

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School

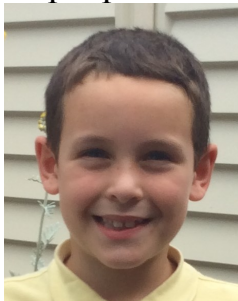


We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 15th December 2017

Week 14

This week we pray for these special people!



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TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
New Term Begins	Monday 4th Sept	Monday 8th January	Monday 16th April
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 20th October	Friday 16th February	Friday 25th May
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 30th October	Monday 26th February	Monday 4th June
Term Ends	Friday 22nd Dec	Thurs 29th March	Tuesday 24th July

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Well that was a very eventful week! The snow days couldn't have come at a worse time for us as we needed to continue our Advent preparations; the Infant Nativity Production and Junior Carol Concert being priorities. The children have been amazing, responding without hesitation or concern to perform their Infant Nativity brilliantly, I was so proud of each and every one of them. My staff have prepared them so well, you wouldn't know they missed 3 days of rehearsal. I thank them for all their hard work putting the performance together, it was fantastic to watch. I feel the decision to have 2 performances has been a success as there was no over-crowding and we were able to seat everyone comfortably. Thank you for generous donations for CAFOD raising a fantastic **£241.75** so far... there will be a collection on Tuesday evening after the Junior Carol Concert for those parents who haven't had the chance yet. There will also be mince pies and mulled wine available in school afterwards.

I would also like to say thank you to all of the parents who have offered their support of my decision to close the school for reasons of safety following the heavy snowfall this week. Please know that I did not take the decision to close lightly as I know the impact can have on those parents who still needed to get to work. I apologise for any inconvenience caused but stand by my decision as the right thing to do, given the circumstances. I was glad that the weather improved so that we could get back to school and the Key Stage 1 trip to the Town Hall for the Pantomime could go ahead. This was a great experience for all of the children and I know they really enjoyed themselves. I thank all of the staff who organised and supervised this trip at such short notice, it was worth all of the headaches!

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Jumper today, it was great to see so many bright and colourful designs. The children enjoyed the day and are looking forward to our last week before the Christmas Holiday with still so much to do and enjoy in school, see inside for more details. Don't forget the **Junior Carol Concert** on **Tuesday** night at **6.00 pm in Church**. If you are bringing a present for the NSPCC please remember to label it so that we know what age and sex it is most appropriate for. Thank you. Enjoy your weekend, the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

God Bless.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 14

Reception	£7.00
Year 1	£11.62
Year 2	£17.50
Year 3	£30.75
Year 4	£6.00
Year 5	£3.00
Year 6	£15.00
Total	£90.87

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

NEWS

We wish to keep you informed about school issues so please read the following information carefully.

- **Guitar Celebration Assembly**—Parents of children in Year 4, 5 & 6, who are learning to play the guitar with Mr James from Birmingham Music Service, are invited to a special assembly to celebrate their child's achievements as they showcase what they've learned so far. It will be in the Parish Hall on Thursday 21st December @ 2.30 pm. I hope to see you there.
- **Elderly Parishioners Christmas Dinner**—I was very proud of my Y6 children who helped make this a special occasion for all of those elderly parishioners from both SS Peter & Paul and SS Mary & John. They helped to serve the desserts, interacting and chatting to the guests before entertaining them with songs and carols from our KS2 Carol Concert. They did a great job!
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation News**—Following Diocesan advice, I've taken the decision to move this Sacrament out of Year 2, back into Year 3 where it was originally and should be. This means there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation this academic year as the current Y3 made it last year and the current Y2 will make it next year when they are in Y3. You can find out more information about the Sacramental programme on our website.
- **Inclement Weather**—As the possibility of bad weather increases I would like to remind parents of procedures regarding school closure information. School will remain **OPEN** until you hear otherwise. If school is to be closed you will be contacted using the school **text** messaging system (Please make sure the office has your latest mobile phone number). A notification will also be posted on the school **website**, school **twitter** feed and the smartphone **SchoolApp**. Please **DO NOT** phone the school office. Please make sure your child comes appropriately prepared for bad weather with waterproof coats, boots, gloves, hats, scarves, etc,... (Labelled with their name) because if there is some snow during the day while they're at school it would be good if they can go out and enjoy it at play & dinner time.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 12th January 2018. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Parent Workshops**—Due to the bad weather, I cancelled this weeks Parents Workshop for Year 6. I will rearrange this for the New Year as soon as I can. I'm sorry for any inconvenience caused by this decision.
- **Admission to Reception Class 2018**—Families have until 15th January to submit their applications to the City Council online. Further information can be obtained from www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Please don't forget to complete our Admission Forms from the school office.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—School uniform can be ordered by contacting ASU Linda & Tony: Telephone - 07392370662 or asu2012@hotmail.co.uk
- **Parish Christmas Carol Concert**—On Sunday 17th December at 4.00 pm.
- **School Christmas Events**—The following are taking place for Christmas:
 - * School Christmas Dinner—Monday 18th December
 - * Key Stage 2 Carol Concert—Tuesday 19th December @ 6.00 pm
 - * Christmas Parties—Wednesday 20th December (**Party Clothes Day**)
 - * KS1 SPFA Christmas Disco—Wednesday 20th December @ 3.20 pm
 - * Whole School End of Term Mass (Y5)—Thursday 21st Dec @ 9.15 am
 - * Key Stage 2 SPFA Christmas Disco—Thursday 21st Dec @ 3.20 pm

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

School Christmas Dinner
Monday 18th December @ 12.00 pm

School Council to John Taylor Hospice
Monday 18th December @ 1.00 pm

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert in Church
Tuesday 19th December @ 6.00 pm

Christmas Parties for children
Wednesday 20th December pm

Key Stage 1 SPFA Christmas Disco
Wednesday 20th Dec @ 3.20 pm

Whole School End of Term Mass
Thursday 21st December @ 9.15 am

Guitar Celebration Assembly
Thursday 21st December @ 2.30 pm

Key Stage 1 SPFA Christmas Disco
Wednesday 20th Dec @ 3.20 pm

Break Up for Christmas Holiday
Friday 22nd December @ 2.00 pm

Teacher Training Day - School Closed
Monday 8th January 2018

Spring Term 1 Starts for Children
Tuesday 9th January 2018 @ 8.50 am

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 4th September 2017
- Friday 17th November 2017
- **Monday 8th January 2018**
- Monday 16th April 2018
- Plus 1 more to be arranged

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
- Y5/6 Football Club
- Chess Club (12.30 - 12.55 pm)
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Tuesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
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Wednesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
- Y6 Running Club (12.00 - 12.30 pm)
- Irish Dancing (until 4.30 pm)
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Thursday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
- Y3/4 Football Club
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SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 21st December 2017 @ 9.15 am
Whole School Children & Families
Mass - Led by **Year 5**



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... James the Bear 2017 Christmas Raffle



We have kindly had this beautiful teddy bear donated to school for a raffle. It is **£1 a go**, think of a new name, write it on a piece of paper with your name and send it in with your money next week if you would like to be in with a chance of winning him. The winner will be drawn in the Celebration Assembly next Friday.

Infant Nativity Performance
A pleasure it was to see!



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 and closes at 3.20 pm Monday to Thursday. Friday 8.50 am to 2.00 pm. 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 2017 and is £2.25 per day (£11.25 per wk).* 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 - Learned & Wise

Our pupils are taught that it is important they are able to acquire as much knowledge & information as possible; being **learned**, so that they are able to use what they have learned to help them to make informed decisions and live their life in a way that Jesus would want; being **wise** like him.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: What asks no questions but demands you answer?

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

Last weeks answer was:
... take away the first letter 's'...

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer of Advent - Week 2

Let us pray.
O Lord, stir up our hearts
that we may prepare for your
only begotten Son,
that through His coming
we may be made worthy to serve
you with pure souls.
Through the same Christ our Lord

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Christmas Carol Concert

Sunday 17th December @ 4.00 pm

Parish Weekend Masses

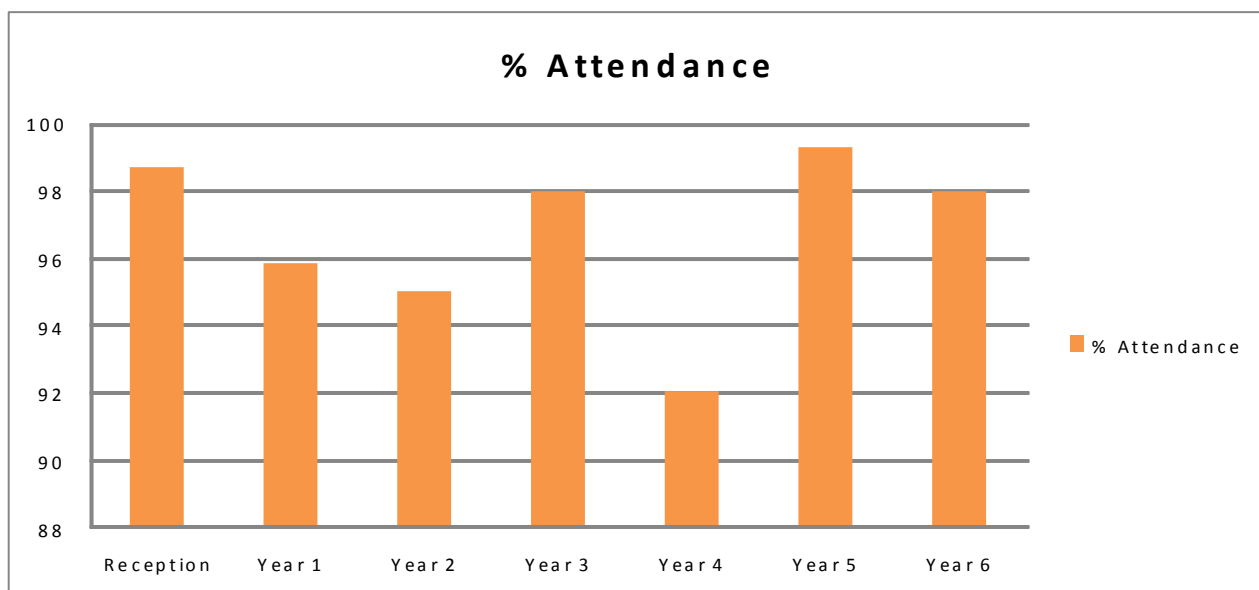
Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 24th Dec - Family Mass @ 5.00 pm
Christmas Eve 24th Dec - Solemn Mass @ 7.00 pm
Christmas Day 25th Dec - Parish Mass of Christmas Dawn @ 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 for the week of 4th December to 8th December 2017 is 96.68%



Congratulations to Year 5 well done for their excellent attendance!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Finton Dockery, Finley Kibble, Adam Studzik.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- **Reception** — Whole class for the wonderful Infant Nativity
- **Year 1** — Whole class for the wonderful Infant Nativity
- **Year 2** — Whole class for the wonderful Infant Nativity
- **Year 3** — Henry Carter
- **Year 4** — Anthony Shi
- **Year 5** — Lena Lijo
- **Year 6** — Ewan McGlinchey



House Points

Saint Peter	57
Saint Paul	62
Our Lady	52
Saint Joseph	80



Well done to St. Joseph's 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)

"Los tres reyes magos"

means... The three wise men.



Leading Light Club

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Thank you for taking time
to read our Newsletter.



**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

Our School Parents & Family Association (SPFA) are organising two Christmas Disco's for the children in the next week.

KS1 Infants on Wednesday 20th December @ 3.20 – 5.30 pm

KS2 Juniors on Thursday 21st December @ 3.20 – 5.30 pm

Your child can wear their own clothes to school for the day if they are attending the disco so that they do not have to get changed.

The cost will be £3.00 per child and this includes refreshments that will be provided during the disco.

When you are arriving to pick up your child, please enter the school via the front entrance, collect your child from the school hall and then make your way out via the back door to the playground and back round onto the car park. This will hopefully avoid any congestion and help speed up the process.

Mr Porter