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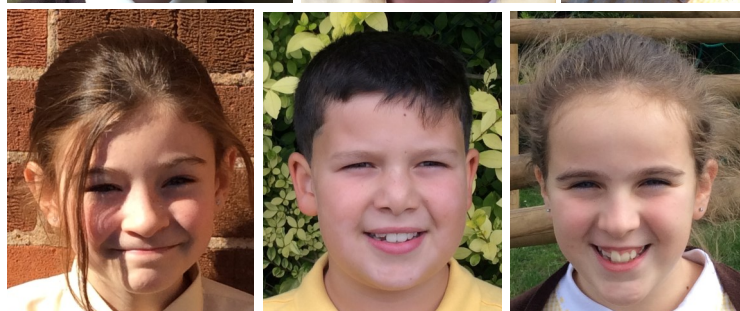
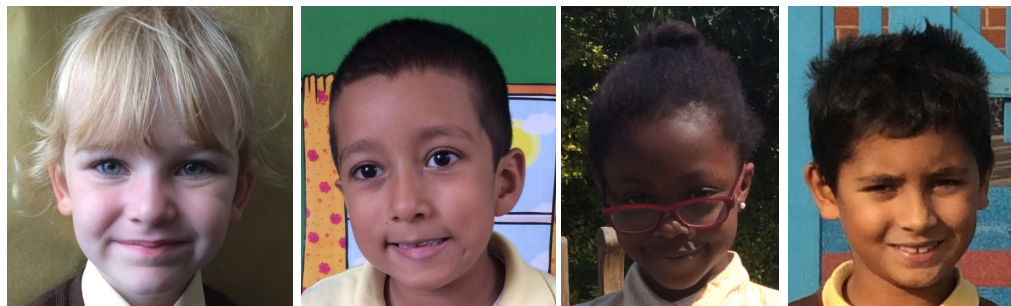
Part of... St. John Paul II Multi-Academy

We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 21st December 2018

Autumn 2 - Week 15

This week we pray for these special people!



Michelle
Jaden
Sophia
Bryan
Daniel
Olivia
Evie-Mae

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

The week started with the School Council going up to John Taylor Hospice to do some Carol Singing, my thanks go to Miss Ghanbari & Miss Gilliver for organising this special event. It was very well received by the hospice staff and patients, so my staff and children I say thank you.

The KS2 Carol Concert was amazing on Tuesday night! The children sang from their heart and it truly was a special evening. Thank you to Mrs Calvert-Lyons, Mrs Pawley and all my KS2 staff for putting together such a lovely performance. I was very proud!

Christmas Dinner and the parties on Wednesday were also fantastic, the children had a great time so I thank my kitchen staff, Jeannette & Denise, for the wonderful food and my staff for providing the party games and treats. A lovely day was had by all.

The SPFA did a great job with the Christmas disco's on Wednesday & Thursday. Again, the children had a great time. My thanks goes to all the SPFA Parents who helped with refreshments and supervision on the evening and my staff's support too!

Thank you also to Mrs Wright & Year 5 for their lovely end of term Mass, I'm sorry that I wasn't there to witness it but I know Fr. Joe was very pleased. Thank you.

Also, thank you to the parents who returned the 'Classroom Volunteer' forms, I will be working on them over Christmas and will contact you in due course. Thank you.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Happy & Holy Christmas with your family and friends, I hope you all have a fantastic time! I hope you can all make it to Church on Christmas morning to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, Jesus. I will see you all back here on Tuesday 8th January 2019 which is the first day back for the children.

God Bless. Merry Christmas Everyone!!!



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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 15

PLEASE CANCEL YOUR DIRECT DEBIT OR STANDING ORDER INTO THE SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT AS IT IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION. DETAILS OF AN ALTERNATIVE TO FOLLOW IN THE NEW YEAR. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

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

NEWS

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

- **Thank you**—On behalf of all of my staff and I, please can I say a massive thank you for all of your Christmas cards and gifts, your generosity really is overwhelming. Your appreciation is greatly received so thank you all.
- **KS2 Carol Concert Present Donations**—This was AMAZING!!! The amount of gifts that were presented on the altar at the end was superb! Again, your generosity was overwhelming. Samuel Edgar from the Salvation Army was truly blown away by the volume of presents donated. You all did our school proud and I sincerely thank you all for that! They were collected the next day ready for distribution to those families in need this Christmas. Top job!
- **Term Dates for 2019-2020**—Please find the agreed dates for next academic year for all schools within the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy attached to this newsletter.
- **Leading Light Club Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme**—To all parents who pay for Leading Light Club using the Government Tax Free Childcare Account, it has been temporarily suspended because of our conversion to Academy. Our URN has changed and I need to update the details and have everything verified again. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes.
- **Snow and bad weather closure**—As we are now at the start of winter we have to plan for what would happen if (for the health and safety of the schools' community) the school had to close due to bad weather. We have in previous years made decisions as early as possible using the website and ParentMail and such decisions will apply to all schools within the Multi-Academy. We will continue to use these mediums of fast communication if it becomes necessary. It can be quite difficult to get through to the local radio stations in the absence of a city wide decision but please check these sources of information if you have difficulty accessing the internet.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Thursday 17th January 2019 @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Swimming Lessons**—I have had to move our swimming day and time to ensure that it didn't impact on other areas of the curriculum and support interventions that are going on in school so swimming will now be on Friday morning. I will inform the children and parents who will be swimming in January ready for the first session on Friday 11th January 2019. I thank Mrs Plant for her continued support with swimming teaching, we couldn't do it without her support, so thank you.
- **Guitar Lessons**—All of Key Stage 2 received a letter this week about a new set of guitar lessons starting after Christmas. This has also been sent out on ParentMail. If you are interested in your child taking part, drop me a text on 07885 235 496 and will put a timetable together ready to start in January.
- **Whole Multi-Academy Teacher Training Day**—Please be aware that now we are part of the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy we are involved in some whole MAC training at Bishop Walsh Secondary School on **Tuesday 22nd January 2019** so our school will be closed to pupils that day. Sorry.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Break Up for Christmas Holiday
Friday 21st December @ 2.00 pm

Teacher Training Day - School Closed
Monday 7th January 2019

Spring Term begins for Children
Tuesday 8th January @ 8.50 am

Whole School Start of Term Mass - Y5
Thursday 10th January @ 9.15 am

Y6 Parents Workshop—Maths
Wednesday 16th January @ 9.00 am

Y2 Class Mass for Key Stage 1
Thursday 17th January @ 9.15 am

Teacher Training Day—School Closed
Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Y4 Class Mass for Key Stage 2
Thursday 24th January @ 9.15 am

Reception Height & Weight Measured
Thursday 24th January @ 9.30 am

Y5 Class Sunday Mass
Sunday 27th January @ 9.30 am

Sacramental Preparation Meetings
Y3 Parents @ 5.30 pm
Y6 Parents @ 6.00 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)

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Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

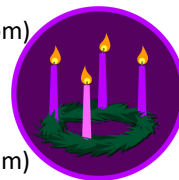
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Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

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SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 10th January 2019 @ 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.

This week in school... Reception meet Fr. Christmas...



Reception Parents can log into Tapestry to see their child's photo and much, much more!

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 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 Autumn 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.'

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: How many presents can Santa fit in an empty sack?

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

Last weeks answer was:
...stinker bell...

Prayer of the Week!!!

A Christmas Prayer

Dear Lord, don't let us miss you this Christmas time. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebrations on your birth. Thank you for being the prince of peace and I ask for that peace to reign in our hearts. Thank you for the simple but life-changing message of your love for us.

Amen.



(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Parish Weekend Masses

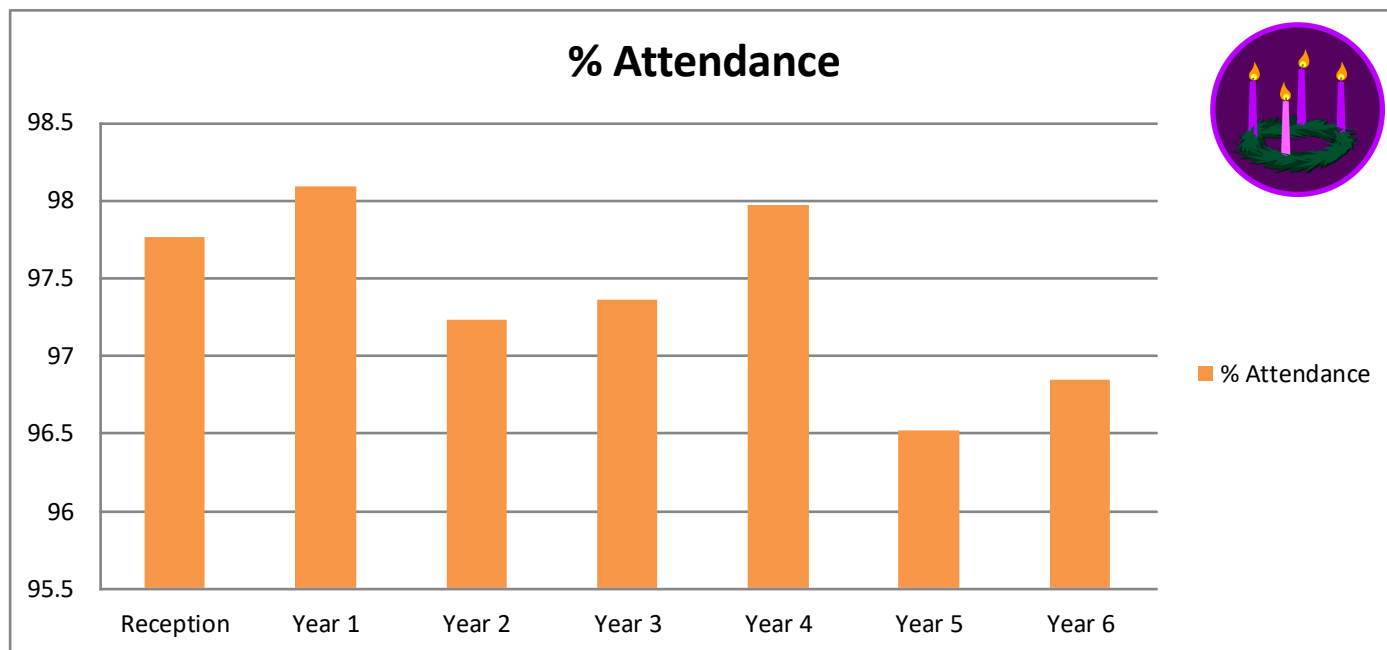
Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

Parish Christmas Mass Times

24th December @ 5.00 pm & 7.00 pm
25th December @ 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 4th to 14th December 2018 = 97.39%



Congratulations to Year 1 well done for their excellent 98.09% attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Olivia Stack, Sophia Roe, Daniel Harris, Georgia Eannetta, Eve Newson,
Amelia Wilkinson, Tyler Campbell, William Jabang, Amelia Kozlowska,
Tayler-James Roe.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Whole Class for making such good progress this term
- Year 1 — Whole Class for the lovely Nativity
- Year 2 — Felicity Franklin
- Year 3 — Whole Class for the wonderful Carol Concert
- Year 4 — Zuzanna Kedziora
- Year 5 — Grace Dempsey
- Year 6 — Whole Class for the wonderful Carol Concert



House Points

Saint Peter	54
Saint Paul	88
Our Lady	131
Saint Joseph	58



Well done to Our Lady's our winners.
Congratulations!!!

**Termly Winner - Our Lady's
Reward Afternoon in January!!!**

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)

"Un árbol de Navidad"
means... A Christmas Tree.



Leading Light Club

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<p>A message on behalf of the Board of Directors of the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy</p> <p>regarding term dates for 2019-2020</p>
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Dear Parents/ Person with Parental Responsibility,

I am writing to you to inform you of the term dates for all six current schools in the St John Paul II Academy in the academic year 2019-2020. As with a number of other Catholic Schools in our area and in the city, these term dates deviate from those produced by the Local Authority. This is so pupils will be able to be in school during Holy Week to remember the passion and death of Our Lord leading up to the greatest Christian Festival of all, Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead.

St John Paul II Multi Academy Term Dates 2019/2020:

Autumn Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 2 September 2019

Half Term: Monday 28 October 2019 to Friday 1 November 2019

Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020

Term Ends: Thursday 9 April 2020 (**Maundy Thursday**)

Easter Sunday 12 April

Summer Term 2020


Term Starts: Monday 27 April 2020

Half Term: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

Term Ends: Friday 17 July 2020

INSET days for the academic year 2019-2020 will be published in due course. We hope that by letting you know this information sixteen months before time will help you to arrange childcare, family time and travel plans during this holiday period. It is worth knowing that the Board of Directors will always intend to arrange term dates so that in future all pupils will be required to attend school during Holy Week. I hope you are having a hopeful Advent and will enjoy a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J.B. Farrell

Catholic Senior Executive Leader - (seconded for the academic year 2018-2019)
St. John Paul II Multi Academy



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 Raffle Prize Winners:

1. Dymphna O'Brien (Jimmy Moore Y4)
2. Grace Bennett Y4
3. Sienna O'Reilly Y3
4. Szymon Szmulewski Y3
5. Olivia Stack Y1
6. Josephine James Y1
7. George Hillier Y5
8. Grace Dempsey Y5
9. David Smith Y5

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and took part!

As a thank you, every child has received a Christmas Candy Cane and a bag of chocolate coins from the SPFA.

Merry Christmas from everyone at the SPFA.

Please can I say a massive thank you to the SPFA and all of the parents who give their time to help and volunteer at SPFA events. The children really appreciate everything you do. You work so hard and do such an amazing job for the school, so thank you! Have a good Christmas. Love, Mr. Porter.

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SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates



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January Friday 26th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)	February Monday 26th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)	March Thursday 29th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> <small>May change if no assembly</small> (5)	April Friday 27th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)
May Friday 25th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)	June Friday 29th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (5)	July Friday 27th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> <small>Recorded & Audited</small> (4)	August Friday 31st <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> <small>Recorded & Audited</small> (5)
September Friday 28th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)	October Friday 26th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (4)	November Friday 30th <small>DRAW COMPLETE</small> (5)	December Friday 28th (4)

*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