

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 12th January 2018

Spring 1 - Week 16

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,

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a fantastic time celebrating Christmas and New Year with family and friends. It was lovely to see so many families at Mass on Christmas Eve, the school was very well represented and I was delighted to be there to see it. The children are back, refreshed and ready to face the challenges of this term, let's make it a good one.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

Well done Year 6 who led the school Mass so beautifully on Thursday morning. The reading and singing was excellent. My thanks go to Mrs Seager, Mrs Oakley and Miss Gilliver for preparing the children so well. I was pleased to see the guitarists doing so well again. Well done to them and Miss Weir for doing such a good job leading the music.

Attendance and punctuality are becoming more of an issue than anticipated this year. Since changing the times of the school day, the amount of children arriving after 8.50 am has increased significantly. I will be addressing this and attendance by contacting parents directly. **Please be on time and ensure children attend everyday.**

I would like to take this opportunity to inform parents that, as a school, we are still moving forward in the Diocesan initiative to make all Catholic school's in Birmingham an Academy by 2019. You will be receiving more information in the coming weeks as I open a period of consultation for all stakeholders involved with SS Peter & Paul to ensure everyone is as fully informed as possible going forward. There will be letters sent and meetings planned, for discussion and any questions, regarding conversion to Academy. I see this as a really positive move for our school, to become part of something bigger and I hope you all see it that way too.

God Bless.

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 16

Reception	£10.00
Year 1	£11.62
Year 2	£17.50
Year 3	£30.75
Year 4	£32.00
Year 5	£5.00
Year 6	£17.00
Total	£123.87

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.

- **Year 6 Parents Meeting**—I am holding a meeting for Year 6 Parents on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 6.00 pm in the school hall to give information about the children's Sacrament of Confirmation in June, SAT's exams in May and their Residential to PGL in June. It will not be a long meeting so please make every effort to attend. Thank you.
- **Lateness!!!** - Please can I remind parents that school **STARTS @ 8.50 am** so your child needs to be here before that time. So many children are late, costing valuable learning time. Please be on time for drop off and pick up.
- **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.
- **SPFA Coffee Morning & Second Hand Uniform Sale**—At 9.00 am on Friday 26th January the SPFA will be holding a coffee morning for all parents in the school hall. It will be a great chance for everyone to get together socially, all parents are welcome! There will be some second hand uniform for sale that has been donated by parents who do not need it anymore. It is all still very good quality so come and take a look, you might grab yourself a bargain.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 26th January 2018. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—School uniform can be ordered by contacting ASU Linda & Tony: Telephone - 07392370662 or asu2012@hotmail.co.uk
- **Ash Wednesday Mass**—There will be a whole school Mass on Wednesday 14th February for Ash Wednesday. Please make note that this special celebration of Mass is at **11.00 am**, not 9.15 am as we usually do. All are still welcome to attend as we begin the season of Lent. See you there.
- **Date for your diary**—Year 6 Leavers Disco has been booked for Friday 13th July 2018. More details will follow.
- **Message of thanks from John Taylor Hospice, Erdington**—Miss Ghanbari took the School Council to sing Christmas songs and carols at John Taylor Hospice and this is the message they sent after the event: "Good Morning, Thank you so much for coming to see us and singing for us again this year. This year was equally as good as last year and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the performance. I hope you realize what a difference you make to our patients at this time of year. It can be a difficult and a lonely time for some of them and your children bring a ray of sunshine in some difficult times. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks, to all of the children and the staff who are a real credit to the school. I was delighted to receive your kind offer to turn this into an annual event. THAT WOULD BE BRILLIANT, I sincerely hope we can make this happen. From everybody in the hospice at the JTH wellbeing centre, may I take this opportunity to wish everybody at SS Peter and Paul a wonderful Christmas and prosperous 2018. My very best regards. Hospice Manager.
- **SPFA Bonus Ball Draw**—Information attached on Page 6 of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Reception Height & Weight Check
Wednesday 17th January 2018 am

Key Stage 2 Mass led by Year 4
Thursday 18th January @ 9.15 am

Y6 Confirmation/SATs/PGL Meeting
Tuesday 23rd January @ 6.00 pm

Key Stage 1 Mass led by Year 2
Thursday 25th January @ 9.15 am

SPFA Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale
Friday 26th January @ 9.00 am

Year 5 Class Sunday Mass
Sunday 28th January @ 9.30 am

Maths Week
Mon 29th Jan - Fri 2nd Feb

Key Stage 2 Mass led by Year 3
Thursday 1st February @ 9.15 am

Key Stage 2 Mass led by Year 1
Thursday 8th February @ 9.15 am

Y3 Parents Communion Workshop
Tuesday 13th February @ 9.00 am

Whole School Mass - Ash Wednesday
Wed 14th February @ 11.00 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)
- Spanish Club (until 4.00 pm)
- Tennis Club

Thursday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y3/4 Football Club
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SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 18th January 2018 @ 9.15 am
Key Stage 2 Children & Families
Mass - 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... NSPCC Gifts Thank you



I received this message from the NSPCC to thank you all for your great kindness and generosity.

Dear Mr Porter, staff and families of SS Peter and Paul, Could I take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of families in Nechells and Kingstanding who benefitted from your generous donation of gifts. I was with some of the children on

Christmas Day when they came to a community Christmas meal and they were very excited that Father Christmas had remembered them and left presents under the tree. We also gave some of the cuddly toys to children who we send on a residential over the Christmas period so they all had something to cuddle when they were on holiday on Christmas Day. I am sure you will have all had a very happy Christmas and I thought you should know how happy you had made other children. Wishing you a fabulous 2018.

NSPCC

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

Spring 1 - Curious and Active

Our pupils are taught to have a *curious* mind, to be engaged with the world by probing, seeking, challenging and questioning until the truth is clear. Only when you have all the information you need can you *actively* change things for the better.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: A dog finds a forest 50 metres wide.
How far can the dog run into the forest?

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

Last weeks answer was:
... a fence/hedge...

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer for a New Year

Lord, at the beginning of this New Year, I offer you my life. Come take my voice, may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness. Come take my hands, may the work they create be generous and giving. Come take my feet, may the journeys I walk be led by your Spirit within. Come take my life Lord, for I love your goodness, your kindness and your leading. We ask this, Lord Jesus, in your name.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

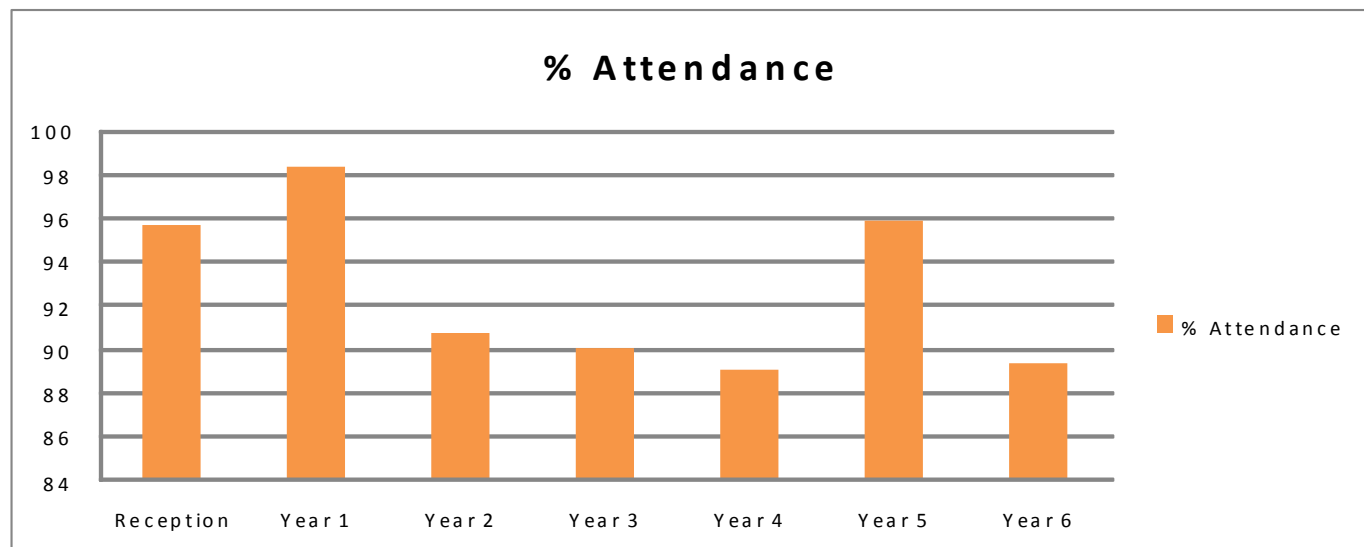
Parish Events

Parish Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 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 term of 18th December to 22nd December 2017 is 92.84%



Congratulations to Year 1 well done for their excellent attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Next week!



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- **Reception — Bartosz Rog**
- **Year 1 — Ellis Pointon-Doyle**
- **Year 2 — Chloe Jane McBride**
- **Year 3 — Shaun Fitzpatrick**
- **Year 4 — Lily Woodbine**
- **Year 5 — Cian Lane**
- **Year 6 — Daniel Murray**



House Points

Saint Peter	79
Saint Paul	83
Our Lady	84
Saint Joseph	116



Well done to St Joseph 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)

"¡Feliz Año Nuevo!"

means... Happy New Year.



Leading Light Club

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Thank you for taking time
to read our Newsletter.





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

On Friday 26th January, SPFA are holding a coffee and sales morning in the school hall at 9.00 am.

There will be second hand uniform, dressing up clothes, coats, bags and toys for sale. Please try and join us at the coffee/sales morning and if you have any of the above that you could donate we would be very grateful.

If you have anything to donate please pass it on to me, Kristina, Kelly or the school office. Thanking you all in advance xx



JANUARY SALE

Anyone with a small business or service they wish to promote can do so by placing an ad in our school newsletter.

We are reducing the fee for January from £20 to £10 per advertisement.

To take advantage of this opportunity please contact either:

Kelly Thompson 07938638541

Or

Kristina Moore 07950815868

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SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates

January Friday 26th (4)	February Monday 26 th (4)	March Thursday 29 th May change if no assembly (5)	April Friday 27 th (4)
May Friday 25 th (4)	June Friday 29 th (5)	July Friday 27 th Recorded & Posted (4)	August Friday 31 st Recorded & Posted (5)
September Friday 28th (4)	October Friday 26 th (4)	November Friday 30 th (5)	December Friday 28 th (4)

*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