

★ 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 11th October 2019



Autumn 1 - Week 06

This week we pray for these special people!



Year 4 Class

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Today, we had a special treat in school with a pantomime performance for all of the children. It is always great to have live acting and drama performed in school and the children absolutely loved it. I thank Mrs Brennan in the office for organising this for us all. What a star!!!

It has also been an exciting week in school as I have had the new screen and projector fitted in the school hall which the SPFA have agreed to pay for. This is something we have needed for a long time and I will be delighted to get it up and running when we get a new computer attached to it. Thank you SPFA.

I need to thank Miss Harris and Mrs Lines from Year 3 for their work to prepare the children for the KS1 Mass this week. The children read and sang brilliantly. Thank you

I have also had confirmation this week that the work on the improvements to the Infant Playground will start in the half-term break! This will only be 'Phase 1' the start of the process where we sort the ground work out first to ensure all of the drainage and trip hazards are sorted, ready for 'Phase 2' when we get something more exciting for the children to do installed. I apologise for this being such a long process but I want to get it right so that it can be used for many years. Sorry.

This weekend is a mementos day for the Universal Catholic Church, the Church in this country but most particularly our own local Church Diocese of Birmingham as Blessed John Henry Newman is to be canonized a Saint by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square, Rome on Sunday 13th October. Please keep this special servant of the Lord in your prayers this week.

Remember, it is the Welcome 'Monster Mash' Disco tonight in the Parish Hall. Sorry I cannot be there (I'm moving house today!) but I know you will all have a great time!

God Bless...



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ACADEMY TERM DATES

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

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 06

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**
- **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.
- **Classroom Volunteer Initiative Continues**—Thank you to those fantastic people who have volunteered to help in school, it is very much appreciated and you're already doing a great job for our children. There's still room for more, so if you're interested please contact school for more information.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Friday 25th October @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Swimming 2019** - The children that need additional swimming lessons will be grouped and then informed next week for their lessons which will start next week on Friday 18th October.
- **School Pupil meals**— Would you please inform the school office if your child is swapping between school meals or sandwiches so that we have an accurate record of how many dinners we are ordering, thank you.
- **Year 3 First Holy Communion Date**—Just to inform parents, as some have already been asking, the date of the First Holy Communion for our Year 3 children will be Sunday 3rd May 2020. More detailed information will be given nearer the time.
- **SPFA Reception Welcome Disco**—On Friday 11th October we are holding our welcome disco for our Reception families in the Parish Hall. We have Reception families only from 6.00—7.00 pm to give them a chance to get to know each other then the rest of the school community will join them from 7.00 pm onward. More information and tickets will be available soon.
- **Harvest Festival Mass and Food Donations**—Our annual Harvest Festival Mass will be on Thursday 17th October @ 9.15 am. As always, we are looking for donations of non-perishable foods that can be given to the Fireside Centre who we always support at this time. You can send in your donations at anytime now and we will create a display in the entrance and Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- **School Memorial Mass for Mrs Dilks**—In loving memory of Mrs Dilks, the school community will celebrate her life with us on Thursday 24th October at 9.15 am in Church. Everyone is invited.
- **SPFA Spare Change Coin Collection Competition**—The SPFA spare change coin collection competition for all of the classes is now well and truly under-way with loads of donations!!! Any loose change you have rattling around in your pockets will be greatly received. Lets see who fills their jar first and who can get the biggest total...??? Thanks for your support!
- **Messy Play Event**—There will be a 'Messy Play & Crafts' event for children under 5 years of age on Friday 1st November @ 9.30—10.30 am in the Churches Parish Hall. The cost is £4.00 per child. If you are interested in finding out more information or want to book a place for your child please call Hannah on 07849 234 762 or e-mail Thefamilylearningclub@mail.com
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IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

SPFA Reception Welcome Disco
Friday 11th October @ 6.00 pm

SPFA Christmas Card Order Deadline
Tuesday 15th October @ 3.30 pm

School Closed - Mrs Dilks Funeral
Wednesday 16th October

Whole School Mass for Harvest - Y6
Thursday 17th October @ 9.15 am

Year 4 Viking Day in school
Tuesday 22nd October 2019

Prospective Parents Open Afternoon
Tuesday 22nd Oct @ 1.30 - 3.00 pm

Parents Evening - Autumn Term
Wednesday 23rd Oct @ 3.30 - 6.00 pm
Thursday 24th Oct @ 3.30 - 6.00 pm

Memorial Mass for Mrs Dilks
Thursday 24th October @ 9.15 am

SPFA Non-Uniform Day for £1.00
Friday 25th October 2019

Break Up for Half-Term
Friday 25th October @ 2.00 pm

Autumn Term 02 Starts
Monday 4th November @ 8.50 am

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)
- KS2 Monster Craft
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Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
- Y5 & 6 Girls Football
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Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
- KS1 Monster Craft
- Y5 & 6 Girls Football Club

Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)
- Y3 & 4 Football Club
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SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 17th October 2019 @ 9.15 am
Whole School Children & Families - Led by Year 6
Harvest Festival Mass



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... Forest School fun making Lava Lamps



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 your 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.

Thought for our Diocesan Virtues
Autumn 1 - Grateful & Generous

Our pupils are taught that it is important to be **grateful**; count your blessings every day and remember to pause sometimes to change things to make them right. Be **generous**; give to others without counting the cost or expecting anything in return and grow to be men, women and children for others.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: Why did the students study in an aeroplane?

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

Last weeks answer was:
... Because his teacher told him it was a piece of cake ...

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer for the recently departed

In memory of Mrs Dilks and Larry Byrne

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Parish Weekend Masses

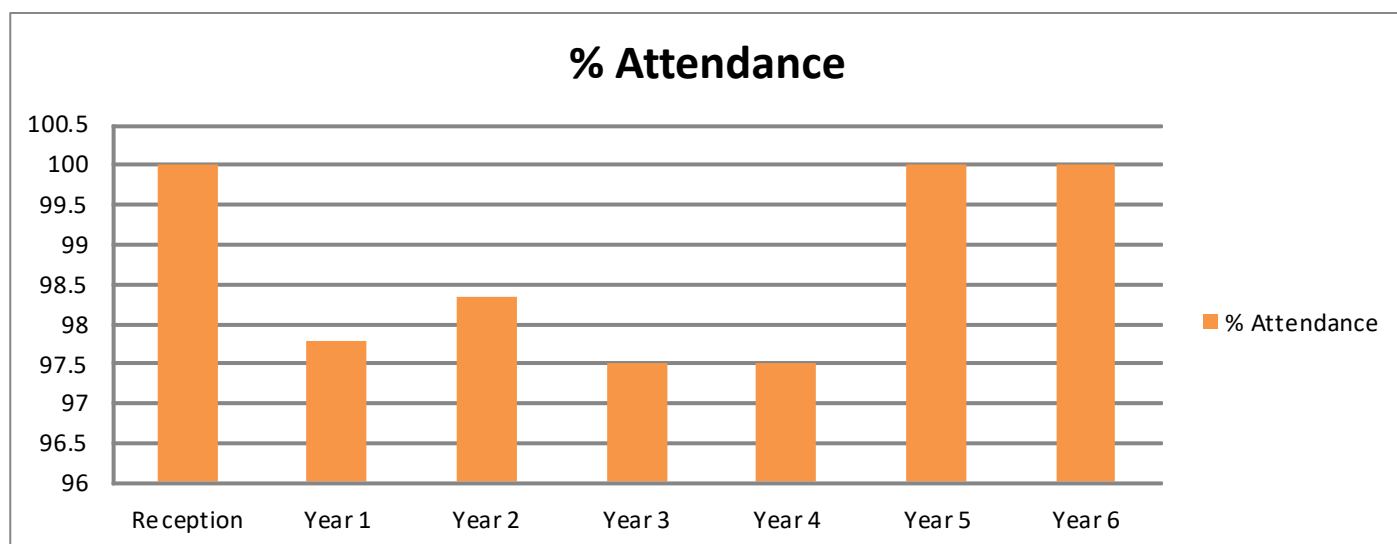
Saturday Evening @ 5pm
Sunday Morning @ 9.30 am

Parish Quiz Night

Friday 8th November
Parish Hall @ 7.00 pm
Teams of 6. £5.00 per person which includes a
Fish & Chip Supper.
Tickets available from the Piety Stall.

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 1st October - 4th October 2019 = 98.74%



Congratulations to Reception, and Years 5 & 6. Well done for their 100% attendance. Excellent.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Alice Cushion and Alex Swithenbank-Wilson



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception - Jacob Brennan
- Year 1 — Oakley Clarke
- Year 2 — Justyna Szmulewska
- Year 3 — Cerian Owen
- Year 4 — Chloe McBride
- Year 5 — Louis Player
- Year 6 — Eloise Barrett



House Points

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| St Peter | 82 |
| St Paul | 112 |
| Our Lady | 113 |
| St Joseph | 135 |



**Congratulations St. Joseph!!!
Our weekly winners.**

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

Please check out this website for support

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

"encantado"

means... pleased to meet you.



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 EVENTS

| OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER | JANUARY |
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| 11th Welcome Disco 6pm - Late Pumpkin Competition 18th Personalised Christmas Cards - Final Date to return orders Winter Uniform Orders 25th Non-Uniform Day - £1 | TBC SPFA AGM Meeting School Photos 15th Non-Uniform Day - Chocolates 28th Non-Uniform Day - Bottles Cake Competition 30th Christmas Fayre | 17th KS2 Carol Concert 18th KS1 Christmas Disco/Movie - 3.30pm - 4.45pm 19th KS2 Christmas Disco - 3.30pm - 5.15pm 20th Christmas Jumper Day - FREE | Watch this space... |

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SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates 2019

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| January Friday 25th DRAW COMPLETE (4) | February Friday 22nd DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & Posted (4) | March Friday 29th DRAW COMPLETE (5) | April Friday 26th DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & Posted (4) |
| May Friday 31st DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & Posted (4) | June Friday 28th DRAW COMPLETE (5) | July Friday 26th DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & Posted (4) | August Friday 30th DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & Posted (5) |
| September Friday 27th DRAW COMPLETE (4) | October Friday 25th (4) | November Friday 29th (5) | December Friday 27th Recorded & Posted (4) |

*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.



Mrs. Dilks Funeral Arrangements Wednesday 16th October 2019

Dear Parents,

Following much deliberation, it is with great sadness that I inform you all of the decision to close the school on Wednesday 16th October 2019 to ensure that all staff and friends of Mrs. Dilks have the opportunity to attend the funeral ceremony, paying their last respects, mourning the loss of a much loved person and member of school staff. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly as I know that this will have child care implications for many of you and I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you. I made this recommendation to the Governors of the school and they have agreed that closing the school is the right thing to do at this time.

Mrs. Dilks has been a long standing member of staff, working at SS Peter & Paul for 25 years, starting as an integration assistant (September 1994) and then becoming a full time Teaching Assistant in September 1999. She has worked alongside many colleagues over these years, a lot of whom are still working at the school, so I feel it is only right that every one of these friends and colleagues gets the chance to say goodbye properly. In order for this to happen, I need to close the school. I do hope you understand this decision.

The funeral is for family, close friends and colleagues only and they have requested that no flowers be sent at this time.

As a school community, we will be having a memorial Mass dedicated to Mrs. Dilks on Thursday 24th October 2019 at 9.15 am. This will be a whole school Mass, all parents are invited and the Dilks family will also be invited to attend. I know that some people have asked about a collection for flowers or a donation to charity, at this time the family have expressed a wish for no flowers and are going to let me know of any appropriate charity which we can make a donation towards in Mrs. Dilks' memory. As a school, we will have other ideas of ways in which we can remember this lovely lady and I will provide more details of these closer to the time.

I would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of support at this difficult time and also thank everyone for the lovely messages of condolence in the book which we will pass onto the family in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. N. Porter

