payment asap.
- **Snow and bad weather closure**—As we are now at the start of winter we have to plan for what would happen if (for the health and safety of the schools' community) the 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.
- **Swimming**—Y3 will need their kit for the next week on Thursday.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Thursday 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.
- **Free Fire Alarm Fitting!!!** - This week we had a visit from the Erdington Fire Service who have informed us that they offer a free home fire alarm fitting service to families. If you would like to know more, please contact the Fire Service on 0800 389 5525 and they will sort it.
- **Parent Workshops**—The time when Parents get to come into school and work alongside their child to help and support their education. Please make every effort to attend. See the dates below:

⇒ **Year 6 - ***Date Change*** Wed 16th January @ 9.00 am - Maths**

- **School Christmas Events**—Important dates are as follows:
 - ⇒ Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 1 - Thursday 13th Dec @ 2.00 pm
 - ⇒ Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 2 - Friday 14th Dec @ 9.30 am
 - ⇒ Key Stage 2 Nativity Carol Concert - Tuesday 18th Dec @ 6.00 pm
 - ⇒ Christmas Parties (Party Clothes) & Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 19th Dec
 - ⇒ SPFA KS1 Christmas Disco - Wednesday 19th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm
 - ⇒ SPFA KS2 Christmas Disco - Thursday 20th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm



SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 20th December 2018 @ 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.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

West End in Schools—Aladdin Panto
Tuesday 11th December @ 2.00 pm

Elderly Parishioners Christmas Lunch
Thursday 13th December @ 11.30 am

KS1 Nativity Performance 1
Thursday 13th December @ 2.00 pm

KS1 Nativity Performance 2
Friday 14th December @ 9.30 am

John Taylor Hospice Carol Singing
Monday 17th December @ 1.00 pm

KS2 Nativity Carol Concert in Church
Tuesday 18th December @ 6.00 pm

Christmas Dinner & Class Parties
Wednesday 19th December @ 12 pm

SPFA KS1 Christmas Disco
Wednesday 19th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30pm

Whole School End of Term Mass
Thursday 20th Dec @ 9.15 am

SPFA KS2 Christmas Disco
Thursday 20th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm

Break Up for Christmas Holiday
Friday 21st December @ 2.00 pm

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)

- Toddler Tennis (3.30 - 4.30 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... Phonics in Reception



A special visitor came into Reception Class this week to help teach the 'c' sound. Can you guess who the clown really is?

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 2 - Faith-Filled & Hopeful

Our pupils are taught that it is important to have *faith* in your own emotions and judgements and once we have faith we have *hope* in ourselves and those around us with decisions which will shape our future.
'We live and learn in the light of Christ.'

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: Why isn't your nose twelve inches long?

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

Last weeks answer was:
...nine...

Prayer of the Week!!! Prayer of Solace

May Christ support us all the day long,
till the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over and our work is done.
Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest and peace at the last.

Amen.



(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Elderly Parishioner Christmas Mass & Meal

Thursday 13th December @ 11.30 am

Parish Weekend Masses

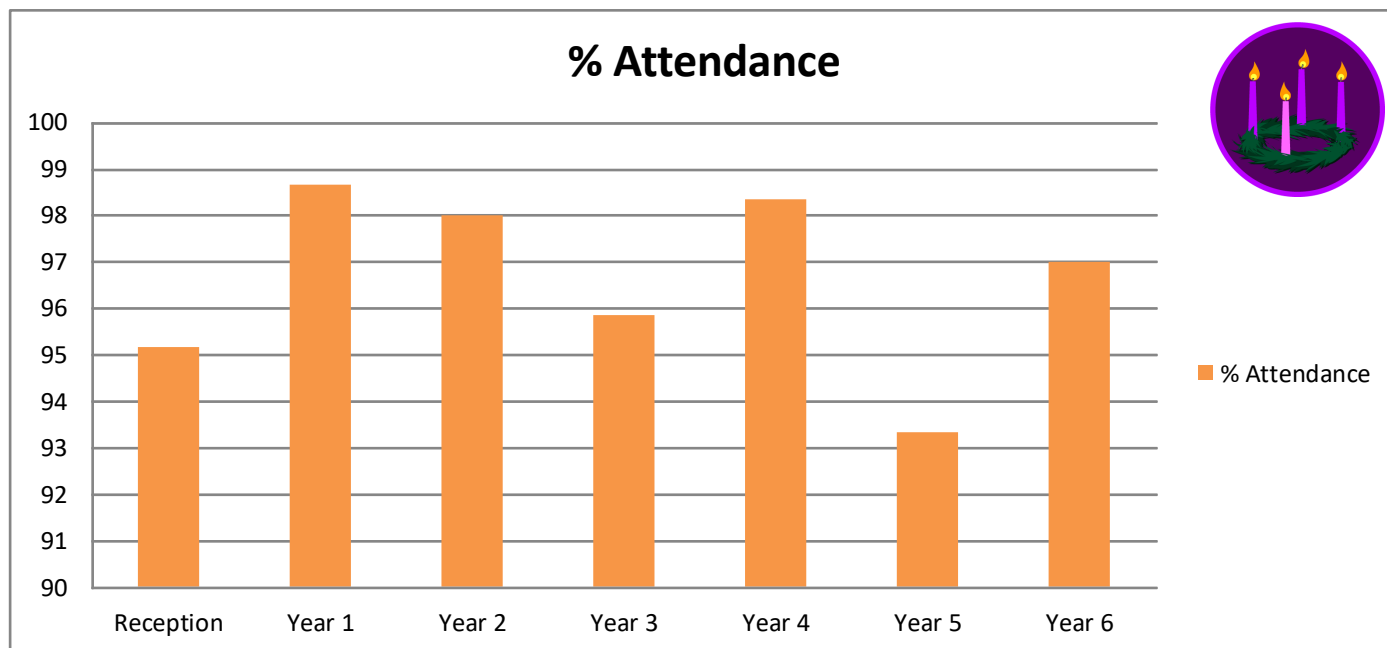
Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

Parish Christmas Mass Times

24th December @ 5.00 pm & 7.00 pm
25th December @ 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 26th November to 30th November 2018 = 96.63%



Congratulations to Year 1 well done for their excellent 98.67% attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Joseph Pardy, Noah Nelson, Daniel Ngum, Jospeh O'Callaghan, Aimee Nupa.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Mayah Nortey
- Year 1 — Enya McIntyre
- Year 2 — Mia Floyd
- Year 3 — Eszter-Izabella Borsos
- Year 4 — Whole Class amazing trip yesterday & lovely Sunday Mass.
- Year 5 — Whole Class lovely workshop & all getting 10/10 in spelling
- Year 6 — Maisie Hughes



House Points

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| Saint Peter | 61 |
| Saint Paul | 46 |
| Our Lady | 70 |
| Saint Joseph | 48 |



Well done to Our Lady 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)

"Un árbol de Navidad"
means... A Christmas Tree.



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

Following the successful SPFA AGM meeting on Tuesday evening, I would like to bring a few things to your attention regarding communication... making sure everyone knows stuff! The AGM minutes and report are attached to this newsletter via ParentMail.

* Please sign up to the SPFA's own website page: www.pta-events.co.uk/spfa where you will be able to find out more information regarding any of the SPFA events that are planned. They are the people with all of the information and will be able to answer your questions better than me so get yourself signed up asap!!!

* Each class or year group has a 'Parents Whatsapp' group which everyone in that group is invited to join. It is a really easy way of communicating with a majority of parents and can be very useful to ask other parents any questions about homework, swimming, Masses or SPFA events. Not all parents are signed up to the group appropriate for their child so at the meeting the SPFA have asked for a parent to volunteer as a representative for each year group to act as a point of contact to firstly find out how they can join the parents whatsapp group for their child and secondly be a point of contact for all things SPFA. The volunteers are as follows, ask your child and they'll point them out to you:-

- Reception: Sarah Nelson (Noah's Mum)
- Year 1: Juliette O'Donnell (Niall's Mum)
- Year 2: Elaine Eannetta & Rebecca Franklin (Noah & Felicity's Mum's)
- Year 3: Katie Wiggins (Oliver's Mum)
- Year 4: Jenny Newson & Tracey Player (Eve & Louis's Mum's)
- Year 5: Paula Cunnane (Tara's Mum)
- Year 6: Sarah Nelson & Juliette O'Donnell (Lauren & Sean's Mum's)

They will know how you can access the whatsapp group so please give them a shout if you would like to be involved.

SPFA Bonus Ball Winner
£162.50
Friday 30th November 2018
Ball 36 - Mrs Catherine Bennett
Well done to you!!!



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SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates



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| January Friday 26th <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>(4)</div> | February Monday 26th <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>(4)</div> | March Thursday 29th <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>May change if no assembly</div> <div>(5)</div> | April Friday 27th <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>(4)</div> |
| May Friday 25th <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>(4)</div> | June Friday 29th <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>(5)</div> | July Friday 27th <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>Recorded & Audited</div> <div>(4)</div> | August Friday 31st <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>Recorded & Audited</div> <div>(5)</div> |
| September Friday 28th <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>(4)</div> | October Friday 26th <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>(4)</div> | November Friday 30th <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>(5)</div> | December Friday 28th <div>DRAW COMPLETE</div> <div>(4)</div> |

*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