

★ 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 January 2019

Spring 1 - Week 16

This week we pray for these special people!



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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 16

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 is no longer being collected as it is currently under review. Once a new system is in place, I will contact you all straight away.
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,

Happy New Year to you all, it was great to see all of the children looking so well after their Christmas break, I hope you all had a great time with family and friends. Once again, can I thank everyone who sent a card or gift to their child's teacher or any other member of staff; your generosity was very much appreciated so thank you.

The start to term has not been easy as I currently have 2 members of staff off with illness and injury. Mrs Calvert-Lyons and Mr Rice will hopefully be back with us soon but please say a little prayer for their speedy recovery and please bear with me regarding all things SEN or site related. Your patience is very much appreciated.

Well done Year 6 for leading us in our Whole School Mass on Thursday, it was the perfect way to start the new term. My thanks go to Mrs Seager, Mrs Oakley and Miss Gilliver for preparing the children so well. I was unable to attend but I know Fr. Joe and all the teachers were very pleased.

I need your help, support and understanding please. Our children will now be going swimming on Friday mornings at 9.00—9.30 am which means there will be a coach parked outside school between 8.30—8.45 am. I know this is not ideal as it is our busiest time for the parents and children getting into school. To assist the crossing lady, I need to 'cone off' an area on Kingsbury Road so that the coach can park, the crossing lady can see clearly to safely help everyone cross the road and enable our swimmers to board the coach safely in time for their lesson. So what I am asking is please do not park or drop off in the area which I cone off ready for the coach and keep the road as clear as possible. Thank you for your support.

God Bless.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

NEWS

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

- **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 24th 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**—Thank you to everyone who responded. I now have 21 children signed up to learn the guitar which makes me very happy! Next steps and additional information have been sent to those 21 families via ParentMail so please check you ParentMail account and basket to enable payment asap. The children have been informed of their groups today.
- **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.
- **E-Safety**—Mrs Wright, our ICT leader, has found some fantastic resources for parents to support you with ensuring your children are safe when they are online. I will attach some of the information leaflets to this newsletter via ParentMail but I have included the direct link to the website on Page 4 of this newsletter for anyone who wants to find out more.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

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

Reception Eye Tests
Wednesday 30th January @ 9.10 am

Y1 Class Mass for Key Stage 1
Thursday 31st January @ 9.15 am

Y3 Class Mass for Key Stage 2
Thursday 7th February @ 9.15 am

Life Education Caravan Workshops
Monday 11th February - KS1 & Y3
Tuesday 12th February - rest of KS2

Y2 Class Mass for Key Stage 1
Thursday 14th February @ 9.15 am

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

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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

Thursday 17th January 2019 @ 9.15 am
Key Stage 1 Children & Families - Led by Year 2



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 learning about shapes



Reception enjoyed going on a 2D shape hunt around the school. We realised that shapes are everywhere! What shapes can you find at home?

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

Spring 1 - Eloquent & Truthful

Our pupils are taught that it is important they are able to express their thoughts and beliefs and that they must learn to explain and convince others with great articulation and *eloquence*. That being *truthful* is being faithful to oneself and to Jesus. Always tell the truth.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: Who is the fastest runner in the world, ever?

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

Last weeks answer was:
...one, because after that it isn't empty...

Prayer of the Week!!!

A New Year Prayer

Almighty Father, I thank You graciously for a New Year. I ask You, Lord, to bless my family, as we begin this blessed year with a renewed hope in You. I thank You so much for all that You have done for my family and I. Your hand on our lives is so much more than we could ask for. Your blessings are so greatly appreciated.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

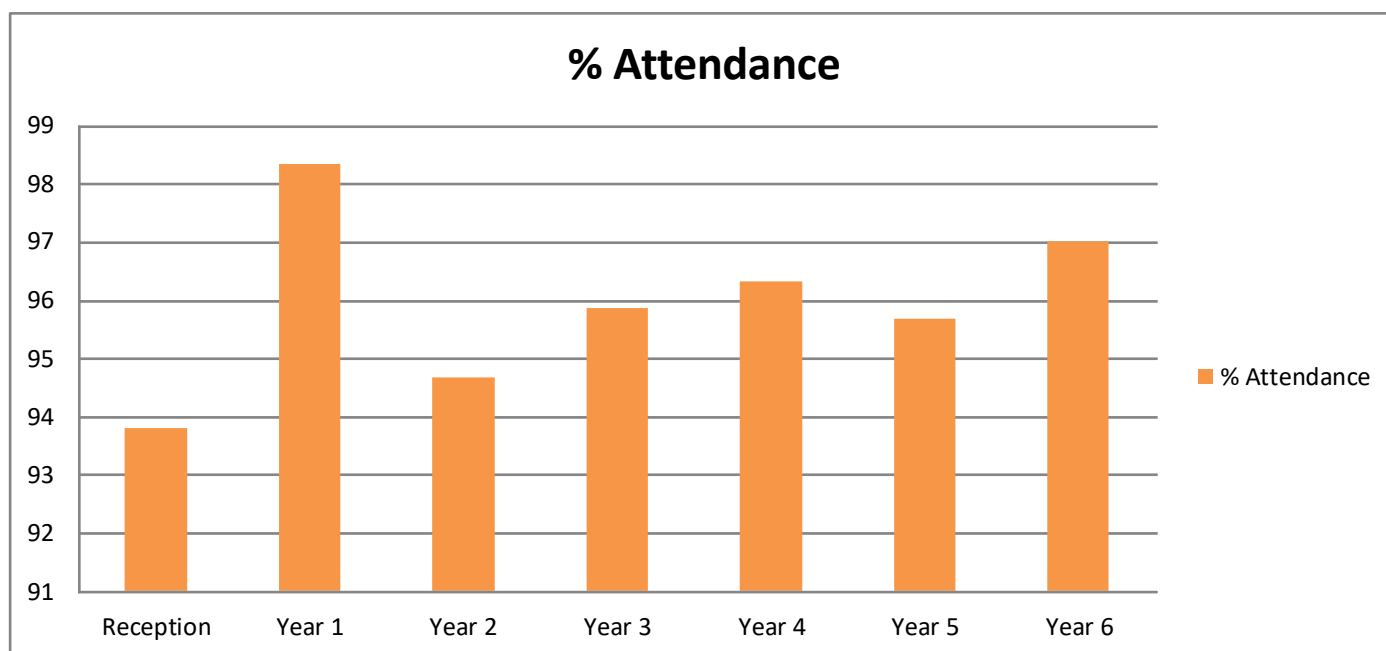
Parish Events

Parish Weekend Masses

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

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 December 17th to 21st December 2018 = 97.39%



Congratulations to Year 1 well done for their excellent 98.33% attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Ruby Atkins, Wiktor Krzeminski, Lucy Santos, Lexie-Angel Torley, Libby Johnstone, Caragh McEvilly.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- **Reception — Oliwia Wadowska**
- **Year 1 — Thomas Cronin-Roberts**
- **Year 2 — Isabella Recci**
- **Year 3 — Amelia Jagers**
- **Year 4 — Shaun Fitzpatrick**
- **Year 5 — Adelaide Chessum**
- **Year 6 — James Hughes**



House Points

Saint Peter	90
Saint Paul	64
Our Lady	142
Saint Joseph	64



**Well done to Our Lady's 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)

"¡Feliz Año Nuevo!"

means... Happy New Year.



Leading Light Club

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**Thank you for taking time
to read our Newsletter.**

<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



**SCHOOL PARENTS &
FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

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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 Bonus Ball Winner
£162.50
Friday 28th December 2018
Ball 49 - **Mrs Kerry Hemming**
Well done to you!!!

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SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates

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