

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



*We live and learn in the light of Christ!*

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 1st December 2017

**Week 13**

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,

Today is a special day in the life of our former Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. John Batthula, who is being made a Canon at St. Chad's Cathedral. We send our congratulations and wish him every success in his new role. Please keep him in your prayers today and always.

Staying with the religious theme, please can I remind all parents and grandparents that our school Masses are not put on as a performance, they are an important part of our faith life and the Mass is to be respected at all times so there should not be anyone taking photos or filming their child reading in Church. Please do not let this happen again in the future. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Year 6 Mass on Thursday was lovely. My thanks go to all the children for reading and singing so well and to Mrs Seager, Mrs Oakley and Miss Gilliver for the preparation.

Year 3 & 4 both had school trips this week and were perfect ambassadors for our school on both occasions. My thanks go to all of my staff for their hard work and organisation, ensuring the trips ran smoothly. A special well done to Year 4 and their parents for not only attending the workshop this week but getting to school for 6.50 am to be on time for their trip. A great achievement so thank you.

I have added a new page to the school website under the 'Parents' tab called 'Letters Home'. This is where you will be able to get a copy of any letters that are sent home in case you mislay the original that was sent home. I hope you find it useful, I will try to keep it as up to date as possible.

Check out Page 5 of this newsletter to see how to play **SPFA Lucky Numbers** game!!!

**God Bless.**



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 13

Reception	£7.00
Year 1	£11.62
Year 2	£20.45
Year 3	£30.75
Year 4	£6.00
Year 5	£13.00
Year 6	£15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£103.82</b>

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.**

- **Christmas Jumper Day**—Next Friday 15th December. No charge!
- **Arriving at school late**—Since September, the amount of children arriving late to school has increased dramatically since last year. I know we are starting school 5 minutes earlier but there is still no excuse for arriving late for school. It is the same children all the time. So far this year, 3705 minutes of valuable learning time has been lost through lateness. That is 61 hours & 45 minutes or almost 9 school days lost. That is an unbelievable amount of time that those children can never get back. They are missing vital concepts and learning skills, facts and strategies that might never be covered again. Please ensure your child gets to school in time for the 8.50 am start.
- **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 dressed appropriately for bad weather 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.
- **School Mass**—There is no school Mass on Thursday 14th December. Sorry.
- **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](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk), to book a session.
- **Parent Workshops**—We have one parent workshop left where you have the opportunity to come into school to work with your child:
  - \* Year 6 - Wednesday 13th December @ 9.00 am
- **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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions). Please don't forget to complete one of our Admission Forms as well, which can be obtained from the school office.
- **SPFA Treat Tuck Shop**—Members of the SPFA will be running a tuck shop every Friday after school at 2.00 pm on the drive outside school.
- **Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance**—Everyone will now have received their allocation of seats for either Thursday 14th December at 2.00 pm or Friday 15th December at 9.30 am. ***Please bring your letter with you on the day.***
- **Affordable School Uniform**—School uniform can be ordered by contacting ASU Linda & Tony: Telephone - 07392370662 or [asu2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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
  - \* Key Stage 1 SPFA Christmas Disco—Wednesday 20th Dec @ 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

Y6 Parents Workshop  
Wednesday 13th December @ 9 am

Key Stage 1 Trip - Sutton Town Hall  
Wednesday 13th Dec @ 10.30 am

Key Stage 1 Nativity Production (1)  
Thursday 14th December @ 2.00 pm

Elderly Parishioners Christmas Lunch  
Thursday 14th December @ 12.30 pm

Key Stage 1 Nativity Production (2)  
Friday 15th December @ 9.30 am

National Christmas Jumper Day  
Friday 15th December 2017

School Christmas Dinner  
Monday 18th December @ 12.00 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

## 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... Champions!!!



So proud of our boys!!! We represented the Erdington & Saltley Primary Schools Football Association in the finals of the West Midlands Primary Schools 7-a-side tournament last Saturday and we won it!!! A superb morning of football against some very talented teams from all over the Midlands so to win it is a tremendous achievement! Well done James Hughes, Luke Drust, Kamarni Gerroni, Liam Shanahan, Cian Lane, Aidan Subhan, Joseph Bailey, Jaiy Leydon & Archie Moore. A special thank you to Mr Leydon for coaching and managing the team and to all the parents for your help with transport and your support all morning.

### 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](http://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: How can you make the number seven even?

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

Last weeks answer was:  
... because silence is golden...

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### Prayer of Advent - Week 1

Let us pray.

Stir up your might, we beg you, O Lord,  
and come, so that we may escape  
through your protection  
and be saved by your help from the dangers  
that threaten us because of our sins.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

### Parish Events

#### Christmas Carol Concert

Sunday 17th December @ 4.00 pm

#### Parish Weekend Masses

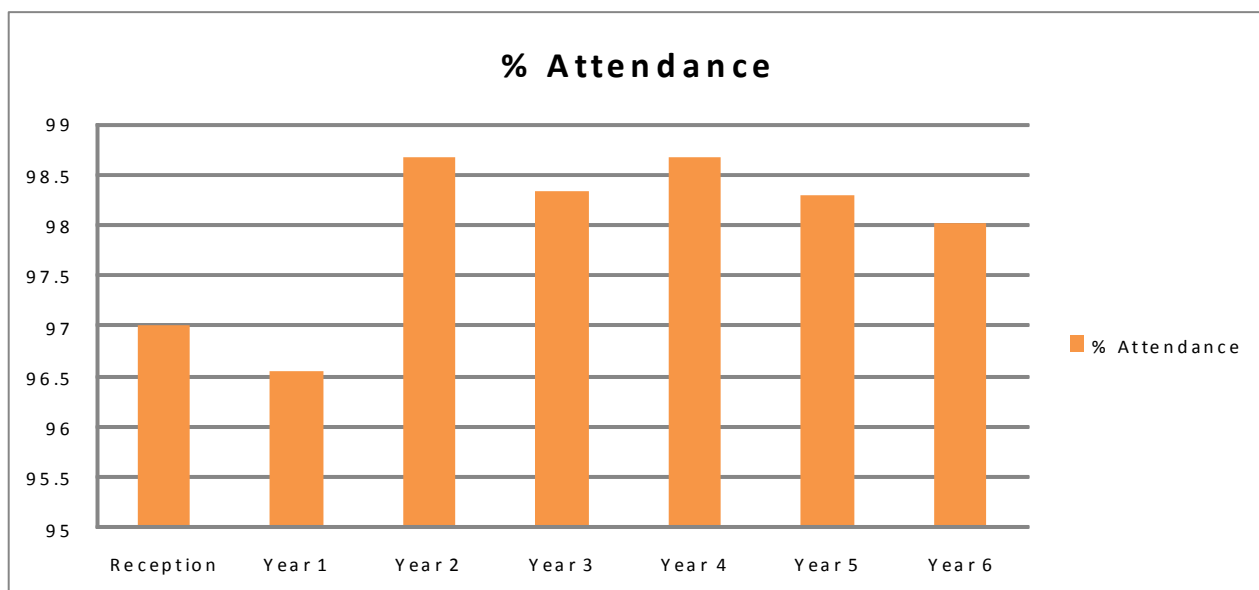
Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am  
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

#### 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 27th November to 1st December 2017 is 97.93%



**Congratulations to Year's 2 and 4 well done for their excellent attendance!**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

**Joseph Pardy, Joseph O'Callaghan, Aimee Nupa.**



### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

**Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-**

- Reception — Rylie-Rose Tyler
- Year 1 — Freya Chessum
- Year 2 — Amelia Jagers
- Year 3 — Joel Ejogu
- Year 4 — Whole class for a wonderful workshop and good behaviour on the trip.
- Year 5 — Sina Semere
- Year 6 — Archie Moore



### House Points

Saint Peter	97
Saint Paul	89
Our Lady	115
Saint Joseph	80



**Well done to Our Lady 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/](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/)

## Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

"Paz"

means... Peace.



### 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**

## **SPFA LUCKY NUMBERS**

**Lucky  
Numbers**

16 58 79 18 59 31 6 30 66 26 22 7 11 89 34 87 64 27 8 55 29 23 78 99 5 12 10 76 33 56 28 17 3 19 77 47 54 36 13

Announcing the start of the SPFA Lucky Number Syndicate!!!

**All families are now welcome to buy a lucky number(s) at a cost of £1 per week per number for a chance to win a cash prize every 4 weeks.**

The numbers will start at 1 and will be given out in ascending order. The end number will depend on how many people buy a number.

At the end of each 4 week period a lucky number will be generated from a smartphone app called 'Number Generator' and will be chosen and announced by Mr. Porter in Friday assembly.

The lucky winner will win half of the money raised from the last 4 weeks and the other half will go to our School.

We will keep an updated list on this page to show who has which number(s).

**This will help raise funds for our lovely school. For example if 12 people take out a number £12 will be raised each week, every 4 weeks the winner will receive £24 and £24 to the school.**

Once you choose to take part we would ask you to pay your money each week or 4 weeks in advance. Payments can be made in cash or directly into the SPFA bank account, please ask for details.

All payments can be made to Jenny Newson or Becky Franklin.

You can take as many numbers as you wish, your friends and family are welcome to join!

**The syndicate will start for all numbers paid for by 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 (last day of school) and the winner for the first 4 week period will be announced on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

**Please pay for your numbers now to be in with a chance of winning!**

We hope this flyer is self explanatory but please speak to Jenny or Becky if you have any questions.

Thank you

**SPFA**