

★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

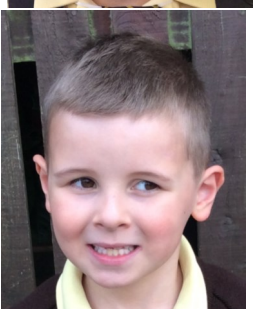
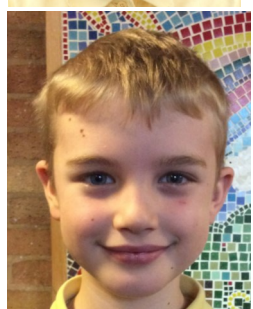
Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 1st December 2017

Week 12

This week we pray for these special people!



Caleb
Felicity
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TERM DATES

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

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Last Saturday's Christmas Fair was a very special event! It was so lovely to see the whole school and Parish community working together. There was a lovely atmosphere created and lots of things for people to do. I would like to thank all of those parents and parishioners who worked so hard, both in the build up and on the day, to make sure the fair was the success that it was. I know lots of people gave their ideas, time, money and effort for the benefit of others so thank you. In total, £2660 was raised, to be split equally between the school and Parish so £1330 each.



**Neil Porter –
Head Teacher**

Thank you to Year 4 who led the Sunday Mass; the feast of Christ the King. The children read and sang well throughout and I thank Mrs Basra and Mrs Lines for all their hard work. Also, Year 1 led a beautiful Mass yesterday. The children did so well. Thanks to Miss Stansbie & Mrs Dilks for their incredible preparation. Thanks also to Y5 parents who attended the workshop this week, it was great to see. Well done Mrs Wright & Mrs Hastings for your hard work.

Sorry to moan after such a positive start but it is becoming more noticeable that the time-keeping of some of our parents needs improving! In the morning, there are lots of children arriving after 8.50 am so they are late. On Friday afternoons, lots of the children are being collected later than 2.00 pm which is impacting on the work that my teachers have to do in this time. It's important to be on time, please be punctual.

Please can I remind parents about the changes to the notification given to parents regarding Friday afternoon 'Celebration Assemblies'. If a child has completed a reward chart and is getting a Merit Certificate in Friday's assembly they will get a slip inviting parents. If it is an award they have brought in from home, then you already know about it so you can decide whether to come to the assembly or not. The only group of parents that will receive a text message invitation are those whose children have been chosen as 'Star of the Week'. You can decide whether to attend or not. You are all still most welcome but I do not want parents to feel that they have to take additional time off work to attend. I hope this makes sense. Sorry for any confusion caused and apologies to anyone who has missed seeing their child get an award. I will try to keep you as informed as possible.

God Bless.

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(now including standing orders)

Week 12

Reception	£7.00
Year 1	£11.62
Year 2	£17.50
Year 3	£30.75
Year 4	£9.00
Year 5	£7.00
Year 6	£17.00
Total	£99.87

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

NEWS

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

- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 8th December. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Parent Workshops**—We have finalised the dates and times for our parent workshops where you have the opportunity to come into school to work with your child. Please make every effort to attend and support your child:
 - * Year 4 - Tuesday 5th December @ 9.00 am
 - * Year 6 - Wednesday 13th December @ 9.00 am
- **Admission to Reception Class 2018**—Families have until 15th January to submit their applications to the City Council online. Further information can be obtained from www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Please don't forget to complete one of our Admission Forms as well, which can be obtained from the school office.
- **SPFA Treat Tuck Shop**—Members of the SPFA will be running a tuck shop every Friday after school at 2.00 pm on the drive outside school. All money raised will go into the SPFA fund to help improve the infant playground. This week, there is Christmas wrapping paper, bags and cards available.
- **Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance**—This year, to save the event from getting too cramped and crowded, we are going to have two performances for the parents, grandparents and family friends. The dates are Thursday 14th December at 2.00 pm and then Friday 15th December at 9.30 am. More details will be in the letter sent out today.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—School uniform can be ordered by contacting ASU Linda & Tony: Telephone - 07392370662 or asu2012@hotmail.co.uk
- **Dinner/Trip Money**—Could all monies coming into school be in separate envelopes with your child's name, class and what it is for. Thank you.
- **Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator Vacancy**—Holy Cross Catholic School have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator 6.40 hours per week, Monday – Friday 12.00pm to 1.20pm. They are looking for someone who will take an active part in supporting/improving lunchtime for their children. For further information please contact the school office 0121-675-2158. Deadline for application is Friday 15th December.
- **Spanish Lessons for Reception & Year 1 children**—Our specialist Spanish teacher, Ms Dormi, is offering to teach Spanish to our younger children at an after school session for 30 minutes, 3.30 - 4.00 pm. The cost is £5.00 per session. The day is yet to be confirmed. If you are in any way interested please send a text to express your interest to the school mobile 07885235496 with your child's name. You are making no commitment at this stage and please do not send any money yet. Thank you.
- **Parish Christmas Carol Concert**—On Sunday 17th December at 4.00 pm.
- **School Christmas Events**—The following are taking place for Christmas:
 - * School Christmas Dinner—Monday 18th December
 - * Key Stage 2 Carol Concert—Tuesday 19th December @ 6.00 pm
 - * Christmas Parties—Wednesday 20th December
 - * Key Stage 1 SPFA Christmas Disco—Wednesday 20th Dec @ 3.20 pm
 - * Whole School End of Term Mass (Y5)—Thursday 21st Dec @ 9.15 am
 - * Key Stage 2 SPFA Christmas Disco—Thursday 21st Dec @ 3.20 pm



SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 7th December 2017 @ 9.15 am
Key Stage 2 Children & Families
Mass - 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

Y4 Parents Workshop
Tuesday 5th December @ 9.00 am

Y4 Trip to Harry Potter World
Wednesday 6th December 2017

Y3 Trip to Rep Theatre
Wednesday 6th December 2017

Key Stage 2 Mass - Year 6
Thursday 7th December 2017

Y6 Parents Workshop
Wednesday 13th December @ 9 am

Key Stage 1 Trip - Sutton Town Hall
Wednesday 13th December @ 10.30

Key Stage 1 Nativity Production (1)
Thursday 14th December @ 2.00 pm

Elderly Parishioners Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14th December @ 12.30 pm

Key Stage 1 Nativity Production (2)
Friday 15th December @ 9.30 am

National Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15th December 2017

School Christmas Dinner
Monday 18th December @ 12.00 pm

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 4th September 2017
- Friday 17th November 2017
- **Monday 8th January 2018**
- Monday 16th April 2018
- Plus 1 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)

- Y6 Running Club (12.00 - 12.30 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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This week in school... Y3 & 4 Footballers on a cold Tuesday night!



Well done boys. Winning 2 games and losing 1 in the group stages saw our team qualify for the quarter final in second place. We unfortunately lost the quarter final but I was really pleased with the way the boys conducted themselves and represented our school so well.

Well done Sidney Clifford, Keon Geroni, Carter Hemming, Jimmy Moore, Finton Dockery, Laurence Clifford, David Smith and George Hillier. Thank you to all the parents for helping with transport and staying to support the team.

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 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 2017 and is £2.25 per day (£11.25 per wk).* 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 pizza day to packed lunch we must insist on half a terms notice. Thank you.

Thought for our Diocesan Virtues

Autumn 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: If you want to get rich you should keep your mouth closed, why?

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

Last weeks answer was:
... You can never tell which witch is

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer for Holy Souls

Immortal God, holy Lord,
Father and Protector of all You have created,
we raise our hearts to You today for those
who have passed out of this mortal life.

In Your loving mercy, Father of all,
be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly
company, and forgive the failings and faults
they may have done from human frailty.

Amen.

Parish Events

Christmas Carol Concert

Sunday 17th December @ 4.00 pm

Parish Weekend Masses

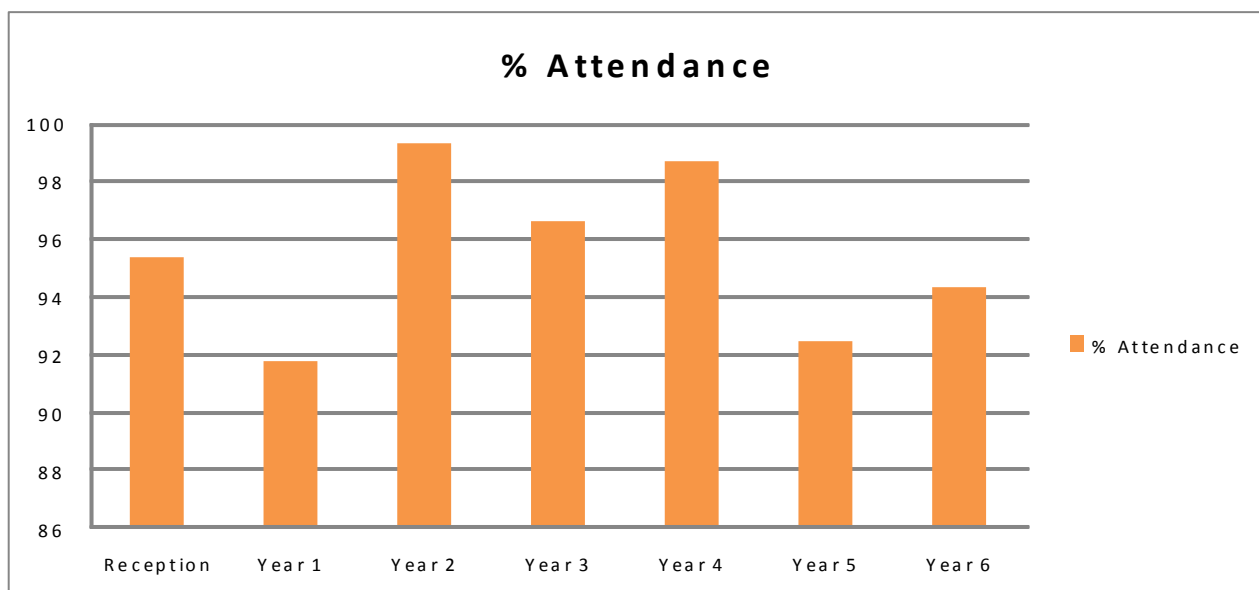
Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 24th Dec - Family Mass @ 5.00 pm
Christmas Eve 24th Dec - Solemn Mass @ 7.00 pm
Christmas Day 25th Dec - Parish Mass of Christmas
Dawn @ 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 20th November to 24th November 2017 is 95.52%



Congratulations to Year 2 well done for their excellent attendance!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Aleksander Michalski, Liam Cole, Charlie Edwards, Sian Cook.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Josephine James
- Year 1 — Whole Class for the wonderful Mass
- Year 2 — Julian Kossecki
- Year 3 — Whole Class for a wonderful Class Assembly
- Year 4 — Finley O'Sullivan
- Year 5 — Aidan McElwaine
- Year 6 — Ciara Wilkes



House Points

Saint Peter 178
Saint Paul 174
Our Lady 208
Saint Joseph 164



Well done to Our Lady 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)

"Adviento"

means... Advent.



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**

	<u>SPFA Christmas Discos for Children - Dates for your diary!!!</u>	
<p>Key Stage 1 Christmas Disco - Wednesday 20th December 2017 @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm</p> <p>Key Stage 2 Christmas Disco - Thursday 21st December 2017 @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See details below...</p>		

Dear Parents,

Our School Parents & Family Association (SPFA) are organising two Christmas Disco's for the children in the last week of term.

KS1 Infants on Wednesday 20th December @ 3.20 – 5.30 pm

KS2 Juniors on Thursday 21st December @ 3.20 – 5.30 pm

Your child can wear their own clothes to school for the day if they are attending the disco so that they do not have to get changed.

The cost will be £3.00 per child and this includes refreshments that will be provided during the disco.

When you are arriving to pick up your child, please enter the school via the front entrance, collect your child from the school hall and then make your way out via the back door to the playground and back round onto the car park. This will hopefully avoid congestion and help speed up the process.

Please complete the pro-forma below and return it to school with your payment of £3.00 by 3.30 pm on Friday 15th December so that we have a clear idea of how many children will be attending. Entries after this time will not be allowed.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. Porter
Head Teacher

I give permission for my child _____ in Class _____
to attend the SPFA Christmas Disco on: (Please tick as appropriate)

Wednesday 20th December ☐

Thursday 21st December ☐

I enclose the payment of £3.00 ☐

Signed _____

Date _____