

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 25th November 2016

Week 11

This week we pray for these special people!



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TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017
New Term Begins	Tuesday 6th Sept	Tuesday 10th January	Monday 24th April
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 21st October	Friday 17th February	Friday 26th May
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 31st October	Monday 27th February	Monday 5th June
Term Ends	Thurs 22nd Dec	Friday 7th April	Tuesday 25th July

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Now the preparation for Christmas has started in school, it is a very busy time for all the staff and pupils as they begin rehearsals for our Infant Nativity and Junior Carol Concert alongside the teaching of a very packed curriculum. Thank you for your efforts, it will all be worth it when we see the finished products.

Thank you to all the Year 1 Parents who attended the workshop in school this week. I have read the feedback forms and know that everyone really enjoyed working and learning with their child. Thanks go to Mrs Basra and Mrs Smith for all their hard work. It is Year 4's turn next Wednesday so I look forward to seeing you all there too.

Thanks to all parents who have supported the Parish by bringing bottles for the non-uniform day today. Please remember that the Parish Fair is at 11 am tomorrow and it would be great to see all of our families there supporting and having a good time. Thank you to all who helped decorate the school trees today, your help is greatly appreciated. They look fantastic!!!

Sunday is an important day for our Year 6 children as they make the first step on their journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in March. I hope to see you all there for the Enrolment Mass of Commitment at 10.30 am

A sad day today as we say goodbye to Jessica McLoughlin in Year 4 and her family. We will miss you but wish you well in your new adventure. Good luck!

God Bless.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not including standing orders)

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Reception	£8.87
Year 1	£16.00
Year 2	£27.25
Year 3	£6.50
Year 4	£21.00
Year 5	£20.37
Year 6	£8.06
Total	£106.99

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.

- **Advent Voluntary Masses**—Every Wednesday Fr. Joe is having Voluntary Masses for Advent at 8 am, on Wednesday 30th November, 7th December, 14th December & 21st December. Breakfast will be provided for those who wish to have it in the school hall afterwards. I hope to see you there.
- **A massive thank you**—to The Range in Erdington for providing the school with top soil and bulbs for our Gardening Club. We really appreciate your generosity.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons is holding a drop in session once every two weeks between 9.30 to 10.00 am after the celebration assembly on Friday mornings. The next session will be Friday 16th December. Please e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, or phone the school office to book a session.
- **Parent Workshops coming up**—Each year we invite parents to come in to spend some time working with their children, to find ways to help support their learning. Here are the dates for each year group, they will be in the school hall from 9.00 am until around 11.00 am; please make every effort to attend: -
 - Year 4 Wednesday 30th November,
 - Year 6 Wednesday 7th December,
 - Year 3 Wednesday 14th December. I hope to see you there.
- **Affordable School Uniform**— Contact 07392 370662 or e-mail asu2012@hotmail.co.uk
- **Inclement Weather**—As the cold weather approaches, should there be any snow, school will be open as normal unless you hear otherwise from me. Please ensure you check your phone as a text message will be sent if the school is closed. Please do not ring the school office. Alternatively, listen to local radio updates as I will inform them to broadcast if we are closed.
- **School Security—A reminder**—When parents are attending a workshop or event at school and are entering or leaving the school, please do not let anyone in unless you know that the office staff have checked them in. All visitors **MUST** be identified by the office staff. The security of our children and staff and any visitors in school is paramount.
- **Parish Christmas Fair**—This Saturday 26th November is our annual Parish Christmas Fair between 11 am to 2 pm. It is always a lovely event and I thank all of you for your support with all the donations and gifts given in response to our non-uniform days. Please make every effort to attend and support the Parish we belong to, I hope to see you all there.
- **SPFA Children's Christmas Discos**—We will be holding two discos in the last week of term; Infants Tuesday 20th December then Juniors Wednesday 21st December @ 3.15—5.30 pm. The cost is £2 per child. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Sacramental Preparation Meetings/Workshops for Parents**—Each year we hold meetings or workshops for parents to support the preparation of the children receiving a sacrament. Important information is given at these events so please make every effort to attend:
 - Y6 Parents Confirmation Meeting—Wednesday 25th January @ 6 pm
 - Y3 Parents Communion Workshop—Tuesday 28th March @ 9 am
 - Y2 Parents Reconciliation Workshop—Thursday 8th June @ 9 am

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Y6 Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Sunday 27th November 2016 @ 10.30

Key Stage 1 Nativity in School Hall
Thursday 8th December 2016 @ 2 pm

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert in Church
Tuesday 13th December 2016 @ 6.30

Rec & Y1 Class Trip to 'The Bear'
Thursday 15th December 2016

Christmas Dinner for Children
Friday 16th December 2016

Christmas Parties
Monday 19th December 2016

SPFA Christmas Discos 3.15-5.30 pm
Infants on Tuesday 20th December
Juniors on Wednesday 21st December

Y3 First Holy Communion Enrolment
Sunday 12th February 2017 @ 10.30

Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday 5th March 2017 @ 10.30 am

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

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

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 9th January 2017
- Monday 24th April 2017
- Plus two others to be arranged

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.15—4.15 pm)

- Y3 & 4 Football Club

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Tuesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y6 Multi-Skills

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Wednesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y5 Multi-Skills

- Y5 & 6 Basketball Club

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Thursday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y4 Multi-Skills

- Y5 & 6 Football Club

- School Choir (3.15 - 4.00 pm)

SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 1st December 2016 @ 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— Year 1 Parent Workshop



I hope you enjoyed learning the Maths and Phonics work with your child this week. It's Year 4's turn next week. See you there.

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.ssptprpl.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 a.m.** & 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 now £2.15 per day (£10.75 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 on half a terms notice. Thank you.

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 what God has called us to be.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: They come out at night without being called, and are lost in the day without being stolen. What are they?

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

Last weeks answer was:

... Timmy.

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer of a Safe Journey

Lord, be our guide and our protector
on the journey we are about to take.
Watch over us. Protect us from accidents.
Keep us free from harm to body and soul.
Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired.
Help us be patient in any trouble which
may come our way.
Keep us always mindful of Your presence and love..
Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.15 pm

Sunday @ 9.00 & 10.30 am

Parish Christmas Fair

Saturday 26th November 2016

11.00 am until 2.00 pm

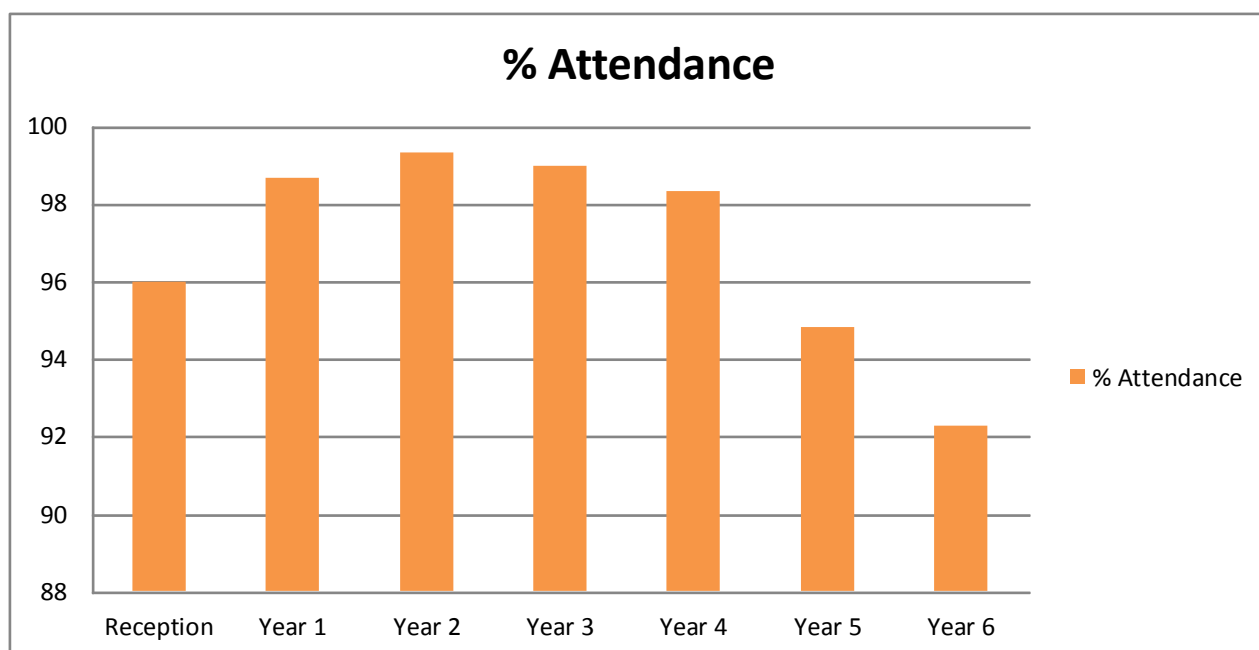
Parish Elderly Mass & Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December 2016 Mass @ 11.30 am

Lunch @ 12.00 pm. All are welcome.

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 week commencing:
14th November 2016 to 18th November 2016 is 96.75%**



Congratulations to Year 2 well done for their excellent attendance!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- **Reception — Mollie Monroe Gaskin**
- **Year 1 — Eszter-Izabella Borsos**
- **Year 2 — Natalia Sitarz**
- **Year 3 — Clara Moy**
- **Year 4 — Kayleigh Granner**
- **Year 5 — Ciara Wilkes**
- **Year 6 — Thomas Murphy**



House Points

Saint Peter	87
Saint Paul	114
Our Lady	93
Saint Joseph	75



Well done to St. Paul our winners.
Congratulations!!!

Spanish Word of the Week

"Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, Jueves, Viernes,
Sábado, Domingo"

means... Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

