

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School

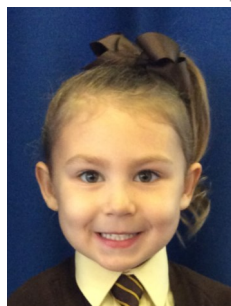


*We live and learn in the light of Christ!*

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 22nd December 2016

**Week 15**

This week we pray for these special people!



Isabella  
Jonah  
Natalia  
Gjavaun  
Libby  
Jaiy  
Elizabeth



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## TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017
<b>New Term Begins</b>	Tuesday 6th Sept	Tuesday 10th January	Monday 24th April
<b>1st Half-Term Ends</b>	Friday 21st October	Friday 17th February	Friday 26th May
<b>2nd Half-Term Begins</b>	Monday 31st October	Monday 27th February	Monday 5th June
<b>Term Ends</b>	Thurs 22nd Dec	Friday 7th April	Tuesday 25th July

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

As another busy term comes to an end I look back at some of the great achievements of this year so far with great pride; all of the Masses, workshops, assemblies, school trips, the Infant Nativity Performance and Junior Carol Concert have all made this a very special term for all of the children, staff and parents. I would like to thank you all for your contributions and support as we strive to keep improving, making SS Peter & Paul the best it can be.

I am delighted to announce that our new and improved website has been launched this week. We had a look at the old one and decided it was too difficult to navigate so we have simplified the layout and made things a lot easier to access. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Pulisciano who has designed the new website for us and Mr Carter who has supplied the photographs. Please check it out over Christmas; [www.ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](http://www.ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk).

**Please take the time to read the important letter attached about Academisation.**

I would also like to say a big thank you, on behalf of myself and all of the staff, for the generous Christmas gifts that we have received. It never fails to amaze me, how kind you all are and how blessed we are to have such great parents supporting us and showing your appreciation in such a generous way. All of your gifts are very much appreciated by the staff and very gratefully received. Thank you.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year. I will see you all back here for the Spring Term on Tuesday 10th January 2017...

**God Bless.**



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not including standing orders)

**Week 15**

Reception	£12.87
Year 1	£16.00
Year 2	£27.25
Year 3	£12.50
Year 4	£12.00
Year 5	£19.37
Year 6	£11.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>£111.05</b>

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.**

- **Pupils return to school on Tuesday 10th January 2017.**
- **Academisation**—Over the last few months the Diocesan Education Service has been telling all its schools to become 'academy ready'. The diocese has indicated on its website which schools should join which Multi Academy Companies. We are in early discussions about joining an existing multi-academy company in the interests of strengthening catholic education and improving pupil outcomes through strong collaboration; working together. Please read the letter attached for more details. I will keep you posted with any further developments.
- **Advent Voluntary Masses**—Thank you to everyone who made the extra effort to attend our Voluntary Advent Masses in the build up to Christmas. They were all very lovely services and I am so glad that we do them. I would like to thank Fr. Joe for keeping this tradition going, Mrs Pearce for all her hard work sorting out the breakfast and Mrs Clarke in the kitchen for her support. See you all again during Lent.
- **Year 4 Class Mass**—Well done to all of the children for such a lovely Mass last Sunday. The reading and singing was excellent. Thanks goes to Miss Ghanbari, Mrs Upton and Miss Gilliver for preparing the children so well and to all the other members of my school staff who attended to support.
- **New Admissions for September 2017**—A reminder if you have any siblings that are due to start school in Reception class 2017, you must complete our application forms as well as the Local Authority forms. Please call into the School Office if you wish to collect them. Thank you.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am on Friday mornings will be Friday 20th January. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- [senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk), to book a session.
- **Inclement Weather**—As the cold weather approaches, should there be any snow, school will be open as normal unless you hear otherwise from me. Please ensure you check your phone as a text message will be sent if the school is closed. Please do not ring the school office. Alternatively, listen to local radio updates as I will inform them to broadcast if we are closed.
- **Sacramental Preparation Meetings/Workshops for Parents**—Important information is given at these events so please make every effort to attend:
  - Y6 Parents Confirmation Meeting—Wednesday 25th January @ 6 pm
  - Y3 Parents Communion Workshop—Tuesday 28th March @ 9 am
  - Y2 Parents Reconciliation Workshop—Thursday 8th June @ 9 am
- **Affordable School Uniform**—Contact 07392370662 or e-mail [asu2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:asu2012@hotmail.co.uk)

## **IMPORTANT DIARY DATES**

Y5 Class Mass @ 10.30 am  
Sunday 22nd January 2017

Y6 Class Trip to Parliament in London  
Tuesday 24th January 2017

Y6 Confirmation Meeting @ 6 pm  
Wednesday 25th January 2017

Y3 First Holy Communion Enrolment  
Sunday 12th February 2017 @ 10.30

Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation  
Sunday 5th March 2017 @ 10.30 am

Y3 Communion Parents Workshop  
Tuesday 28th March @ 9.00 am

Y2 Reconciliation Enrolment Mass  
Sunday 7th May 2017 @ 10.30 am

Y3 First Holy Communion Sacrament  
Sunday 21st May 2017 @ 10.30 am

Y2 Reconciliation Parents Workshop  
Thursday 8th June 2017 @ 9.00 am

Y2 Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Tuesday 27th June 2017 @ 6.00 pm

## **TRAINING DAYS**

- Monday 9th January 2017
- Monday 24th April 2017
- Plus two others to be arranged

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**Monday** (3.15—4.15 pm)

- Y3 & 4 Football Club

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**Tuesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y2 Multi-Skills

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**Wednesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y3 Multi-Skills

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**Thursday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y4 Multi-Skills

- Y5 & 6 Football Club

- School Choir (3.15 - 4.00 pm)

**Friday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Irish Dancing Club



### **SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times**

Thursday 12th January 2017 @ 9.15 am

Whole School 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— Junior Carol Concert 2016



Gifts donated to the NSPCC. Such generosity... thank you parents.

## 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](http://www.ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk)

**Punctuality** – School starts at 8.55 am and closes at 3.15 pm each day. 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 a.m.** & 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 now £2.15 per day (£10.75 per week). Please 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 - Attentive & Discerning

Our pupils are taught that it is important to be **attentive**; pay attention to the big and small things and the responses of other people. Be **discerning**; by using what we have learned to decide what is the right thing to do and be what God has called us to be.

### Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Father Christmas?

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

**Last weeks answer was:**

... second place.

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### **Prayer of Advent - Week 4**

Let us pray.

Stir up Thy might, we pray Thee,  
O Lord, and come; rescue us through Thy  
great strength so that salvation, which has  
been hindered by our sins, may be hastened  
by the grace of Thy gentle mercy. Who lives  
and reigns for ever and ever .

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

### Parish Events

#### Christmas Masses

Saturday 24th Dec @ 5.00 pm (Family Mass)  
8.00 pm (Solemn Mass - Carols from 7.30 pm)  
Sunday 25th Dec @ 10.00 (Parish Mass)

#### Parish New Years Eve Party

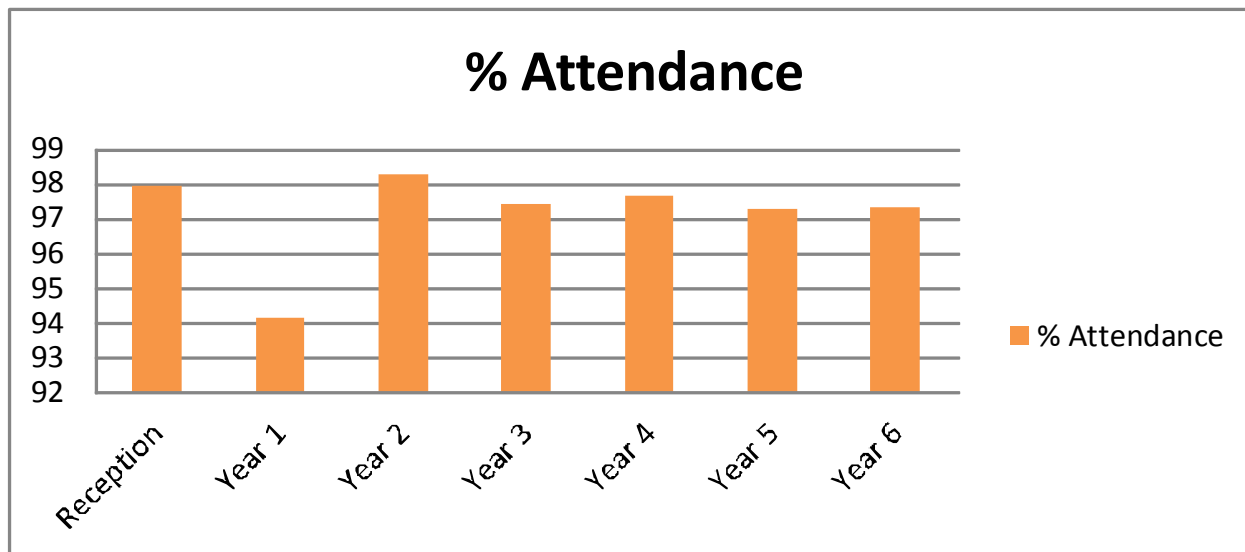
Saturday 31st December 2016

8.00 pm until 1.00 am

Tickets - Nicki Donnelly - 07967 194 952

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 week commencing:  
5th September 2016 to 22nd December 2016 is 97.40%**



**Congratulations to Year 2 well done for their excellent attendance!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-**

Finton Dockery, Finley Kibble, Scarlett Leishenring-Flynn, Daniel Harris, Rebecca Coll, Ellie Morgan, Eve Newson, Tyler Campbell, Thomas Murphy, William Jabang, Amelia Kozłowska, Tayler-James Roe.



**'STAR OF THE WEEK'**

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

- Reception — Whole class for behaving so well on The Bear Trip
- Year 1 — Jonah Jacob
- Year 2 — Grace Bennett
- Year 3 — Joshua Floyd
- Year 4 — Jake Duke
- Year 5 — Jayden-James Ray
- Year 6 — Ola Jackiewicz



**House Points**

Saint Peter	1596
Saint Paul	1236
Our Lady	1440
Saint Joseph	968



Well done to St. Peter our winners this term. Congratulations!!!

**Spanish Word of the Week**

"Feliz Navidad" means... Merry Christmas

"Feliz Año Nuevo" means... Happy New Year

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

