

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 7th September 2018

Autumn 1 - Week 01

This week we pray for these special people!



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BIRMINGHAM TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2018
New Term Begins	Monday 3rd Sept	Monday 7th January	Monday 29th April
1st Half-Term Ends	Friday 26th October	Friday 15th February	Friday 24th May
2nd Half-Term Begins	Monday 5th Nov	Monday 25th February	Monday 3rd June
Term Ends	Friday 21st Dec	Friday 12th April	Friday 19th July

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 01

Reception	N/A
Year 1	£7.00
Year 2	£11.62
Year 3	£17.50
Year 4	£30.75
Year 5	£6.00
Year 6	£3.00
Total	£75.87

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

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a lovely break for the summer, enjoying family time together. I'm looking forward to another great year and I hope you are too.

We have a new pupil, Holly, in Year 5 and a new teacher in Reception Class, Mrs Law. I know that you will all join me in welcoming them to our special family community as we start this new academic year together.

It gives me great pleasure to tell you all that Miss Hanrahan has given birth to a beautiful baby girl, Ivy, during the summer holiday. Both mother and baby are doing amazingly well and we are all delighted. Well done Miss Hanrahan.

Well done to all of you who have successfully created a ParentMail account, this has not been without a few teething troubles which we are hoping to get sorted early next week. You will receive a personalised link via text that will be specific to your child which will then enable the ParentMail app to work effectively. We will do our best to help and keep you as informed as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Some sad news to finish. A former teacher at our school, Mary Baines, has passed away last week. The funeral was yesterday and it was lovely to see so many of our parents there to offer their support and condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time, may she rest in peace.

My thought for this academic year is '**BE KIND!**' If everyone in the world showed a little more kindness to each other, it would definitely be a better place. Just a thought!

God Bless...



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

NEWS

We will keep you informed, please read this information carefully.

- **Uniform Policy - Haircuts & Trainers**—Please can I remind parents we have a strict Uniform Policy which must be adhered to at all times. It is available to read on our website. Thank you to all those who support our policy.
- **Swimming**—Y6 will need their kit for the next 4 weeks on Thursday.
- **Change to PE Kit for this year**—We have decided to use coloured t-shirts to match house team colours. We have changed our uniform policy and are asking parents to provide a plain coloured t-shirt instead of the white one for your child's PE Kit next year. These can be purchased cheaply from local supermarkets or online. Please ask if you're unsure which house they're in.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be changing the day for her SEN drop in sessions to a Thursday from now on. This year's 1st drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Thursday 13th September 2018. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Teaching Assistant Allocation**—Due to the fact that there is a reduction in our school budget this year (I now only have 6 members of support staff for 7 classes) we have had to change the way we use our fantastic teaching assistants. They are now allocated to support the children who need it most and provide specialist support and interventions across the school; not just attached to a specific class as in previous years. These interventions will be for a variety of purposes, with children being withdrawn to receive the help they need whether it is for academic, social or emotional reasons. We will not be sending out individual letters to parents but if you have a question please contact Mrs Calvert-Lyons for more information.
- **New buzzer system for Leading Light Club**—To ensure that our children are as safe and secure as possible while they are in our care, we have changed the timings of the gates to make them lock after school too. There is now an additional buzzer on the left-hand side of the pedestrian gate which is solely to access the Leading Light Club in the Parish Hall. The original buzzer is now solely to access school. I hope you appreciate the steps we've taken to ensure we keep our children as safe as possible. Thank you.
- **Late Collection of Children at the end of the school day**—We have a few families who, for a variety of reasons, are late collecting their child from school at the end of the day; after 3.20 pm. Just to let you all know that I have amended our school policy to include the following information which will take effect immediately from Monday 10th September: If your child is not collected by 3.45 pm, they will be taken over to Leading Light Club in the Parish Hall and you will be charged £8.00 per child for the session. My school staff are wasting valuable time looking after children when they should be doing other things. Please phone if you're going to be late.
- **Parents Information Meetings in September**—Giving you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and receive important information for the year ahead. Please make every effort to attend as they give you the chance to speak to the teacher about any issues and ask any questions.
 - ⇒ **Year 4** - Monday 10th September @ 3.30 pm
 - ⇒ **Year 3** - Tuesday 11th September @ 3.30 pm
 - ⇒ **Year 2** - Wednesday 12th September @ 3.30 pm
 - ⇒ **Year 1** - Thursday 13th September @ 3.30 pm
 - ⇒ **Reception** - Thursday 20th September @ 3.30 pm



SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 13th September 2018 @ 9.15 am
Whole School Children & Families - Led by Year 6



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

Parent Info Meetings @ 3.30 pm
Monday 10th September - Year 4
Tuesday 11th September - Year 3
Wednesday 12th September - Year 2
Thursday 13th September - Year 1
Thursday 20th September - Reception

New Reception Group 1 Start School
Monday 10th September @ 8.50 am

New Reception Group 2 Start School
Wed 12th September @ 8.50 am

Y6 - Whole School Mass
Thursday 13th September @ 9.15 am

Y5 - KS2 School Mass
Thursday 20th September @ 9.15 am

Y3 - KS1 School Mass
Thursday 27th September @ 9.15 am

Reception Welcome Mass
Sunday 30th September @ 9.30am

Y4 - Whole School Harvest Festival
Thursday 4th October @ 9.15 am

School Open Afternoon
Thursday 23rd October @ 1.30 pm

Parents Evening @ 3.30 - 6.00 pm
Wed 24th & Thurs 25th October

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Tuesday 4th September 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Monday 29th April 2019
- One To Be Confirmed

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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This week in school... Year 5



Year 5 researching information on the Tudors at the start of their new topic. Well done Year 5.

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 8.50 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.

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 is **£2.30 per day (£11.50 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 until we go 'Cashless'.

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 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* to all of our neighbours by their just actions and forgiving words.
We live and learn in the light of Christ.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: What did the skeleton say before eating his dinner?

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

Last weeks answer was:
...they chase parked cars...

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer for the Start of the School Year

Lord Jesus, we ask for your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience your presence in the many blessings you put before us.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience your presence in our new children, new colleagues and new friends.

Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!

Amen.

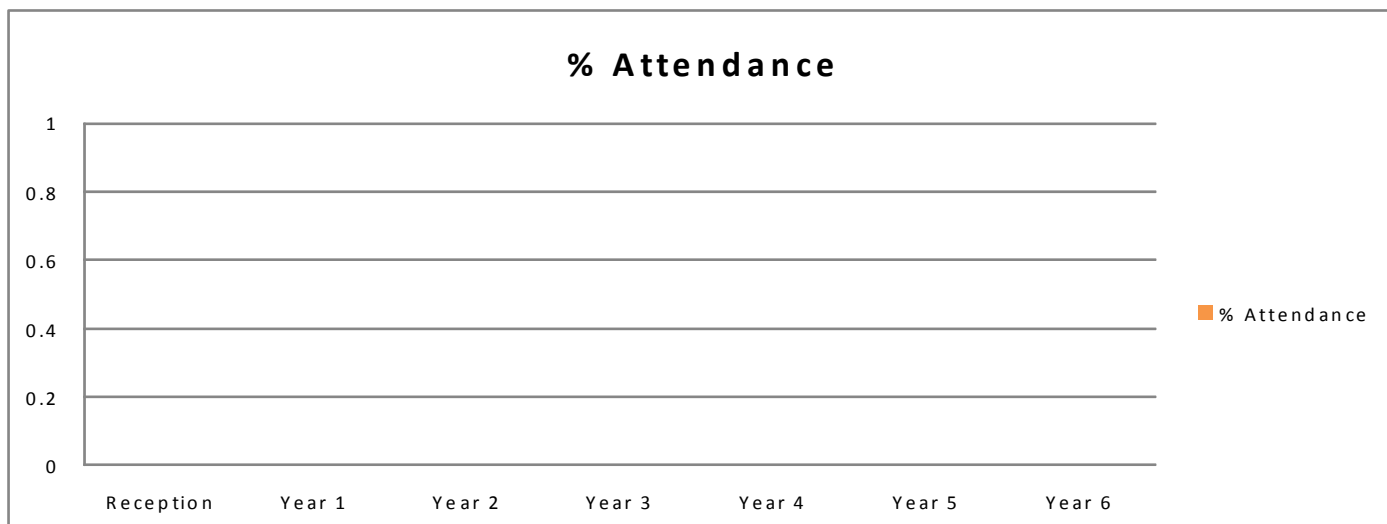
Parish Events

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 September 2018 next week



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Evie-Mae Tyler, George Hillier, Cian Lane, Clara Moy, Szymon Bylica, Henry Carter, Olaf Kosalka, Maya Kesik,



'STAR OF THE WEEK'



Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- **Reception — Next week**
- **Year 1 — Next week**
- **Year 2 — Next week**
- **Year 3 — Next week**
- **Year 4 — Next week**
- **Year 5 — Next week**
- **Year 6 — Next week**

House Points



Saint Peter
Saint Paul
Our Lady
Saint Joseph

Well done to 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

Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

"bueno estar de vuelta"

means... good to be back.



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 Bonus Ball Winner
£130.00
Friday 27th July 2018
Ball 32 - Mrs Debra Harris
Well done to you!!!**

**SPFA Bonus Ball Winner
£162.50
Friday 31st August 2018
Ball 49 - Mrs Kerry Hemmings
Well done to you!!!**



SPFA Reception Family Welcome Disco

We have a provisional date for our annual 'Reception Family Welcome Disco' where our new families get a taste for the fun and social side of school life. So keep **Friday 12th October** free in your diary, more information will follow once details are confirmed.

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SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates

January Friday 26th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small>	February Monday 26th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small>	March Thursday 29th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> <small>May change if no assembly</small>	April Friday 27th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small>
May Friday 25th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small>	June Friday 29th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small>	July Friday 27th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> <small>Recorded & Reported</small>	August Friday 31st <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> <small>Recorded & Reported</small>
September Friday 28th	October Friday 26th	November Friday 30th	December Friday 28th

* 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