

★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 19th May 2017

Week 31

This week we pray for these special people!



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TERM DATES

Term	Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018
New Term Begins	Monday 24th April	Monday 4th Sept	Monday 8th January
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 26th May	Friday 20th October	Friday 16th February
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 5th June	Monday 30th October	Monday 26th February
Term Ends	Tuesday 25th July	Friday 22nd Dec	Thurs 29th March

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

I cannot wait for Sunday, as our Year 3 children will be making their First Holy Communion; receiving the Body of Christ for the first time at 10.30 am Mass. This is always such a special event in the Parish calendar, where everyone comes together to spend time in prayer and to be in full communion with Christ. I need to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped in the preparation for this special service. I will see you all on Sunday. Please can I remind people to be respectful throughout the Mass; refrain from talking, put your mobile on silent or turn it off and please do not take any photos during the Mass, there will be a professional photographer on hand to take official photos. The children will come over to school for a small Communion breakfast together as a class after Mass and the rest of the family can go into the Parish Hall for refreshments until you are called for photos. This will not take long as we know you will all have family celebrations planned for the afternoon.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

As part of the First Holy Communion programme of preparation, Year 3 and their parents attended a Prayer service in school on Tuesday. I have been told by many parents that the service was a reverent and respectful time spent in prayer to ensure the children are focused on this significant event; ready to take the next step on their journey of faith. Thanks to every parent who attended and to all the Y3 staff for preparing it.



I hope you all had a good day on Wednesday. It was a very productive day for the staff as we spent time looking at ways of developing our Maths teaching to ensure all children make excellent progress in this subject. There is still one more teacher training day to organise. I will let you know asap.

God Bless.

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not including standing orders)

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Reception	£8.87
Year 1	£16.00
Year 2	£27.25
Year 3	£5.50
Year 4	£12.00
Year 5	£20.37
Year 6	£8.06
Total	£98.05

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.

- **Any DIY handy parent free next Friday?** - I am hoping for a number of volunteers to help construct 3 plastic sheds that need building to help store securely the equipment the children use at playtime and lunchtime. If you can spare a few hours, please let Mr Porter know. Thank you.
- **Year 6 PGL Residential**—Our annual weekend residential is planned for the end of June but there are still a number of parents who still need to send in the rest of the balance. Please make the payment asap. Thank you.
- **Academy Update**—Just to let you let you know, work continues behind the scenes to enable SS Peter & Paul's move towards becoming an academy in line with the instruction from the Arch Diocese of Birmingham. I will be holding information meetings for parents and let you have more as soon as I have the necessary details.
- **Swimming**—Year 6 will be having swimming on Friday until further notice.
- **School Funding Cuts**—Please, please, please, sign this petition to show your support, we can make a difference if we make our voices heard.

<https://www.change.org/p/uk-parliament-erdington-schools-funding-petition>

- **Sal's Shoes**—I am arranging an old shoe collection event for the charity Sal's Shoes, to give all of you parents the opportunity to have a clear out and put yourself in the position of being able to help others less fortunate than yourselves. I will let you know the date later but you can check out their website for more details: <http://www.salsshoes.com>
- **Good luck footballers**—On Saturday 20th May (tomorrow) our boys are taking part in the BCSFA football finals at The Football Arena where they will be up against some excellent opposition from all around the city. We wish them all the best as they represent SS Peter & Paul. Good luck boys!
- **May Procession Mass**—On Thursday 25th May @ 9.15 am Mass we will be having our May Procession in honour of Our Lady which will be led by our Year 3 First Holy Communion children. As always, all are welcome and the children are invited to bring flowers to be placed at the foot of Our Lady's grotto. Please can I ask that you take the flowers out of the wrapping so that they are ready to go straight into the buckets. Thank you.
- **SPFA Summer Fair Leaflet**—Please can I remind parents to have a read of the leaflet that was sent out last week with ideas for this years Summer Fair. Your support is essential to ensure this years event is the tremendous success it deserves to be. Fill in the attached form and drop it into the box in the school entrance hall or send it in with your child. We need your help!
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 9th June. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Sacramental Preparation Meeting/Workshop for Parents**— Important information is given at this event so please make every effort to attend:
 - Y2 Parents Reconciliation Workshop—Thursday 8th June @ 9 am
- **Affordable School Uniform**—Contact 07392370662 or e-mail asu2012@hotmail.co.uk .
- **Family Holidays**—Please do not book a holiday during term time. Thankyou

SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 25th May 2017 @ 9.15 am
Whole School Children & Families
May Procession - Led by **Year 3**



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

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

Reception Class Assembly
Friday 26th May 2017 @ 9.00 am

Y2 Reconciliation Parents Workshop
Thursday 8th June 2017 @ 9.00 am

Rec Class Trip to the Farm &
Y5 Class Trip to Museum & Art Gallery
Thursday 8th June 2017

New Reception Parents Meeting
Wednesday 14th June @ 6.30 pm

Spanish Day
Monday 26th June 2017

Y2 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 27th June 2017 @ 6.00 pm

SS Peter & Paul Feast Day Mass - Y6
Thursday 29th June 2017 @ 9.15 am

Y6 PGL Residential
Friday 30th June to Monday 3rd July

Transition Day (Y6 to Secondary)
Wednesday 5th July 2017

Summer Fair
Friday 14th July 2017 @ TBC

TRAINING DAYS

- Plus one other 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)

- Y5 Multi-Skills

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Wednesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y1 Multi-Skills

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Thursday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y2 Multi-Skills

- Y5 & 6 Football Club

Friday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Irish Dancing Club (3.15 - 4.30 pm)

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL— The Big Sleuth 2017



Meet our school bear, part of 'The Big Sleuth' 2017. He is really starting to take shape as Mrs Lines makes the children's design come to life! Our bear is called '*The Spirit of Light*' and I know it will be amazing once it is finished. I will keep you up to date with developments as they happen. You can watch the painting progress via our twitter account.

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 8.55 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 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 and is now £2.25 per day (£11.25 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

Thought for our Diocesan Virtues

Summer 1 - Compassionate & Loving

Our pupils are taught that it is important to be *Compassionate* towards others, near and far, especially those less fortunate; and *loving* by their just actions and forgiving words.

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Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: What loses it's head in the morning but gets it back at night?

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

Last weeks answer was:

... the word Mississippi has 4 eyes (i's)!
Get it?

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer to St. Joseph for Protection

Gracious St. Joseph,
protect me and my family from all evil,
as you did the Holy Family.
Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ,
ever fervent in imitation
of the virtue of our Blessed Lady,
your sinless spouse,
and always faithful in devotion to you.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

SS Peter & Paul Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.15 pm.

Sunday @ 9 am & 10.30 am.

Parish Cultural Evening

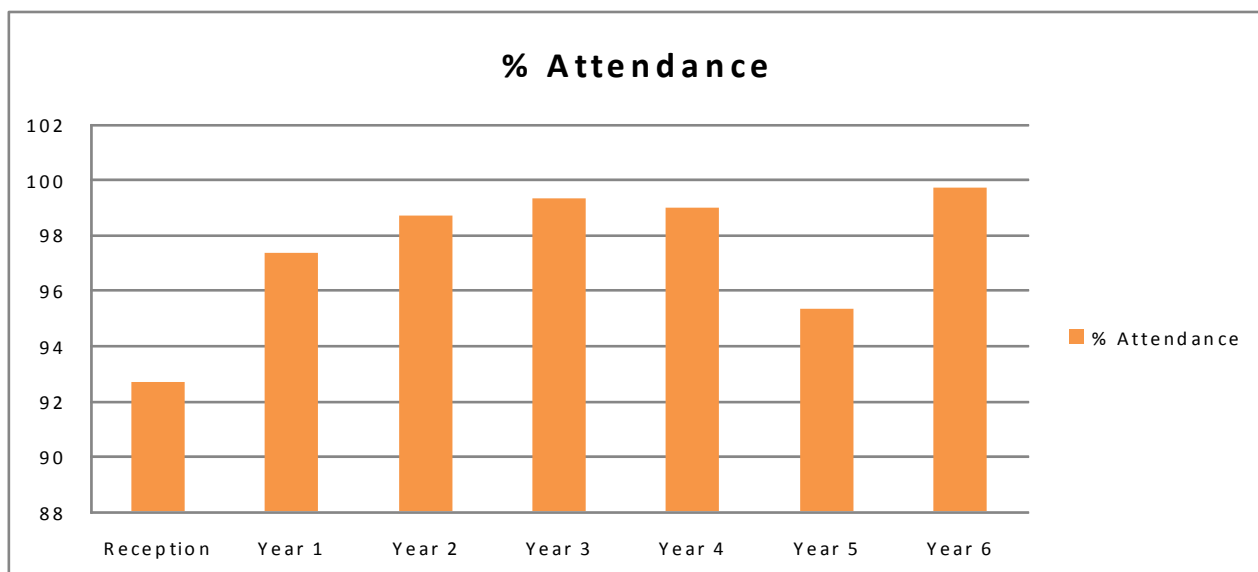
Saturday 24th June @ 6 pm (after 5.15 pm Mass)

Summer Buffet & Barbeque

Sunday 23rd July @ 11.30 am (after 10.30 am Mass)

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 8th May to 12th May is 97.64%



Congratulations to Class 6 well done for their excellent attendance!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-
Olivia Kirby, Jayden-James Ray, Gabriela Stasko.**



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Harry Green
- Year 1 — Rhiannon Hill
- Year 2 — Eliza Hillier
- Year 3 — Ruby Atkins
- Year 4 — Karol Baran
- Year 5 — Jayden-James Ray
- Year 6 — Poppy Steel



House Points

Saint Peter	90
Saint Paul	39
Our Lady	100
Saint Joseph	45



**Well done to Our Lady our winners.
Congratulations!!!**

Stay Safe Online

E-Safety is very important!
Do you know what your child is watching on the internet?

Top Tips for staying safe online

8. If you get sent something online that you don't feel comfortable with, always tell your parents and show them what you have seen. Be honest!

Spanish Word of the Week

"Llueve"

means... It rains.

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

