

★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★

Part of... St. John Paul II Multi-Academy

We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 9th October 2020



Autumn 1 - Week 06

This week we pray for...



... our Year 3 Children

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

It has been a very busy week in school this week with elections for House Captains, Faith Ambassadors and School Council Reps. Well done to all of the children who applied, were nominated or selected. Our faith ambassadors will be leading regular prayer services every Friday morning with their respective classes and our student council representatives will be leading discussion with the children in their classes to give pupils the opportunity to share their views and ideas on different issues. I know they will all represent their houses and their classes well and set a shining example for everyone through the way they conduct themselves and represent their classes voice.

We had our first virtual assembly this week led by Mr Porter who zoomed the Monday morning Gospel assembly to both SS Peter and Paul school and St Nicholas school simultaneously. It was wonderful to all be able to pray together as a school community once more and this will now take place every Monday morning moving forward.

Year Three led a beautiful class Mass this week. A big thank you to Mrs Wright and Miss Hart for preparing the children so well and to the children themselves for the reverence and respect they showed during the service. They asked lots of interesting questions and Father Joe was very impressed!!!

Next week will be our special Harvest Mass led by Year Two. This will involve the whole school using the wonders of technology!!! Thank you to all of the parents so far who have sent in donations for our Harvest collection, I am overwhelmed by your generosity and your donations will make a big difference.

We have set up a confidential email that parents can contact if they would be interested in accessing our school food bank service. The email address is family@ssptrpl.net

Have a wonderful weekend!



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ACADEMY TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
New Term Begins	Tuesday 1st Sept	Monday 4th January	Monday 19th April
1st Half -Term Ends	Friday 23rd October	Friday 12th February	Friday 28th May
2nd Half -Term Begins	Monday 2nd Nov	Monday 22nd February	Monday 7th June
Term Ends	Friday 18th Dec	Thursday 1st April	Wed 21st July

ACADEMY FUND DONATIONS

Academy Fund via ParentMail (School Enrichment Funding)

This is a voluntary contribution to be paid each term which goes towards buying additional equipment and resources for your children. You will receive a request via ParentMail termly...

"St. John Paul II Multi-Academy invites parents to give annually to your school fund. A donation of £10 per term is suggested but you may contribute more if you wish."

Please rest assured that any payment you make is for our school and our children only, guaranteed!
Thank you 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 will keep you informed, please read this information carefully.

- **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU WEAR FACE MASKS / COVERINGS WHEN DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN.**
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next virtual coffee morning on Friday 16th October from 9.30 AM—10.30 AM. Please contact the school office for a zoom appointment.
- **Harvest Collection**—please continue to send in your donations. They can either be brought in by the children themselves or can be handed to a member of staff on the gate in the morning or evening. Thank you again for your continued support.
- **Uniform**—All children are to wear Winter Uniform from 2nd November. Please note the change to our School Uniform policy. We have removed the gender specific references to our Summer and Winter uniform. Girls are allowed to wear brown school trousers from after half term.
- **Earrings** - From January, in line with the rest of the academy, SS Peter and Paul will not allow earrings of any sort to be worn in school.
- **Parents Evening**— Thank you to all of the parents who have responded to request their preferences for Parents Evening. Please keep a look out for your time slot on ParentMail.
- **Flu vaccinations**—Can I ask that any outstanding Vaccination forms are returned to the school office as soon as possible. Vaccinations will take place in school on Monday the 2nd November.
- **Reception Children 2021-2022** — Unfortunately we are unable to allow parents into school at the moment so we will be posting a virtual video tour and talk on the school website for any prospective parents. Please spread the word.
- **Secondary School Applications**—Please remember the deadline for these is 31st October. Please check with individual schools to identify if they require additional supplementary information including a Certificate of Catholic Practice.
- **Remote/Home Learning Information**—Please keep an eye on ParentMail to see our plans for how the children will continue to learn if we have to close any 'pods' due to COVID-19.

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

Please check out this website for support

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Year 2 Class Mass in Church
Thursday 15th October @ 9.15 am

Year 1 Class Mass in Church
Thursday 22nd October @ 9.15 am
Feast of John Paul II

Break Up for Half-Term
Friday 23rd October @ 1 - 1.30 pm

Autumn Term 2 Starts for pupils
Monday 2nd November 2020



Leading Light Club

Contact Details

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TRAINING DAYS

- Tuesday 1st September 2020
- Friday 27th November 2020
- Monday 7th June 2021
- Two more to be confirmed...

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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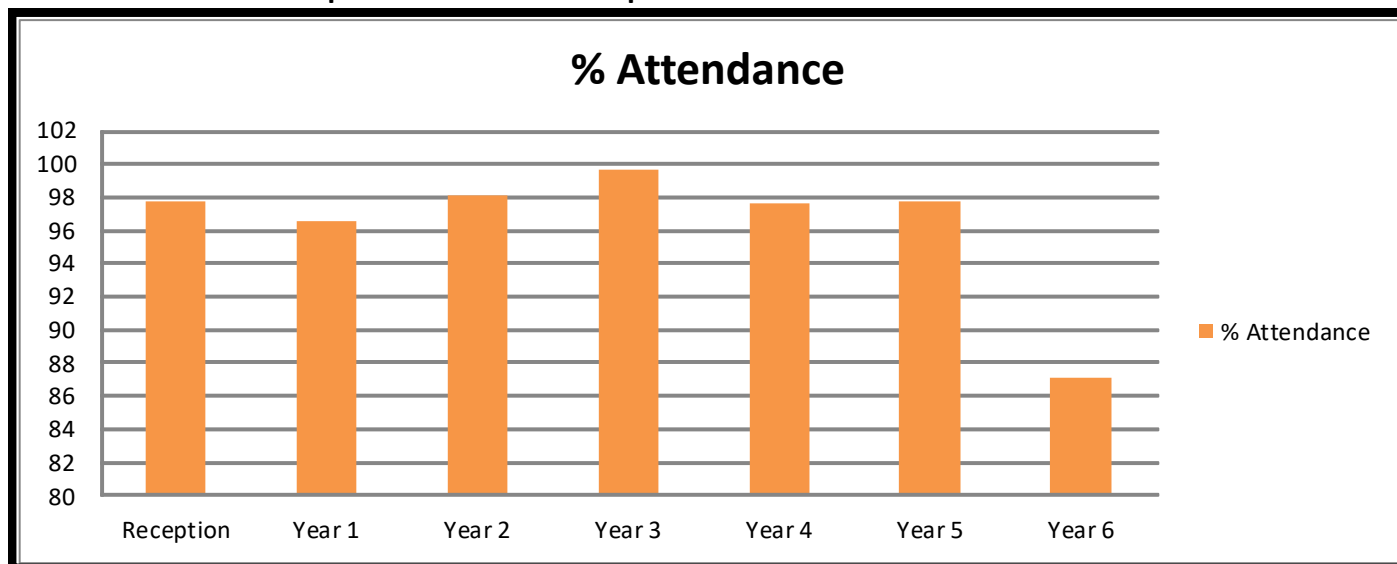
Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

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Pupil Attendance 28th September – 2nd October 2020 = 96.42%



Congratulations to Year 3 for their 99.66% attendance.

Attendance Explanation				
100% - Excellent	99-97% - Good	96-95% - Satisfactory	94% - Below Expectation	< 94% - Unsatisfactory

'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:

- Reception – Taffarel Byfield
- Year 1 — Maximilian Skoczylas
- Year 2 — Max Reid
- Year 3 — Lola Sullivan
- Year 4 — Lucas Thompson
- Year 5 — Mercedes Nortey
- Year 6 — Shaun Fitzpatrick



House Points

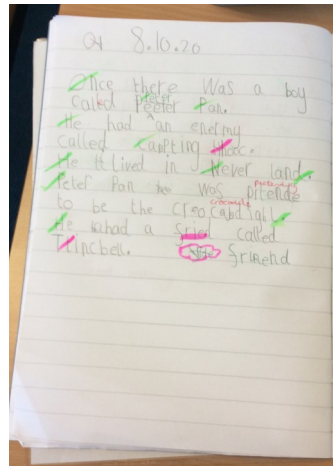
St. Peter 140
St. Paul 197
Our Lady 177
St. Joseph 139

Congratulations St Pauls !!!
Our Weekly Winners.

This week in School...



Year 6 have written notes and rehearsed in preparation for creating their own Podcasts. It wasn't as easy as they thought!



Year 3 were using algorithms to create a programme on Scratch this week.



Reception really loved making their own number one from Numberblocks!

Year 1 have been learning how to put capital letters and full stops into their work.



Year 4 are pictured investigating which materials are insulators and which are conductors.

RE

Our Virtues this term are:

CURIOUS...about the world and how God created it.

& **ACTIVE**... in protecting the world which God created.

Bible quote of the week...

"That is, it is not by being children through physical descent that people become children of God; it is the children of the promise that are counted as the heirs." Romans 9:8



Year 5 learning how to say, "I have a headache" in their Spanish lesson on Wednesday.



Year 1 listening attentively to the Gospel of the Lord during our virtual Assembly.

Polish Word of the Week
(Polskie słowo tygodnia)

"Dziękuję"

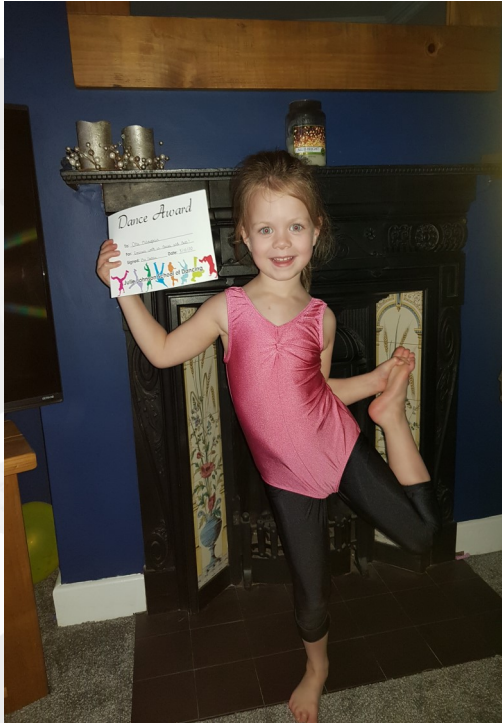
means... Thank you.

Spanish Word of the Week
(Palabra de la semana)

"Comunidad"

means... Community.

Look at how great we are!

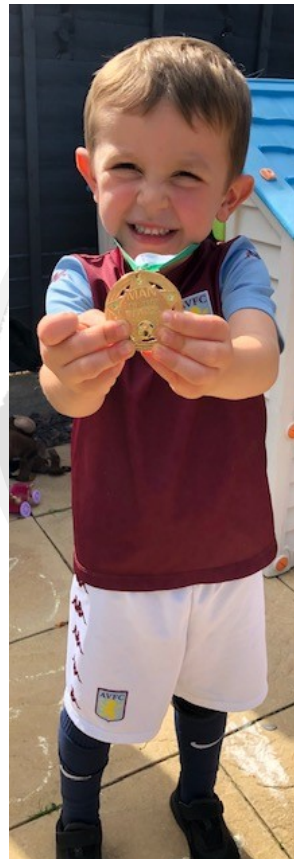


OM-K got a certificate last weekend for excellent work in Ballet and Acro. Brilliant OM-K!!!



JP carried 1.5 litres of water on his back in 26 degree heat, whilst climbing Mount Snowdon in the summer holidays. Amazing accomplishment JP you should be very proud!

**You are all Fantastic.
What great achievements!!!**



CC is here with his Man of the Match medal from football! Well Done CC!!!

Pupil Voice

Meet our Student Council...



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

We want to work with the teachers to make the school a better place

We want a nice learning environment.

We want to help children to get along with one another.

We will share your ideas, interests and concerns with our teachers.

We are the voices for all pupils.

We want to help children with their work.



Our House Captains



St. Peter



St. Paul



Our Lady



St. Joseph

Our Faith Ambassadors



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



COVID-19 RELATED PUPIL ABSENCE
A quick reference guide for parents and staff

Please follow the advice below for your child and family.

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test <p>Inform the school immediately about the test result</p>	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*: - minimum of 14 days' self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. - *Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed: - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	...you have informed the office of your return to the UK <i>(the office will ask you a few questions about your travel).</i>
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs <i>(please contact school if you need support getting your child to school).</i> 	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
...I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i> 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.



Public Health
England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- It can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- The infection is not serious for most people, including children
- There is currently no vaccine
- Most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- You can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- The chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- If you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



SCHOOL
ETC.
On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately



CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

