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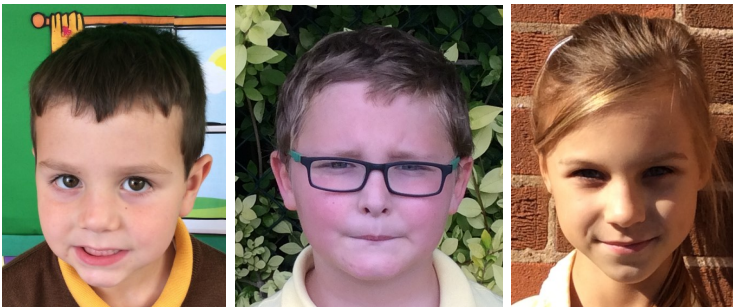
Weekly Newsletter to Parents

Friday 8th March 2019



Spring 2 - Week 23

This week we pray for these special people!



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ACADEMY 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 23

School Fund will continue...

Direct Debit

My mistake! If you pay school fund via direct debit we have been informed by the Multi Academy that we can continue to keep our School Fund account open for another year. Sorry for any confusion caused please continue paying as usual.

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

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

A reminder to all that we are now in the liturgical season of Lent. A time of solemn observance and preparation for the most important event in our faith calendar; the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. From its start on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, Lent is a traditional time for fasting, almsgiving and giving something up (abstinence). In school, we will be making our personal Lenten promises. Have you made yours...???



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

This weeks Ash Wednesday Mass was fantastic. I was so proud of all of our children who read and sang so beautifully, received the ashes with reverence and showed a great understanding of the importance of Lent. I had a number of parishioners make comments to the staff about how lovely the Mass and our children were. It was a lovely Mass and I thank Mrs Seager & Miss Gilliver for preparing the children so well. It followed on from Sunday's Sacramental Enrolment Mass which was equally special. Both Year 3 & Year 6 conducted themselves excellently and were a credit to our school, our Parish and their parents. It was a pleasure to be part of it!

A big thank you to Miss Ghanbari for organising and taking the children to London this week for the annual 'WE' Day celebration. 'WE' are a child centred charity who look to empower our future generations to enable change for the benefit of our planet and the people on it. It was an incredible day, rubbing shoulders with celebrity guests (including royalty) and performers who are looking to inspire our youngsters. It was an inspirational experience! I thank Mrs Hastings and Mrs Garcia for accompanying the group.

We welcome a new child in Reception class this week, Oakley. Both he and his family are welcome to our school community, I know you will give them a warm reception.

God Bless.

NEWS

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

- **World Book Day 2019**—This has got to be the best one yet! What an amazing amount of effort you have all put in to the costumes, accessories and face painting this year! I thank everyone for entering into the spirit of the day, especially my staff, it all added to the day to make it extra special. Check out our Twitter feed to see more.
- **ONLINE SAFETY 'MOMO CHALLENGE'** - I have sent information out to all parents regarding this latest threat to the online safety of our children. This character has been created to scare and threaten children, encouraging them to do things and keep it secret from their parents. It also threatens to harm them and that they will die in their sleep! It's thoroughly disgusting and we need to protect our children from these type of things. It pops up on social media feeds and can be sent via message apps, all of which your child should not have access to because they are too young! But it has also been embedded into some Youtube clips, aimed at young children, popping up without any prior notice or warning. Please read the leaflet attached to this newsletter and please monitor what your children are doing online so that they do not come into contact with this kind of thing. Thank you.
- **Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation**—Year 3 will make their first confession on Tuesday 19th March @ 2.00 pm in Church. Parents are welcome to attend. Please know, this is not a Mass, it is a Reconciliation Service.
- **Year 6 Leavers Prom/Disco Change of date**—All Year 6 Parents should've received a ParentMail explaining the change of date from Friday 12th to Saturday 13th July 2019 due to a double booking error. Sorry.
- **Leading Light Club Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme**—To all parents who pay for Leading Light Club using the Government Tax Free Childcare Account, we are **back up and running** again so you can now log onto your account and make any outstanding payments. Thank you for your patience.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Friday 15th March 2019 @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **John Taylor Hospice 'League of Friends' book donation**—We continue to develop our partnership work with John Taylor Hospice and I am delighted that we have had some books on bereavement donated to help any of our children cope with a loss. In return, I have been asked to promote their fundraising concert at Emmanuel Church, Wylde Green on Saturday 16th March @ 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5.00 each and all proceeds go to funding this bereavement book initiative.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Y5 Class Mass for Key Stage 2
Thursday 14th March @ 9.15 am

Fr. Hudson's Good Shepherd Assembly
Tuesday 19th March @ 10.45 am

Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 19th March @ 2.00 pm

Y2 Class Mass for Key Stage 1
Thursday 21st March @ 9.15 am

Y5 & 6 Chess Tournament
Thursday 21st March @ 1.20 pm

Year 1 Class Assembly for Parents
Friday 22nd March @ 9.00 am

Y4 Class Mass for Key Stage 2
Thursday 28th March @ 9.15 am

SPFA Mothers Day Treat Sale on drive
Friday 29th March @ 2.00 pm

School & Parish Fashion Show
Saturday 6th April @ 6.00 pm

Year 5 Easter Production
Tuesday 9th April @ 2 pm - Church

Spring Term Parents Evenings
Wednesday 10th April @ 3.30 - 6 pm
Thursday 11th April @ 3.30 - 6 pm

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Tuesday 4th September 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Tuesday 22nd January 2019 (MAC)
- Monday 29th April 2019

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5/6 Football

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Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS2 Monster Craft

- Skills 4 Life Club

Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5/6 Girls Football

- KS1 Toddler Tennis (4.30 pm)

Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS1 Monster Craft

- Y6 Tag Rugby

Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

- Y3/4 Football

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SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Wednesday 14th March 2019 @ 9.15 am
Key Stage 2 Children & Families - 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 & 'WE' Day 2019



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 – This is £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week). 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

Spring 2 - Learned & Wise

Our pupils are taught that it is important they are able to acquire as much knowledge & information as possible; being *learned*, so that they are able to use what they have learned to help them to make informed decisions and live their life in a way that Jesus would want; being *wise* like him.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

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

Last weeks answer was:
...The captains name is 'WHAT'...

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer of love

O My God,
I love you above all things,
with my whole heart and soul,
because you are all-good and worthy of all love.
I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you.
I forgive all who have injured me,
and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.
Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Parish Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

Cultural Evening

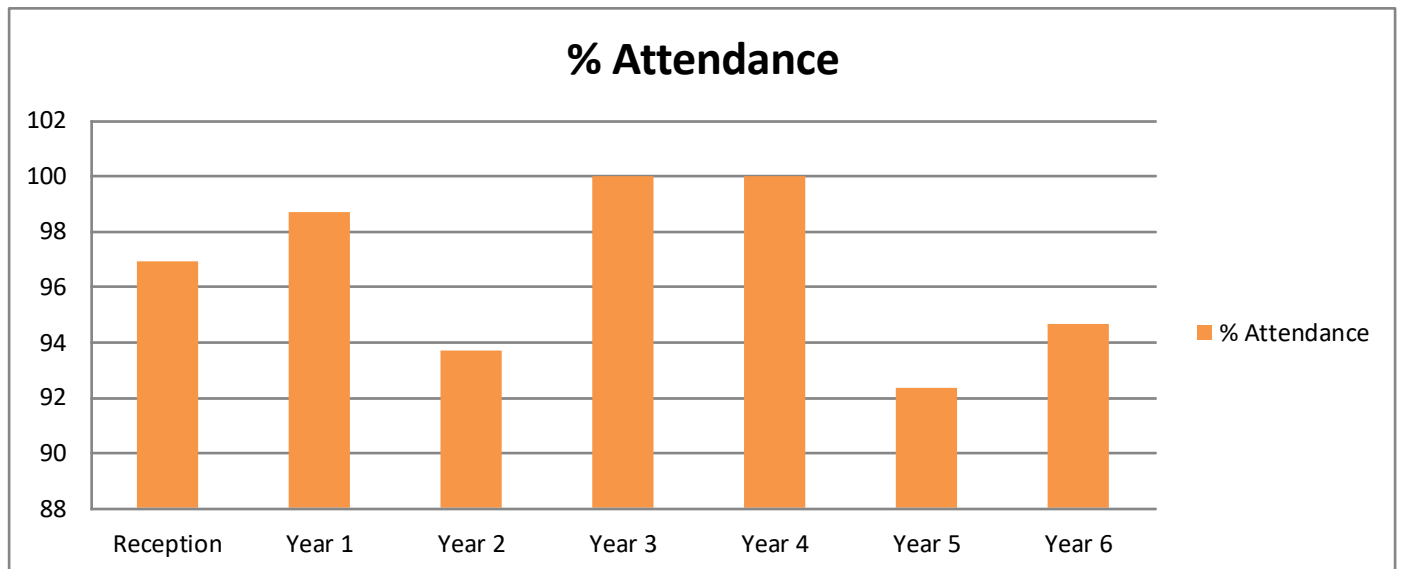
Saturday 29th June @ 7.30 pm
Tickets available from Church Piety Stall

Christmas Fair

Saturday 30th November 2019

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 25th February to 1st March 2019 = 97.31%



Congratulations to Year's 3 and 4 well done for their excellent 100% attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-
Poppy Porter



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Whole Class—Amazing Sentence Writing
- Year 1 — Georgia Murtagh
- Year 2 — Imogen Bailey
- Year 3 — Chloe-Jane McBride
- Year 4 — Keon Gerroni
- Year 5 — Amelia Recci
- Year 6 — Oliver Huddleday



House Points

Saint Peter	45
Saint Paul	47
Our Lady	49
Saint Joseph	68



Well done to St. Joseph 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

Please check out this website for support

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

"Cuaresma"

means... Lent



Leading Light Club

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It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created to this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our '7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.

Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly)... YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.

What parents need to know about

MOMO

CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until partway through the video.

DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



National
Online
Safety

Top Tips for Parents

TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them! Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task become progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in: no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshot any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is
0800 1111.

SOURCES:
<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/sick-videos-youtube-youtube-kids-14012196>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-47359623>



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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

FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Miss Gilliver has been working hard with pupils in Key Stage 2 to set up a 'Forest School' for outdoor learning in our school garden area at the bottom of the playground. It has been fantastic to see the children enjoying their learning outside and getting the opportunity to experience nature first hand in all weathers. We have started small and we are looking to develop this further so that more children get the experience. For this to happen, the SPFA has granted some money to buy new tools and equipment for the children to use during their forest school sessions. I thank Miss Gilliver for her hard work and the SPFA for agreeing to support this. All children in KS2 should get the opportunity before they leave SS Peter & Paul.

SPFA Bonus Ball Winner
£174.00
Friday 25th January 2019
Ball 21 - Mrs Dymphna O'Brien
Well done to you!!!

Infant Playground Update...

Please can I thank everyone for their patience regarding the proposed changes and improvements to the Infant Playground. I realise I haven't been the best at keeping you all up to date with developments regarding the application for the additional funding grant. Initially the grant application was refused and since then I have been changing, tweaking and adapting the application; resubmitting it to try and secure the money that would see a more dramatic outcome with better facilities rather than just settling and spending what we have in the bank. I am still awaiting a final decision and as soon as I receive this, I will make plans to move forward appropriately. Unfortunately, these things take time but I want to secure the best deal possible for our children. Thanks again for your patience.

SPFA information and events...

- Friday 29th March - Mother's Day Treats for sale on the drive
- Saturday 6th April - Joint School & Parish Mother's Day Treat Night, Disco & Fashion Show
- Friday 12th April - Non-Uniform Day for £1.00 and free entry into an Easter Competition (TBC)
- Friday 17th May - Joint School & Parish Family Fun Night
- Saturday 22nd June - SPFA Car Boot Sale
- Friday 5th July - Summer Fair
- Friday 14th June - Non-Uniform Day for sweets or chocolate (TBC) for Summer Fair stalls
- Friday 28th June - Non-Uniform Day for Bottles for Summer Fair stall
- Friday 5th July - Non-Uniform Day for filled and decorated Lucky Bags (to be supplied by SPFA)

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SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates 2019

January Friday 25th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)	February Friday 22nd <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> Recorded & Posted (4)	March Friday 29th (5)	April Friday 26th Recorded & Posted (4)
May Friday 31st Recorded & Posted (4)	June Friday 28th (5)	July Friday 26th Recorded & Posted (4)	August Friday 30th Recorded & Posted (5)
September Friday 27th (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.



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