

★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★



We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 17th February 2017

Week 21

This week we pray for these special people!



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TERM DATES

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

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

I start today with some exciting news... at our celebration assembly today the children have all been introduced to our new school 'Sun Bear' which is going to be part of this years city wide exhibition called 'THE BIG SLEUTH!'. Like 'The Big Hoot!' with the Owls in 2015 and 'The Big Read!' with the benches in 2016, there will be a trail to follow all over Birmingham and our bear will be part of it; I'm so excited!!!! Each child today will be getting a blank outline of the bear and we want them to have a go at designing what our bear should look like over half-term then when we get back to school we will look at the best designs and decide how best to paint our bear. We also need a name for him/her/it... so don't forget to write your idea for the name on your design. I can't wait to see what the children come up with.

I would like to say a big well done and thank you to our Year 3 children, parents and staff for the lovely First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass last Sunday. The children were excellent; reading clearly and confidently then singing beautifully. Well done. Thank you Mrs Seager, Mrs Barker, Mrs Manion & Mrs Calvert-Lyons for preparing such a lovely celebration.

I finish today with some sad news... It is Mrs Aneela Farid's last day today as she is leaving to start a new job as a Teaching Assistant in a Primary School. Mrs Farid has been a key member of my Leading Light Club Team and played a big part in making the club so successful! I could not have wished for a better person to help look after our children, she has been fantastic and we will miss her greatly. I know you will all join me in wishing her every success in her new career as we say goodbye and good luck!

Don't forget to get your costume sorted for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March!

Have a good half-term break... God Bless.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not including standing orders)

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Reception	£8.87
Year 1	£16.00
Year 2	£27.25
Year 3	£6.50
Year 4	£10.00
Year 5	£19.37
Year 6	£12.06
Total	£100.05

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.

- **Dates for Parents Evening**—Please make note of these dates in your diary: Wednesday 22nd March & Thursday 23rd March 2017. The appointment times will be handed out shortly.
- **World Book Day 2017**—To celebrate reading and world book day we will be having a special '*Dress up as a character*' day on Thursday 2nd March 2017. For those struggling for a costume, pyjamas or onesies will do as a lost boy/girl from Peter Pan. Time to get your thinking caps on... The children will also be getting a blank piece of bunting to design and decorate based on the theme of their favourite book or character so please have a go over half-term and get them back to us so that we can put together our special bunting in time for Thursday. Time to get creative...
- **Car Park**— Please can I remind parents that the school car park is only for staff or those parents who have a blue disability badge. We seem to be getting more and more parents using the car park, to collect their children. This also applies to Leading Light Club parents, please park out on the road safely and then walk down to collect your child. Thank you.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 10th March. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Year 5 Alton Castle Residential Trip**—Our annual trip to Alton Castle will be on Wednesday 29th March to Friday 31st March. More details will be sent out in a separate letter soon.
- **After School Clubs**—Some of our after school clubs have to take place on the playground outside as the school hall is already in use. Please can you make sure your child has the appropriate clothing to ensure they are warm throughout the session. As the saying goes... '*there's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing*'. Think about it.
- **Sacramental Preparation Meetings/Workshops for Parents**—Important information is given at these events so please make every effort to attend:
 - Y3 Parents Communion Workshop—Tuesday 28th March @ 9 am
 - Y2 Parents Reconciliation Workshop—Thursday 8th June @ 9 am
- **OurSchoolsApp**—Those of you with Smart Phones can download our school app; another way of keeping up to date with anything going on in school.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—Contact 07392370662 or e-mail asu2012@hotmail.co.uk . ASU are currently ordering jumpers for £13 and cardigans £13.75, so please contact them if you would like to order one.
- **Junior Playground Equipment installation date**—Monday 6th March!!!!!!!
- **Year 5 & Year 4 Parents**—I have received information from St. Paul's School for Girls that they will be holding their Open Evening for Secondary Transfer in September 2018 on Thursday 21st September 2017 from 6.00—9.00 pm. I know it is well in advance but make sure you make a note in your diary.
- **Highclare Senior School**—I have been asked to inform parents of children in Year 4, 5 & 6 that Highclare are holding an open morning on Saturday 4th March @ 10.00 for anyone interested. They are also holding an additional Assessment Day for entry to Year 7 in September 2017 on Friday 10th March. Details are on their website.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Ash Wednesday Mass
Wednesday 1st March @ 9.15 am

World Book Day (Dress Up)
Thursday 2nd March 2017

Y6 Parents Prayer & Reflection Service
Friday 3rd March 2017 @ 2.45 pm

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

Y3 Class Assembly
Friday 17th March 2017 @ 9.00 am

Y1 Class Assembly
Friday 24th March 2017 @ 9.00 am

Y5 Alton Castle Residential Trip
Wednesday 29th March 2017 to
Friday 31st March 2017

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

Y6 SAT's Week 2017
Monday 8th to Thursday 11th May

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

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

TRAINING DAYS

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.15—4.15 pm)
- Y3 & 4 Football Club

Tuesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
- Y2 Multi-Skills

Wednesday (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
- Y3 Multi-Skills
- Y5 & 6 Basketball Club
- Gardening Club

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 (3.15 - 4.30 pm)
- Rec/Y1 Balance Bike Club



SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Wednesday 1st March 2017 @ 9.15 am
Whole School Children & Families
Ash Wednesday - 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— Year 4 Class Assembly

I want to say a special well done and thank you to all of Year 4 for their amazing assembly this morning. I was blown away by the outstanding singing and acting by our children; what an amazing performance!!! Well done Miss Ghanbari and Miss Gilliver, thank you for your hard work and preparation for this lovely assembly.



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.ssptprpl.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 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 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

Spring 1 - Grateful & Generous

Our pupils are taught that it is important to be **grateful**; count your blessings every day and remember to pause sometimes to change things to make them right. Be **generous**; give to others without counting the cost or expecting anything in return and grow to be men, women and children for others.

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: Two mothers and two daughters went out to eat, each ate one burger yet only three burgers were eaten. How is this so?

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

Last weeks answer was:

... he is bald and has no hair.

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer for night-time

Eternal Father, I desire to rest in your heart tonight.
I offer you every beat of my heart as an act of love.

I pray that even while I am asleep,
I will give back my soul to you
and seek forgiveness for offending you.
I offer you every breath and heart beat,
as a prayer of reparation.

Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Quiz Night

Friday 24th March @ 7.00 pm

Teams of up to 6 people (£6 per person)

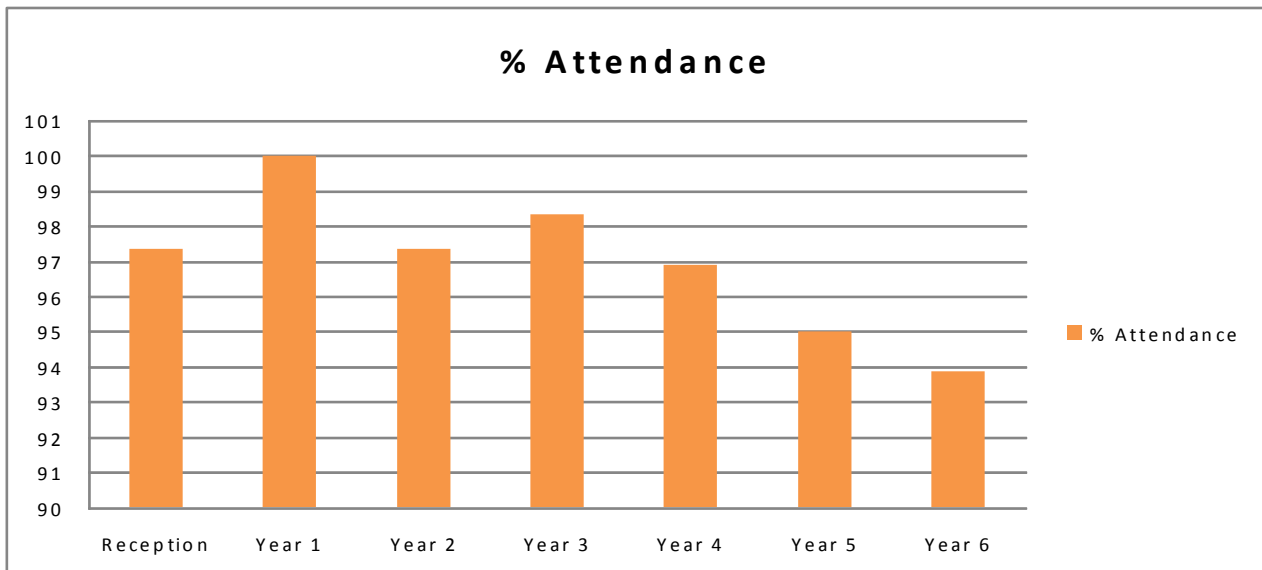
Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5.15 pm

Sunday @ 9.00 & 10.30 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 termly report commencing:
6th February 2017 to 10th February 2017 is 96.95%**



Congratulations to Year 1 well done for their excellent 100% attendance!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Ernest Kuras, Jacob Parkes, Scarlett Southwick-Camp, Michael McLoughlin.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Eryk Dziergiewicz
- Year 1 — Whole Class for lovely Mass
- Year 2 — Finton Dockery
- Year 3 — Tommy Lee Gaskin
- Year 4 — Whole Class for a great Class assembly
- Year 5 — Magdalena Duda
- Year 6 — Matthew Akpobaro



House Points

Saint Peter	249
Saint Paul	190
Our Lady	160
Saint Joseph	116



Well done to St. Peter's our winners.
Congratulations!!!

Spanish Word of the Week

"Mi abuelo" means... my grandad
 "Mi abuela" means... my grandma
 (the 'u' is a long 'oo' sound)

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

