# \* 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 6th March 2020



#### This week we pray for these special people!











**Neil Porter -**







#### Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

The Season of Lent is a period of fasting, penance and alms giving leading to Easter; rooted in the 40-day fast of Jesus in the wilderness. As a school, we will be fundraising for Father Hudson's Society and Alton Castle. The details of our sponsored events will follow shortly. Please support them generously, I know you will.

As it does every year, World Book Day never fails to create a buzz of excitement and a love for reading. It is always

**Head Teacher** great to see the amazing costume creations that the children (and parents) come up with; the effort is truly impressive! I would like to thank Mrs Pawley as English Subject Leader for organising the events of the day and for all my staff for entering into the spirit of the day by dressing up so creatively and preparing some fantastic activities for the children. I promise to dress up too next year!

On Wednesday, our Year 5 children attended the annual 'WE' Day event in London. It was a very early start and late return; a long but enjoyable and worthwhile day. The event looks to empower young people from all over the country, helping them develop their 'pupil voice' and have a say in the future of our country and ultimately our world. A great day was had by all. I thank Mrs Pawley for organising it and Mrs Wright and Mrs Hastings for escorting and supervising the children all day. I really appreciate you giving up your time and I know the children and parents do too.

Year 2 Class Mass for Key Stage 1 on Thursday was a lovely event. The children read very well and the singing was once again fantastic! For such young children, they do sing incredibly well. I thank Miss Turner for preparing the children so well.

#### God Bless...

#### **Contact Details**

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#### **ACADEMY TERM DATES**

Term	Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020
New	Monday	Monday	Monday
Term	2nd	6th	27th
Begins	Sept	January	April
1st Half	Friday	Friday	Friday
-Term	25th	14th	22nd
Ends	October	February	May
2nd Half	Monday	Monday	Monday
-Term	4th	24th	1st
Begins	Nov	February	June
Term	Friday	Thursday	Friday
Ends	20th	9th	17th
	Dec	April	July

#### SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders) Week 23

#### School Fund will continue...

Direct Debit

You should all have received a new Standing Order form for your School Fund contributions, please can you complete and return it to school as soon as possible so that we can get your School Fund set up again. If you need a new form, please ask.

School Fund Account Details. Account Number: 30048268 Sort Code: 30 98 37

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 will keep you informed, please read this information carefully.

- PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM & CLOTHING IS CLEARLY LABELLED
- Lateness—Please can I remind parents and children that school starts at 8.50 am. The gates are open at 8.30 am and the children can come into school for their SODA task from 8.40 am. Please make every effort to get to school before the gates are closed at 8.50 am. All children arriving after 8.50 am must be signed in at Reception using the new signing in system.
- Photos and Videos—Please can I remind all parents that we no longer allow
  parents to take photos or make videos of the children during any assembly
  or school event for reasons of safeguarding. Thank you for cooperating.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Friday 20th March 2020 @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- **senco@ssptrpl.net**, to book a session.
- Year 3 First Holy Communion Date—Sunday 3rd May 2020 @ 9.30 am.
- Year 6 Confirmation Date—Saturday 27th June 2020 @ 5.00 pm.
- Year 6 PGL Residential—Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June 2020.
- Year 5 Alton Castle Retreat—Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th June 2020.
- **Swimming**—We have a mixed age group going swimming. The children concerned have been informed. Please ensure they have the right kit and are here in time to get on the coach which leaves at 8.45 am every Friday.
- Lenten Charities 2020—This year, as every year, we will be raising money to help and support certain charity organisations chosen by the staff and children. You should have already received your 'Small Change Charity Donation Money Box' for Father Hudson's Society, please fill it with coppers and small change throughout the season of Lent and return it when full or in Holy Week. Each class will also be participating in a sponsored event to raise money for our chosen charity this year which is Alton Castle; a religious retreat centre, which our Year 5 pupils always go to each year, that relies on charitable support to continue the amazing work it does for the young people of our Archdiocese.
- Coronavirus Information—Please see the leaflet of information attached to this newsletter which gives key advice on how to protect yourself and your child from any threat of this virus. I stress that this is nothing to worry about, purely precautionary hygiene advice which should apply at all times to limit the spread of all infection. The clearest advice given is to wash your hands before eating and after going to the toilet using soap and hot water.

#### **IMPORTANT DIARY DATES**

Key Stage 2 Mass - Y5 Thursday 12th March @ 9.15 am

SPFA Pop Up Mothers Day Shop Monday 16th March

Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday 17th March @ 2.00 pm

Y1 & 2 Class Mass - Mother's Day Sunday 22nd March @ 9.30 pm

Key Stage 2 Mass - Y3 Thursday 26th March @ 9.15 am

Spring Term Parents Evenings 2020 Wednesday 1st April @ 3.30 - 6 pm Thursday 2nd April @ 3.30 - 6 pm

Whole School Mass - Y6 Thursday 2nd April @ 9.15 am

SPFA School Disco Friday 3rd April @ TBC

Holy Week in School Mon 6th—Thurs 9th April 2020

Y5 Easter Production Tuesday 7th April @ 2 pm - Church

Break Up for Easter Holiday Thursday 9th April @ 3.20 pm

#### **TRAINING DAYS**

- Monday 2nd September 2019
- Monday 30th September 2019
- Friday 29th November 2019
- Monday 24th February 2020
- One more to be confirmed...

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5 & 6 Football Club
- Coding Club

Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5 & 6 Girls Football Club
- Irish Dancing

Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Monster Craft
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Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

- Y3 & 4 Football Club
- Monster Build



Thursday 12th March 2020 @ 9.15 am Key Stage 2 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... Amazing staff on World Book Day!



The children always enjoy World Book Day and so do the staff. The afternoon was spent in different classrooms with different teachers looking at some fantastic works of fiction. I thank all of my staff for their hard work making the whole day enjoyable for the children and I thank all of the children and parents for the amazing effort with the dressing up outfits which never fail to impress. Check out our Twitter feed to see all of the classes and the special poetry each class learned as part of the celebrations. Well done everyone!

# Thought for our Diocesan Virtues Spring 2 - Faith-filled & Hopeful

Our pupils are taught that it is important to have *faith* in your own emotions and judgements and once we have faith we have *hope* in ourselves and those around us with decisions which will shape our future.

We live and learn in the light of Christ.

#### <u>Prayer of the Week!!!</u> Prayer for Family & Friends

Blessed are You for giving us family and friends,
To be with us in times of joy and sorrow,
To help us in days of need,
And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration.

Father, we praise You for Your Son Jesus,
Who knew the happiness of family and friends,
And in the love of Your Holy Spirit.
Blessed are you for ever and ever.

Amen

(A prayer to say together with your family)

#### **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.net

Punctuality – School starts at 8.50 am & closes at 3.20 pm Monday to Thursday. Every Friday it's open 8.50 am to 2.00 pm. Punctuality is important to ensure a good school day for both children and staff. **Security** – Once children have been dropped off at school they must not, under any circumstances, leave the school premises for reasons of Safeguarding. 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 vour child's name.

Dinner money – Please note this will increase to £2.35 per day (£11.75 per week) with effect from 30th April 2019. Please remember we are now 'Cashless' so all dinner money payments must be made via ParentMail.

**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.

# Riddle of the Week!!! Q: What animal is always at a cricket

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

#### Last weeks answer was:

... Because 7, 8 (ate) 9 ...

# Parish Events Parish Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening @ 5.00 pm Sunday Morning @ 9.30 am

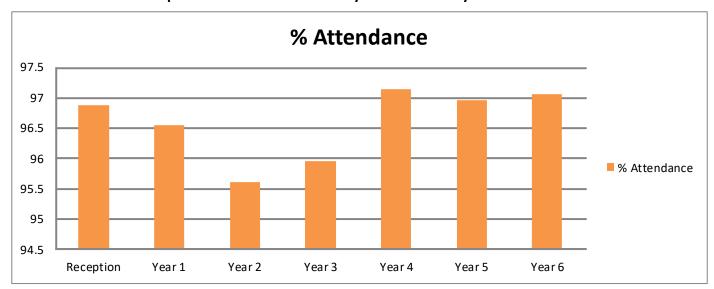
#### Lenten Stations of the Cross

Sunday afternoon's @ 4.00 pm

#### Parish Quiz Night

Friday 27th April @ 7.00 pm

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.



Congratulations to Year 4 for their 97.13% attendance.

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

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-Joel Ejiogu and Malwina Glogowska



#### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:

- Reception –Alexander Jaggers
- Year 1 Mayah Nortey
- Year 2 April Salari
- Year 3 Imogen Bailey
- Year 4 Joseph O'Callaghan
- Year 5 Whole Class for a great 'WE' trip
- Year 6 Tommy-Lee Gaskin

#### **House Points**

St. Peter 162 St. Paul 185

Our Lady 209

St. Joseph 293

Congratulations St. Joseph !!!
Our Weekly Winners.

### <u>Stay Safe Online</u>

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

#### Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

"Prestado"

means... Lent.



#### Leading Light Club Contact Details

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leadinglightclub@ssptrpl.net

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.







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 Bonus Ball Winner
Friday 28th February 2020
Draw 1 - £206.00
Ball 64 - Mrs Kelly Barrett
Draw 2 - £103.00
Ball 65 - Mrs Margaret Folan
Well done to you!!!







Following the success of Elfridges we are delighted to announce that we will be running a



# Pop Up Shop

During the school day

16th March 2020

Similar to Elfridges children will come along and choose a small gift. Gifts will be prewrapped and the children will add a tag ready to take home for that special person to receive on Mothering Sunday.

The cost will be £3.00 per gift



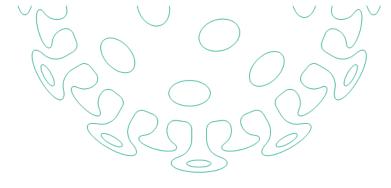
# SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates 2020



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Frida War 31st	Friday 28th	Friday 27th	Friday 24th
May	June	July	August
Friday 29th	Friday 26th	Friday 31st	Friday 28th
(5)	(4)	(5)	(4)
September	October	November	December
Friday 25th	Friday 30th	Friday 27th	Friday 18th
(4)	(5)	(4)	Drawn week early due to Christmas Day (4)

<sup>\*</sup>Draws will take place during Celebration Assembly. Where no assembly takes place the numbers will be drawn by Mr Porter or Mrs Calvert-Lyons and sealed in an envelope for revealing on the draw date.





# 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

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After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

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.

