

# ★ 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 16th October 2020



**Autumn 1 - Week 07**

This week we pray for...



... our Year 2 Children

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

It was bound to happen at some point and it did to SS Peter and Paul this week! Unfortunately on Wednesday we had to close two year group bubbles, following government guidelines and instruction from the Department of Health, as we had two confirmed cases of COVID-19. Remote learning has begun on Thursday and staff are producing videos to go alongside work set to ensure that the children's learning continues. A big thank you to all Year three and Year six parents who collected their children so quickly and for the understanding that they have shown at this difficult time. We can't wait to welcome the children back after Half Term.

This week the whole school took part in celebrating Harvest Mass through the power of Zoom. Year Two were a credit to the school and read beautifully. Thank you to both Mrs Pawley and Mrs Hastings for preparing the class so well.

I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and community spirit that has been shown by Parents who have donated towards our Harvest collection. We have already started to send out food parcels and all recipients are very grateful. You are making a big difference to peoples lives. Any family that would like to access this service please contact the school using the confidential email : [family@ssptrpl.net](mailto:family@ssptrpl.net)

Parents Evening will take place next week on Wednesday and Thursday. Staff will phone parents to discuss their child's journey so far this academic year and a set of notes with targets to work on with your child will be sent out afterwards for your information.

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to another one of our pupils this week who has moved house and therefore has to move schools. Skye Seymour will be leaving SS Peter and Paul school to start a new adventure at her new school. Skye will be missed by us all and we wish her and her family all the best as they move forward in this new chapter of their lives.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and please look after yourselves !



Mrs Calvert-Lyons  
Head of School

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## ACADEMY TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
<b>New Term Begins</b>	Tuesday 1st Sept	Monday 4th January	Monday 19th April
<b>1st Half -Term Ends</b>	Friday 23rd October	Friday 12th February	Friday 28th May
<b>2nd Half -Term Begins</b>	Monday 2nd Nov	Monday 22nd February	Monday 7th June
<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday 18th Dec	Thursday 1st April	Wed 21st July

## ACADEMY FUND DONATIONS

### Academy Fund via ParentMail (School Enrichment Funding)

This is a voluntary contribution to be paid each term which goes towards buying additional equipment and resources for your children. You will receive a request via ParentMail termly...

**"St. John Paul II Multi-Academy invites parents to give annually to your school fund. A donation of £10 per term is suggested but you may contribute more if you wish."**

Please rest assured that any payment you make is for our school and our children only, guaranteed!  
Thank you 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 ENSURE THAT YOU WEAR FACE MASKS / COVERINGS WHEN DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN.**
- **Erdington RFC**—You may have seen in the news that we have a national award winner on our doorstep - Erdington RFC have been crowned the Rugby Club of the Year and continue to look for new players. They train every Sunday morning (after mass) 10:30-11:45. Membership for U18 is FREE!! Please email [david@erfc.uk](mailto:david@erfc.uk) for more information or just show up on a Sunday morning and enjoy some fun activity out in the open.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next virtual coffee morning on Friday 6th November from 9.30 AM—10.30 AM. Please contact the school office for a zoom appointment.
- **Harvest Collection**—please continue to send in your donations. They can either be brought in by the children themselves or can be handed to a member of staff on the gate in the morning or evening. Thank you again for your continued support.
- **Uniform**—All children are to wear Winter Uniform from 2nd November. Please note the change to our School Uniform policy. We have removed the gender specific references to our Summer and Winter uniform. Girls are allowed to wear brown school trousers from after half term.
- **Earrings** - From January, in line with the rest of the academy, SS Peter and Paul will not allow earrings of any sort to be worn in school.
- **Parents Evening**— This will take place next week on Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October. Parents should have been notified of a time when the teacher will ring to discuss their child's progress over the phone. Meetings will be five minutes.
- **Flu vaccinations**—Can I ask that any outstanding Vaccination forms are returned to the school office as soon as possible. Vaccinations will take place in school on Monday the 2nd November.
- **Reception Children 2021-2022** — Unfortunately we are unable to allow parents into school at the moment so we will be posting a virtual video tour on the school website for any prospective parents. Please spread the word.
- **Second Hand Uniform Sale**—Sat 17th Oct @ 11 am—2 pm School Drive.
- **Secondary School Applications**—Please remember the deadline for these is 31st October. Please check with individual schools to identify if they require additional supplementary information including a Certificate of Catholic Practice
- **Remote/Home Learning Information**—Please keep an eye on ParentMail to see our plans for how the children will continue to learn if we have to close any 'pods' due to COVID-19.
- **Outside Achievements**—Please remember to email us photos of your achievements outside of school so we can celebrate them in our newsletter. Emails should be sent to [enquiry@ssptrpl.net](mailto:enquiry@ssptrpl.net)

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Reception Class Mass in Church  
Thursday 22nd October @ 9.15 am  
Feast of John Paul II

Break Up for Half-Term  
Friday 23rd October @ 1 - 1.30 pm

Autumn Term 2 Starts for pupils  
Monday 2nd November 2020

### Stay Safe Online

E-Safety is very important!  
Do you know what your  
child is watching or doing  
on the internet?

[https://  
www.internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org)



**Leading Light Club**

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## TRAINING DAYS

- Tuesday 1st September 2020
- Friday 27th November 2020
- Monday 7th June 2021
- Two more 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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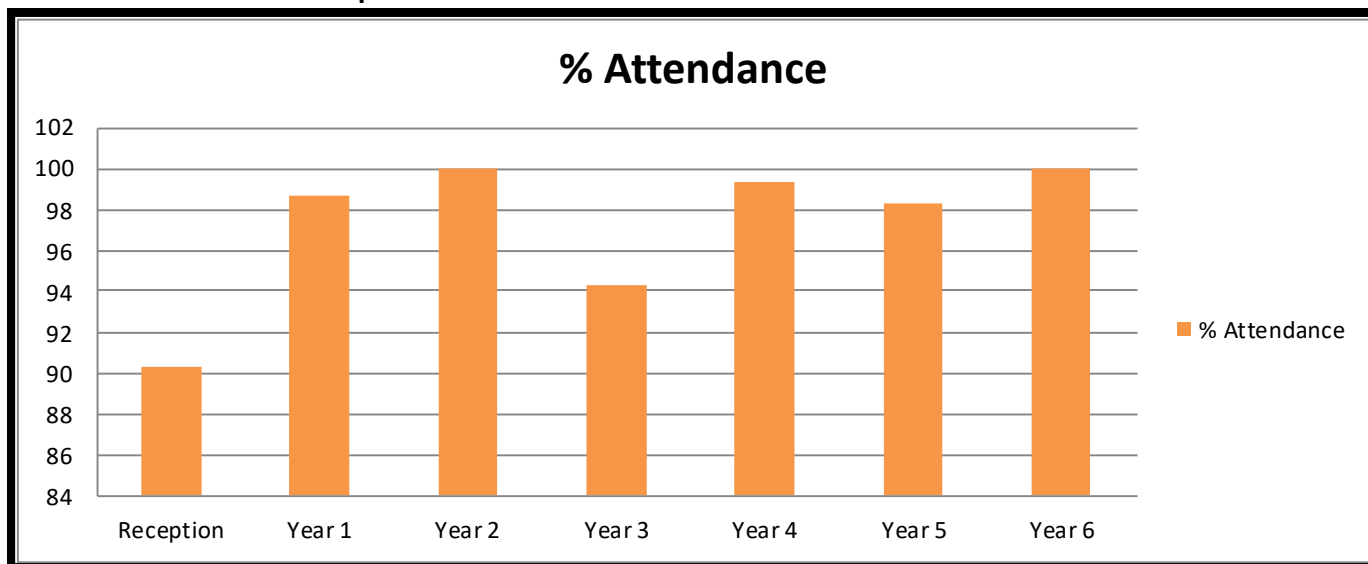
**Thursday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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**Friday** (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

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Pupil Attendance 5th October – 9th October 2020 = 97.21%



**Congratulations to Years 2 and 6 for their 100% attendance. Excellent!**

Attendance Explanation				
100% - Excellent	99-97% - Good	96-95% - Satisfactory	94% - Below Expectation	< 94% - Unsatisfactory



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Noah Eannetta, Brody Harris  
and  
Aleksander Kedziora**



### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

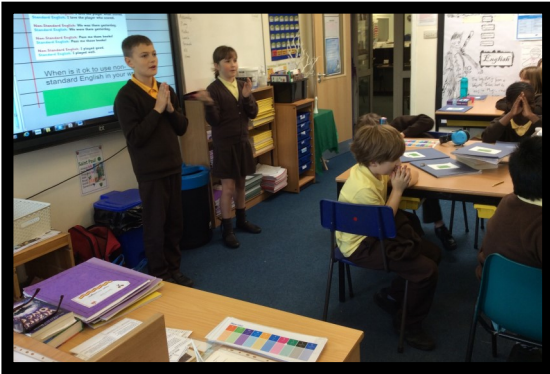
**Congratulations to these children awarded  
Star of the Week:**

- Reception – Tilly Porter
- Year 1 — Nicola Mozes
- Year 2 — Joanna Adjei
- Year 3 — Bartosz Rog
- Year 4 — Mollie-Monroe Gaskin
- Year 5 — Rhiannon Duke
- Year 6 — Natalia Duda





# This week in School...



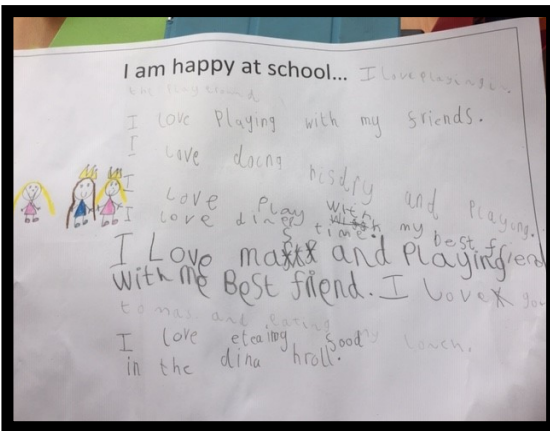
**Year 5 Faith Ambassadors leading a prayer service**



**Year 5 School Councillors discussing important decisions with their class.**



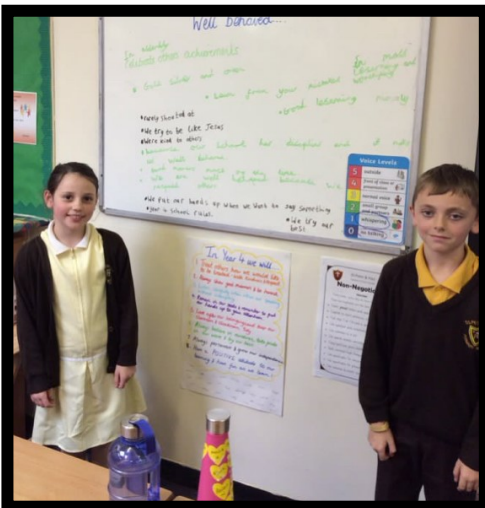
**Our Harvest food. Thank you!!!**



**Year 2 School Council discussing what makes a school a happy place.**



**Our Reception children visited church this week.**



**Year 4 School Council leading a discussion with their class.**



**Year 1 have been sharing predictions about what happens next after Winnie the Witch casts her spell.**

## RE

Our Virtues this term are:

**CURIOUS...** about the world and how God created it.  
&  
**ACTIVE...** in protecting the world which God created.

Bible quote of the week...

"Whoever puts his trust in the LORD shall be safe." - Psalm 29:25



**Year six worked so hard this week during a paired writing lesson about The Story of Esther from the Old Testament.**



**Year 3 have been learning about the seven sacraments in RE.**

Look at how great we are!



A big well done to NH for  
getting Star of the Week in  
her Self-Defence class.  
You are amazing NH!!!





**COVID-19 RELATED PUPIL ABSENCE**  
A quick reference guide for parents and staff

**Please follow the advice below for your child and family.**

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Get a test</li> </ul> <p><b>Inform the school immediately about the test result</b></p>	...the test comes back negative <b>or</b> a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> <b>AND</b> the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day).</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness.</li> </ul>	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> <li>- Household member to get a test.</li> <li>- <b>Inform school immediately about test result.</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</b></li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>- Child can continue to attend school.</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>- SS Peter &amp; Paul Catholic Primary School child(ren) can continue to attend.</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is <b>NOT</b> on the exempt list of countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</b></li> <li>- minimum of 14 days' self-isolation for all those who travelled.</li> <li>- contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school.</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> <li>- *<a href="#">Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office (FCDO)</a> – for up to date travel information</li> </ul>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that <b>IS</b> on the exempt list of countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</b></li> <li>- Check the current <a href="#">Exempt countries and territories list</a> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list.</li> <li>- Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</li> </ul>	...you have informed the office of your return to the UK <i>(the office will ask you a few questions about your travel).</i>
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school.</li> <li>- The person who has travelled <b>MUST NOT</b> leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs <i>(please contact school if you need support getting your child to school).</i></li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Child must not come to school.</b></li> <li>- Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>- Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>- <b>Other siblings may continue to attend school.</b></li> </ul>	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
...I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</b></li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.



Public Health  
England

# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

## How serious is the coronavirus?

- It can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- The infection is not serious for most people, including children
- There is currently no vaccine
- Most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- You can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- The chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- If you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it  
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it  
by washing  
your hands with  
soap & water or  
hand sanitiser

### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks  
& sport  
activities



Before  
cooking  
& eating



On arrival at  
any childcare  
or educational  
setting



After using  
the toilet



Before  
leaving  
home



Try not to touch your  
eyes, nose, and mouth  
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come  
into contact with your mouth  
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share  
items such as bedding,  
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://NHS.UK) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://NHS.UK) for advice on coronavirus.

**If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately**





# CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



# BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



# KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

