

# ★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★



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

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 2nd March 2018

Spring 1 - Week 22

This week we pray for these special people!



Olivia  
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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	Friday 20th July

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

The decision to close the school due to the weather is never one taken lightly and I'm sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. I will always try to make the decision as early as possible in order to give parents adequate notice to get arrangements for childcare in place. My priority will always be the health & safety of all of the children, parents and staff. On this occasion, after I had made my decision, the local authority issued a blanket closure of all schools to keep the roads as clear and as safe as possible. I will keep you informed of developments for Monday but I'm hoping everything will be back to normal by then. It will remain cold so please make sure the children come wrapped up in appropriate winter clothing and please put their name on every item, I am getting quite the collection of unnamed gloves, scarves and hats!!!

This Sunday's Enrolment Mass for Year 3 & 6 children will go ahead as planned, Church will be open as normal for Mass @ 9.30 am so I expect to see you all there. If anything changes, I will let you know straight away. On the topic of Masses, I would like to thank Miss Ghanbari, Mrs Smith and Year 2 for their lovely KS1 Mass on Thursday morning. It was quite strange to see all the children and staff in their World Book Day costumes but it was a wonderful Mass regardless. I would also like to say a massive well done to all the children, parents and staff for their amazing costume creations, everyone entered into the spirit of the day and looked fantastic!

Please don't forget the SPFA ladies evening on Saturday 3rd March in the Parish Hall, I've heard a lot of good things so please try and support if possible. More details on Page 5 of this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Sponsored Read this week, we now need to start the collection process. See Page 2 of this newsletter for more details.

**God Bless.**



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 22

Reception	£7.00
Year 1	£11.62
Year 2	£17.50
Year 3	£30.75
Year 4	£6.00
Year 5	£7.00
Year 6	£15.00
Total	£93.87

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.**

- **Sponsored Reading Event for World Book Day**—Your child was given; *a letter* - explaining the event; *a reading record sheet* - to record which books and how much reading your child has done and *a sponsor form* - to get as many family members and friends as possible to sponsor them for doing this extra reading. This has run for one week only. Thank you to everyone who has supported and participated. The more money we can raise, the more free books we can get for school so please do your best. We will be asking you to collect the sponsor money next week. Please send it into school along with the sponsor form and record sheet by Friday 9th March so that we can create a final total and start ordering our free books. Thank you all for your help with this, I hope it is a great success.
- **School Council Trip to 'WE' Day UK**—Miss Ghanbari's School Council and the pupils of Year 5 have been doing some work with a children's charity organisation called 'WE' who are looking to inspire the children of today to be the global citizens of the future; making the world a better place by enabling social change via our young people. A group of our children have been invited to attend 'WE' Day UK in London next week, their parents have already been informed. I am really excited about this opportunity.
- **Spanish Club**—Our Spanish teacher, Ms Dormi, has 3 spaces left for after school club where Reception or Year 1 children can begin to learn Spanish in a fun and enjoyable way. Contact her directly, via her e-mail, if you are interested and want to find out more: [vdormi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vdormi@yahoo.co.uk)
- **Year 3 Parents First Holy Communion Workshop**—It will be on Tuesday 24th April at 9.00 am in the school hall.
- **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.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 9th March 2018. Please phone the school office or e-mail: [senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:asu2012@hotmail.co.uk)
- **Date for your diary**—Year 6 Leavers Disco has been booked for Friday 13th July 2018. More details will follow.
- **Year 3 & Year 6 Sacramental Enrolment Mass**—The joint Sacramental Enrolment Mass for Year 3 First Holy Communion and Year 6 Confirmation preparation is this Sunday 4th March @ 9.30 am. This is a very important part of the Sacramental preparation, I look forward to seeing you all there.
- **Parents Evening Dates**—The next Parents Evenings will be on Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd March 2018 from 3.30 - 6.00 pm. We will be trialling a new electronic system for signing up for an appointment via e-mail, the school app and text message. More details will follow.
- **Year 3 First Holy Communion**—The children of Year 3 will receive the body of Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Sunday 13th May 2018 at 9.30 am. More details will follow closer to the time.
- **Dinner Money**— A reminder that all dinner money should be in school on Monday's ready to be collected and banked.

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Y3 & Y6 Sacramental Enrolment Mass  
Sunday 4th March @ 9.30 am

School Council Trip to 'WE' Day UK  
Wednesday 7th March @ 6.45 am

Key Stage 2 Mass led by Y5  
Thursday 8th March @ 9.15 am

Year 2 Pirate Day  
Wednesday 14th March 2018

Key Stage 1 Mass  
Thursday 15th March @ 9.15 am

Spring Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.00 pm  
Wednesday 21st March  
Thursday 22nd March

Whole School Mass led by Y4  
Thursday 22nd March @ 9.15 am

Year 1 Class Assembly  
Friday 23rd March @ 9.00 am

Y5 Easter Production for Parents  
Tuesday 27th March @ 2.00 pm

Break Up for Easter Holiday  
Thursday 29th March @ 3.20 pm

Y3 Parents Communion Workshop  
Tuesday 24th April @ 9.00 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)  
- Y5/6 Multi-Skills Club  
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**Wednesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)  
- Y6 Running Club (12.00 - 12.30 pm)  
- Irish Dancing (until 4.30 pm)  
- Rec/Y1 Spanish Club (until 4.00 pm)  
- Rec/Y1 Toddler Tennis (until 4.30pm)

**Thursday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)  
- Y3/4 Football Club  
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### SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 8th March 2018 @ 9.15 am  
Key Stage 2 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... World Book Day 2018!!!



Some fantastic character costumes today. More available on twitter!

### 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.ssptprpl.bham.sch.uk](http://www.ssptprpl.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 2 - Intentional and Prophetic

Our pupils are taught to live our lives; getting the balance right, living in the present moment rather than in the unchangeable past or unknown future. Be **intentional** and deliberate in your choices, setting a good example to others. As a disciple we are **prophets**, predicting what our future holds in this life God has given us, remembering to live in the 'here and now' as God wants us to do.

### Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: If everyone in the country bought a white car, what would we have?

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

Last weeks answer was:  
...because 2 Ed's are better than one...

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### Prayer for St. David

Almighty God, we remember St David, your servant.

We give thanks for his passion for the Gospel which helped to spread Christianity;

We give thanks for his purity and simplicity of life which enabled his pursuit of Christian perfection;

We give thanks for his gentleness, but clear spiritual leadership. Grant that we may learn from him and respond to the words that are thought to be his last: 'Be steadfast, and do the little things';

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

### Parish Events

#### Lenten Stations of the Cross

Every Sunday @ 4.00 pm

#### Easter Triduum Masses & Services

Maundy Thursday 29th March - 7 pm (SSM&J)

Good Friday 30th March - 3 pm (SSP&P)

Holy Saturday Vigil 31st March - 7 pm (SSM&J)

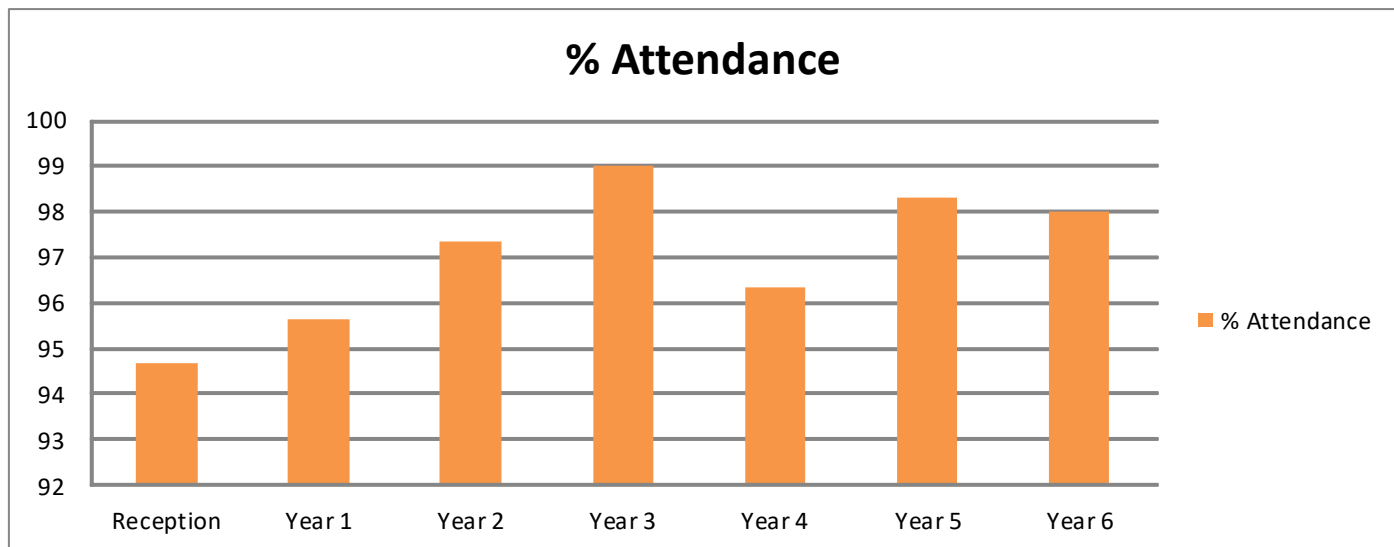
#### Parish Weekend Masses

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 12th February 2018 to 16th February 2018 is 97.02% (Week 21)



**Congratulations to Year 3 well done for their excellent attendance.**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

**Chloe Jane McBride, Malwina Glogowska, Joel Ejiogu.**



### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

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

- Reception — Lauren Santos
- Year 1 — Whole Class wonderful costumes for World Book Day
- Year 2 — Amelia Barrett
- Year 3 — Julia Baran
- Year 4 — Clara Moy
- Year 5 — Mareena Biju
- Year 6 — Mia Harrison



### House Points

Saint Peter	103
Saint Paul	153
Our Lady	126
Saint Joseph	121



Well done to St Paul'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](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)

## Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

"Cuaresma"  
means... Lent.



### Leading Light Club Contact Details

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**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**

I hope all you ladies are looking forward to the special SPFA 'cream tea & fashion show' tomorrow evening; Saturday 3rd March 2018, in the Parish Hall. I hear tickets have been selling fast but there are a few left, available from either Kristina or Kelly using the contact details above. It promises to be a great, fun evening so please get along and support. Thank you.

**SPFA Bonus Ball Winner  
£126.00  
Monday 26th February 2018  
Ball 58 - Mrs Mary Agar  
Well done to you!!!**



SPFA Merchandise for sale—all profits going to the school... Everyday items that you can't live without!!!

Blinki Reflector lights £1.50. Trolley Coins £1. Mugs £3. Piggy Banks £4.  
Wristbands (adult and child) £1.00



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## SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates

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