

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



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

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 22nd September 2017

Week 03

This week we pray for these special people!

Year 4



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## TERM DATES

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

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not yet including standing orders)

Week 03

Reception	£3.00
Year 1	£4.00
Year 2	£5.00
Year 3	£4.00
Year 4	£2.00
Year 5	£4.00
Year 6	£2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£24.00</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**

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Well, we finally got there. Our new gates are finally up and running. See inside this newsletter for more details. I'm really pleased with them and know they will add the extra safety and security we need for our children. I ask for your patience as we see how they will work (hopefully without any problems) over the next few weeks.

I am making a few changes to the end of the day routine starting on Monday 25th Sept. Year 5 & 6 will continue to be walked around to the car park for collection and Year 4 will now be joining them there. Year 4 will no longer be let out of the door by the shed in the infant playground as this is where Year 3 will be collected from. The infant classes will still be dismissed from their classroom doors as before. No class will be coming out of the main entrance as this causes congestion and is a safeguarding concern as we can't always keep an eye on who's entering the building when the door is held open. If you're not sure where to go, ask in the office.

Well done to Year 5 who prepared our Mass this week. I was very impressed with the way the children read and sang so beautifully. Thank you Mrs Wright & Mrs Hastings for preparing the children so well.

**APPEAL** - I am looking for some parent volunteers to help in school and work in class with children on a regular basis on Friday's. Any offer would be greatly appreciated. Contact Mr Porter if you're interested.

**ALSO** - Do you know anyone who is looking for a school place for their child? We have spaces in Year 1 & Year 5. We had some children leave at the end of last year and are struggling to find any replacements. If you do, please contact Mr Porter or the school office asap or pass on this information to them. Thank you.

NB: Apologies to Y6 Parents for sending out the wrong dates for the PGL Residential. The Correct dates are Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th June 2018. Sorry for any confusion.

God Bless.



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

## NEWS

**We wish to keep you informed about school issues so please read the following information carefully.**

- **Home School Agreements**—Please ensure you sign and return these asap so that I can update my records. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **New School Gates**—Our new school gates are now operational. They have been installed to increase the level of security and safeguarding for our school and children. As we share the drive with the Church and Parish, the gates will only be locked during school hours which are Monday to Friday - 7.00 am to 6.00 pm. During these times anyone wishing to enter the school site will have to press the buzzer to alert the school office and then they will open the gates as required. Can I remind parents that it is only those parents with disability blue badges who can come down the drive to drop off and pick up their child, nobody else should be driving down. The pedestrian gate will be unlocked (but still closed, give it a pull or a push to open it) during the drop off and collection times so that parents can have free access in and out without the need to press the buzzer. I'm sure we will experience our fair share of teething troubles for the first few weeks but I know we'll all get used to them very quickly. Thank you.
- **SPFA Meeting**—The first SPFA meeting of the year has been organised for Tuesday 26th Sept at 6.15 pm. All are welcome to attend, anyone with great ideas for fundraising, bags of enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved and support our team needs to attend. We're trying a less formal venue this time, one of our parents is opening their home so if you're interested please contact Kristina Moore on 07950815868, Kelly Thompson on 07938638541 or the school office on 01216756028 for more details. Let's make this a fantastic year for all our children and families.
- **SPFA Welcome Disco**—Everyone is invited to the first SPFA fundraising event of the year. The welcome disco will be Friday 13th October in the Parish Hall. This is a ticket only event. Tickets will be available on the school drive via Kristina or Kelly at the end of this week.
  - ⇒ 6.00 - 7.00 pm Reception children and families only.
  - ⇒ 7.00 - late... Rest of School children and families.
- **Old £1 Coins**—Please can I make parents aware that we are getting ever closer to the deadline when the old pound coins are no longer valid. As a result we will be unable to accept the old ones for payment in school from the end of this month. Thank you for your co-operation in advance.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—School uniform can be ordered by contacting ASU Linda & Tony: Telephone - 07392370662 or asu2012@hotmail.co.uk
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 29th September. Please phone the school office or e-mail: [senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk), to book a session.
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning**—On Friday 29th September we will be holding our annual Macmillan coffee morning in the school hall from 8.50 am. All are welcome to attend as we look to raise money to support this cause which is very close to my heart. Your help with donations of cakes and attendance on the day will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.
- **Parent Workshops**—We are currently finalising the dates and times for our parent workshops where you have the opportunity to come into school to work with your child. See next weeks newsletter for more information.

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

SPFA Meeting  
Tuesday 26th September @ 6.15 pm

Y2 Class Mass for Key Stage 1  
Thursday 28th September @ 9.15 am

Y4 Class Mass for Key Stage 2  
Thursday 5th October @ 9.15 am

Reception Class Welcome Mass  
Sunday 8th October @ 9.30 am

Y3 Class Mass for Harvest Festival  
Thursday 12th October @ 9.15 am

SPFA Welcome Disco  
Friday 13th October @ 6 pm - late...

Open Afternoon (Prospective Parents)  
Tuesday 17th October @ 1.15 pm

Parents Evening Dates:  
Wednesday 18th October @ 4 - 6.30  
Thursday 19th October @ 3.30 - 6 pm

Break Up for Autumn Half-Term  
Friday 20th October @ 2.00 pm

Back to School - Autumn Term 2 Starts  
Monday 30th October @ 8.50 am

Whole School Mass - All Saints (Y6)  
Wednesday 1st November @ 9.15 am

## TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 4th September 2017
- Monday 8th January 2018
- Monday 16th April 2018
- Plus 2 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)  
- 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 28th September 2017 @ 9.15 am  
Key Stage 1 Children & Families  
Mass - Led by **Year 2**



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... Year 1 Maths Problems



Working together to solve problems in Year 1 this week.

### 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 and is £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

### Thought for our Diocesan Virtues

#### Autumn 1 - Eloquent & Truthful

Our pupils are taught that it is important they are able to express their thoughts and beliefs and that they must be able to learn to explain and convince others with great articulation and **eloquence**. That being **truthful** is being faithful to oneself and to Jesus.

### Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: Do you say, "Nine and five *is* thirteen," or "Nine and five *are* thirteen"?

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

Last week's answer was:  
... because it was a dande-lion...

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### Prayer for Peace.

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who said to Your Apostles: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you," regard not my sins but the faith of Your Church, and deign to give her peace and unity according to Your Will: Who live and reign, God, world without end.

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.

#### Changes to Parish Mass Times

Please note, Parish Mass times are changing on the weekend of 30th September/1st October.

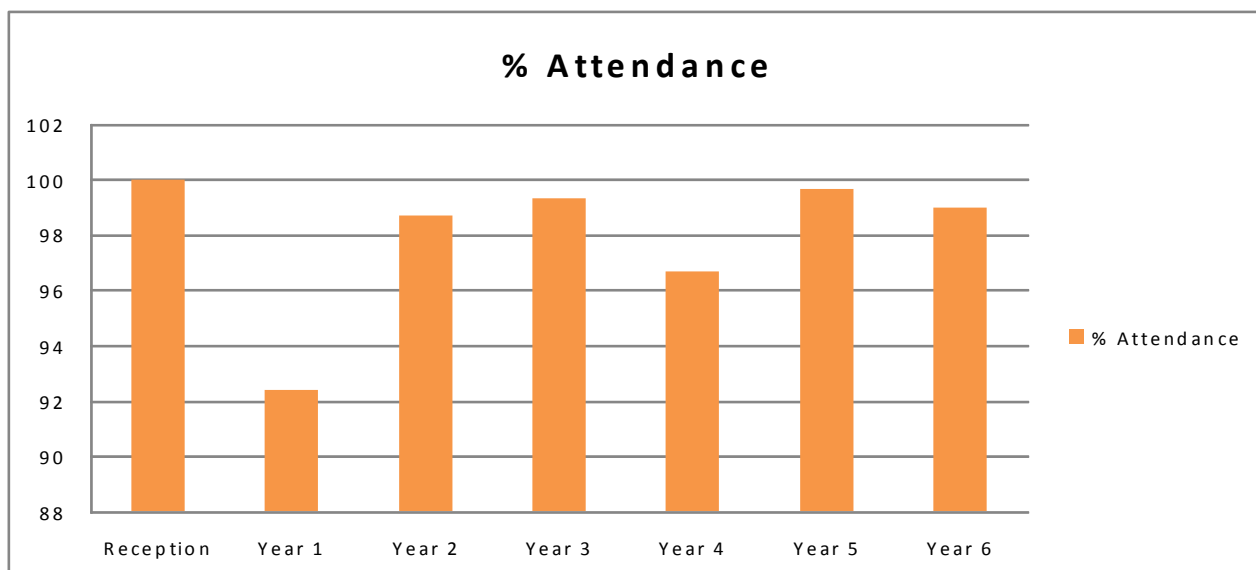
Saturday @ 5.00 pm

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 week of September 11th to 15th 2017 is 97.81%



**Congratulations to Reception Class well done for their excellent attendance!**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Isabella Recci, Maja Glogowska, Magdalena Duda, Mareena Biju.



### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Whole Class of 30 for settling in so well
- Year 1 — Jacob Parkes
- Year 2 — Sienna O'Reilly
- Year 3 — Ola Mosakowska
- Year 4 — Eloise Barrett
- Year 5 — Igor Dobron
- Year 6 — Magdalena Duda



### House Points

Saint Peter	52
Saint Paul	45
Our Lady	49
Saint Joseph	71



Well done to Saint Josephs 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)

"Dios te salve, María"

means... Hail Mary



### Leading Light Club

#### Contact Details

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Thank you for taking time  
to read our Newsletter.

