

★ 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 15th February 2019



Spring 1 - Week 21

This week we pray for these special people!



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ACADEMY 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 21

School Fund will continue...

Direct Debit

My mistake! If you pay school fund via direct debit we have been informed by the Multi Academy that we can continue to keep our School Fund account open for another year. Sorry for any confusion caused please continue paying as usual.

School Fund Account Details.

Account Number: 30048268

Sort Code: 30 98 37

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,

As another half-term comes to a close, I look back at a very busy week of learning for our children. We had the 'Life Education' workshops where the children focus on PSHE objectives. These are always great fun for the children as the teacher sensitively covers some challenging topics.

Year 2 Class Mass was lovely on Thursday morning. I was very impressed by the excellent reading and singing. Well done Mrs Basra for preparing the children so well.

What an amazing Y4 class assembly we witnessed this morning! The children really did an amazing job with their singing and acting skills. It was a pleasure to watch. My thanks go to Miss Ghanbari and Mrs Hastings for preparing the children so well. I also thank all of the parents for respecting the school's GDPR Policy to ensure the full safety of our children by not videoing and taking photos during the performance. It is very important that we stick to this to ensure the safeguarding of some vulnerable children in our school community. Thank you for your cooperation.

We are having some construction work completed as a new widened path will be installed over the half-term break to help ensure the entrance and exit to the school is safe for parents, children and visitors. It will hopefully ease the congestion issue as people go in and out of the pedestrian gate in both directions.

Please be on the look out for an information letter; 'Non-Negotiables and Parents Reading Responsibilities' which we as a school and staff team have put together to try and raise standards across the school. We are trying to eliminate careless errors in children's work plus set out our expectations of parents and the importance of supporting your child at home. It is important so please read it. Enjoy your half-term break. See you all on Monday 25th February @ 8.50 am. Stay safe.

God Bless.



Neil Porter –
Head Teacher

NEWS

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

- **SJPIIMA Job Adverts**—Our Multi Academy is looking for an ICT Technician and some Newly Qualified Teachers (NQT) for September 2019, please see the job adverts on Pages 5, 6 & 7 of this newsletter or the Multi Academy Website www.johnpaulii.co.uk in the Vacancies area for more details.
- **SS Peter & Paul Classroom Support Volunteer Initiative Continues**—Following the success of this initiative with some fantastic parents and friends of the school volunteering to help us in school, I am looking to continue this initiative after half-term. I will be contacting all those who have responded in due course. Thank you to all those who have helped so far, you've been amazing!
- **Year 3 & Year 6 Sacramental Enrolment Mass**—On Sunday 3rd March, both Year 3 & Year 6 children and their families will attend Mass to formally enrol for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation. It is always a very important day for the school and parish community. Please keep the candidates in your prayers. Thank you. See you there.
- **Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation**—Year 3 will make their first confession on Tuesday 19th March @ 2.00 pm in Church. Parents are welcome to attend.
- **Fortnite!!!** - Please be aware, this game is starting to cause problems in school with children re-enacting the violence they see in the game! No child under 12 years of age should be playing this game. Thank you.
- **Year 6 Leavers Prom/Disco Change of date**—All Year 6 Parents should've received a ParentMail explaining the change of date from Friday 12th to Saturday 13th July 2019 due to a double booking error. Sorry.
- **Leading Light Club Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme**—To all parents who pay for Leading Light Club using the Government Tax Free Childcare Account, we are **back up and running** again so you can now log onto your account and make any outstanding payments. Thank you for your patience.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Monday 4th March 2019 @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **World Book Day 2019**—On Thursday 7th March 2019 we will celebrate World Book Day. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. I'm looking forward to seeing your amazing creations.
- **Year 6 PGL Residential Hoodies**—It has become part of our Y6 residential tradition for parents to purchase one of the personalised black hoodies for their child as a memento of the experience. We encourage parents to pop into school with their child to try on the sample hoodies we have to ensure you order the correct size. This is completely voluntary so please feel under no obligation or pressure to purchase one.
- **Pedestrian Gate**—I would like to thank Mr Parry for creating the hook for the pedestrian gate, it makes life easier in the mornings and afternoon at drop off and pick up times. Please can I ask parents **NOT** to hook the gate open for reasons of safeguarding and security. Mr Rice and I will open it at appropriate times and then we keep it shut to ensure the safety of all staff and pupils so please do not hook it back at any other time. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2 Starts - Back to School
Monday 25th February @ 8.50 am

Reception Eye Tests
Wednesday 27th February @ 9.10 am

Y3 & Y6 Sacramental Enrolment Mass
Sunday 3rd March @ 9.30 am

Whole School Mass - Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 6th March @ 11.00 am

World Book Day 2019 - Dress Up...
Thursday 7th March 2019

Y5 Class Mass for Key Stage 2
Thursday 14th March @ 9.15 am

Fr. Hudson's Good Shepherd Assembly
Tuesday 19th March @ 10.45 am

Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 19th March @ 2.00 pm

Y2 Class Mass for Key Stage 1
Thursday 21st March @ 9.15 am

Year 1 Class Assembly for Parents
Friday 22nd March @ 9.00 am

Y4 Class Mass for Key Stage 2
Thursday 28th March @ 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
- Skills 4 Life Club

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

Wednesday 6th March 2019 @ 9.15 am
Whole School Children & Families - Led by Year 6
Ash Wednesday - Start of Lent 2019



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 1 'Life Education Bus' Workshop



Year 1 met Harold the Giraffe as part of their learning this week.

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.net

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: What has many rings but no fingers?

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

Last weeks answer was:
...a ships anchor...

Prayer of the Week!!!

Prayer to Jesus before a Blessed Sacrament

Jesus, each time I look at the sacred Host,
send a ray of divine light into my soul,
that I may better know you and myself.

Jesus, each time I look at the sacred Host,
send a flame of divine love into my heart
to consume everything in it
that is displeasing to You
and to set it all on fire with Your love.
Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Parish Weekend Masses

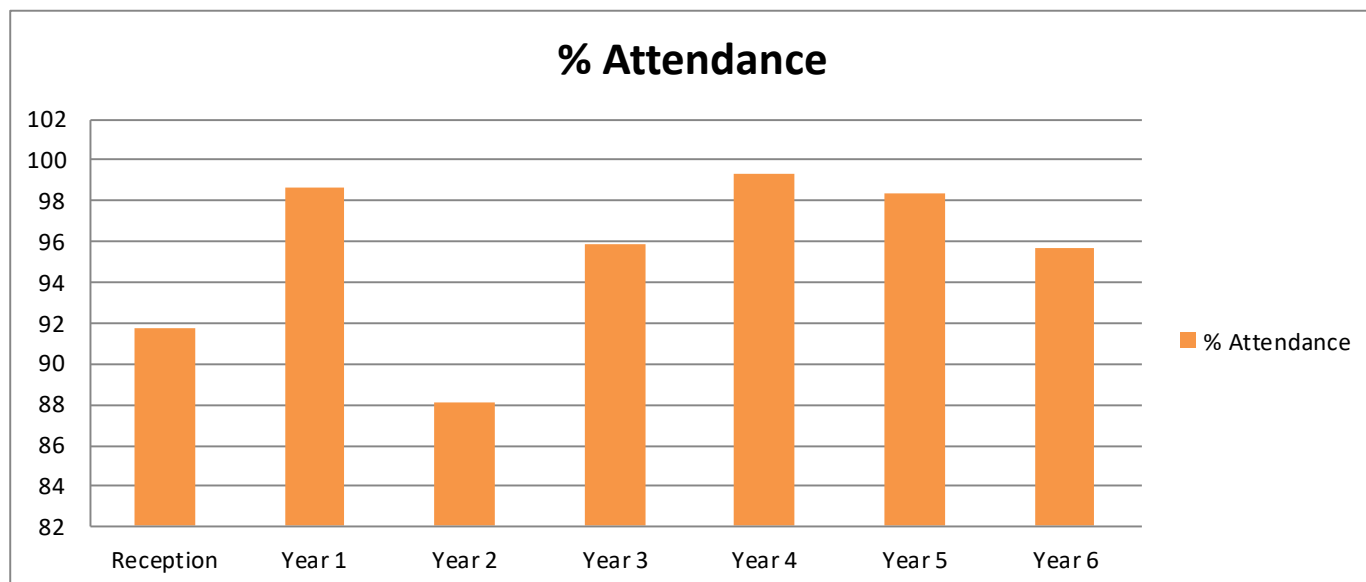
Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

Irish Dance Night

Saturday 23rd February @ 7.30 pm
Tickets £5.00 each available from Church Piety
Stall or Sue Flynn 07803405248

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 4th February to 8th February 2019 = 95.38%



Congratulations to Year 4 well done for their excellent attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-
Michael McLoughlin.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Victoria Potocka
- Year 1 — Isabella Sulikowska
- Year 2 — Michelle Nortey
- Year 3 — Bryan Mudalige
- Year 4 — Whole Class for the wonderful Assembly
- Year 5 — Kyrarh Campbell
- Year 6 — Maja Kesik



House Points

Saint Peter	81
Saint Paul	107
Our Lady	92
Saint Joseph	106



Well done to Saint Paul 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)

"Vacaciones felices"

means... Happy Holiday.



Leading Light Club

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



ICT Support Technician

Band 2 (£17,007 - £19,446)

36.5 HOURS PER WEEK/52 WEEKS PER YEAR

Flexible to ensure cover during opening hours

Start date to be confirmed at interview

ST JOHN PAUL II MULTI ACADEMY

**Registered address – St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,
Little Sutton Lane, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B75 6PB**

The St John Paul II Multi Academy is a growing multi academy currently across 5 sites; our Directors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, reliable and resourceful ICT technician to work in the Schools ICT support office, to support the academy schools' ICT Network and wireless infrastructures. A knowledge of the installation/maintenance of hardware, software, Windows 7-10, and MS Office would be an advantage. The role would suit a person that has a wide interest in ICT, and is willing to learn and keen to support an academy ICT infrastructure.

The successful post holder will be part of a team which operates servicing Bishop Walsh Catholic School, Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, St Nicholas Catholic Primary School, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, SS Mary & John Catholic Primary School and SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School.

The post holder must be able to demonstrate their suitability for working with children and have the ability to converse with/advise staff and members of the public at ease in accurate spoken English and must hold a full clean driving licence.

A benefit of this role is the ability to normally take annual leave outside of the school holidays.

For more details please contact Mr Rice (JPIIMA Strategic ICT Operations Manager) on 0121 351 3215.

Please note that we do not accept CV's.

For application forms or further information about the John Paul II Multi Academy please visit <http://johnpaulii.co.uk/> or contact via email j.stewart@sjp2.net.

Completed applications should be returned to Mrs J Stewart via j.stewart@sjp2.net.

Closing Date: Friday 22nd February 2019





Do you want to start your career in the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy from September 2019?

Archdiocese of Birmingham

Class teachers – Primary. Full time, permanent.

Location: In one of the St John Paul II Multi-Academy primary schools in North Birmingham. The primary schools in the multi-academy include:

Holy Cross Catholic School
30 Laburnum Drive, Sutton Coldfield B76 2SP

Sacred Heart Catholic School
Earlsbury Gardens, Birmingham B20 3AE

St. Joseph's Catholic School
Little Sutton Lane, Sutton Coldfield B75 6PB

SS. Mary and John Catholic School
20 Gravelly Hill North, Birmingham B23 6BQ

St. Nicholas Catholic School
Jockey Rd, Sutton Coldfield B73 5US

SS. Peter and Paul Catholic School
552 Kingsbury Rd, Birmingham B24 9ND

The Abbey Catholic School
Sutton Road, Birmingham B23 6QL – (joining during 2019)

We are looking to appoint talented newly qualified teachers to join our strong and committed team of teachers from September 2019. This is an exciting opportunity for practitioners who want to take the next step in their career.

We are looking for someone who has:

- excellent subject knowledge
- high expectations for all children
- an ability to establish supportive and positive relationships with children and staff
- an enthusiastic, creative and positive approach to teaching
- a commitment to fully support the Catholic ethos of our schools
- a commitment to working collaboratively with colleagues and students in our partner schools.

We can offer you:

- a successful Multi Academy with schools who work collaboratively for the benefit of all children.
- children who have an excellent attitude towards learning
- a dedicated, highly skilled and supportive staff team committed to maintaining high standards
- significant opportunities for professional development across the academy group.

Successful candidates will be placed initially at one of the schools within the MAC but there will be opportunities to work in other schools as part of ongoing professional development.

The St John Paul II Multi Academy Company is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children, and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All successful candidates will be expected to complete all pre-employment checks satisfactorily and have full enhanced DBS clearance before appointment.

If you are interested in playing a key role in helping our expanding and thriving multi academy improve further, please contact Mrs Julie Stewart (P.A. to the Central Team) email address: j.stewart@sjp2.net – mobile: **07384816435** for an application pack. Visits to the schools are encouraged and candidates are welcome to contact Mrs Julie Stewart to arrange an appointment.

Closing date for applications: Thursday 14th February 2019 at 12 noon. Interviews to take place week commencing: Monday 25th February 2019

Please also take a look at the information attached about our Vision, Values and Strategic Priorities and for further information on the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy and its schools please check our website:
<http://johnpaulii.co.uk>

St. John Paul II Multi Academy

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**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

FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Miss Gilliver has been working hard with pupils in Key Stage 2 to set up a 'Forest School' for outdoor learning in our school garden area at the bottom of the playground. It has been fantastic to see the children enjoying their learning outside and getting the opportunity to experience nature first hand in all weathers. We have started small and we are looking to develop this further so that more children get the experience. For this to happen, the SPFA has granted some money to buy new tools and equipment for the children to use during their forest school sessions. I thank Miss Gilliver for her hard work and the SPFA for agreeing to support this. All children in KS2 should get the opportunity before they leave SS Peter & Paul.

SPFA Bonus Ball Winner
£174.00
Friday 25th January 2019
Ball 57 - Mr Adam Dockery
Well done to you!!!

Infant Playground Update...

Please can I thank everyone for their patience regarding the proposed changes and improvements to the Infant Playground. I realise I haven't been the best at keeping you all up to date with developments regarding the application for the additional funding grant. Initially the grant application was refused and since then I have been changing, tweaking and adapting the application; resubmitting it to try and secure the money that would see a more dramatic outcome with better facilities rather than just settling and spending what we have in the bank. I am still awaiting a final decision and as soon as I receive this, I will make plans to move forward appropriately. Unfortunately, these things take time but I want to secure the best deal possible for our children. Thanks again for your patience.

SPFA information and events...

- Friday 29th March - Mother's Day Treats for sale on the drive
- Saturday 6th April - Joint School & Parish Mother's Day Treat Night & Fashion Show
- Friday 12th April - Non-Uniform Day for £1.00 and free entry into an Easter Competition (TBC)
- Saturday 22nd June - SPFA Car Boot Sale
- Friday 5th July - Summer Fair
- Friday 14th June - Non-Uniform Day for sweets or chocolate (TBC) for Summer Fair stalls
- Friday 28th June - Non-Uniform Day for Bottles for Summer Fair stall
- Friday 5th July - Non-Uniform Day for filled and decorated Lucky Bags (to be supplied by SPFA)

Today's
Non-Uniform
raised...

£143.00

Thank you!