

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



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

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 13th January 2017

**Week 16**

This week we pray for these special people!



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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,

Welcome back! I trust you all had a lovely, happy and holy Christmas and New Year break with family and friends; I hope Father Christmas brought you everything you wanted and deserved. The Spring Term has started and it is like we've never been away, the children (and staff) all look refreshed and recharged ready for a busy term of learning ahead. I would once more like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who gave a gift to show your appreciation to my staff, your generosity was amazing and it does mean a lot to know that all our hard work with the children is appreciated.

I have made a few little changes to the School App and the new website as there were a few 'teething troubles' but hopefully things should be running smoother now and be more accurate.

We are expecting the weather to take a turn for the worse over the next few days and weeks so please ensure that your child comes to school with the appropriate clothing and footwear. 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. Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing to school on any days we have snow so that they can go outside and enjoy themselves: Coat, hat, scarf, gloves, boots, etc...

Happy New Year to you all, lets hope 2017 is a fantastic year for everyone concerned.

**God Bless.**



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not including standing orders)

**Week 16**

Reception	£8.87
Year 1	£16.00
Year 2	£27.25
Year 3	£10.50
Year 4	£14.00
Year 5	£19.37
Year 6	£7.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>£103.05</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.

- **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 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. Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing to school on any days we have snow so that they can go outside and enjoy themselves: Coat, hat, scarf, gloves, boots, etc...
- **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.
- **Year 6 Parents Meeting - Leavers Disco 2017**—A meeting is to be held in the school hall on Wednesday 18th January @ 3.30 pm to help organise this special event for our Year 6 pupils and their families. Please can I say that this is an event that is organised by the parents each year, it is nothing to do with the SPFA or the school.
- **Rugby**—You should have received a flyer today advertising rugby coaching sessions at Erdington Rugby Club. This is something that one of our parents, Mr David Owen, is trying to resurrect as he looks to get a club up and running again. Contact him for more details but please be aware that this is nothing to do with school.
- **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
- **OurSchoolsApp**—I hope that those of you with Smart Phones have taken the time to download our school app, it is another way of keeping up to date with anything going on in school.
- **Weekly Newsletter**—If you are reading this then you have obviously been successful at accessing our weekly newsletter digitally as I am no longer going to print paper copies to send home; good for our budget and good for the environment. Please spread the word so that everyone knows how they can access the weekly newsletter. Each Friday I will send out a text with a direct link, I will also send a tweet via our school twitter page and I have now put a direct tab link on the school app as well as on our new website.
- **Affordable School Uniform**—Contact 07392370662 or e-mail [asu2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:asu2012@hotmail.co.uk)

### SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 19th January 2017 @ 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.



## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

- Y5 Class Mass  
Sunday 22nd January 2017 @ 10.30
- Y6 Class Trip to Parliament  
Tuesday 24th January 2017
- Y6 Parents Meeting - Confirmation  
Wednesday 25th Jan 2017 @ 6 pm
- Y3 First Holy Communion Enrolment  
Sunday 12th February 2017 @ 10.30
- Y4 Class Assembly  
Friday 17th February @ 9.00 am
- 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
- Y2 Reconciliation Enrolment Mass  
Sunday 7th May 2017 @ 10.30 am
- 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 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

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

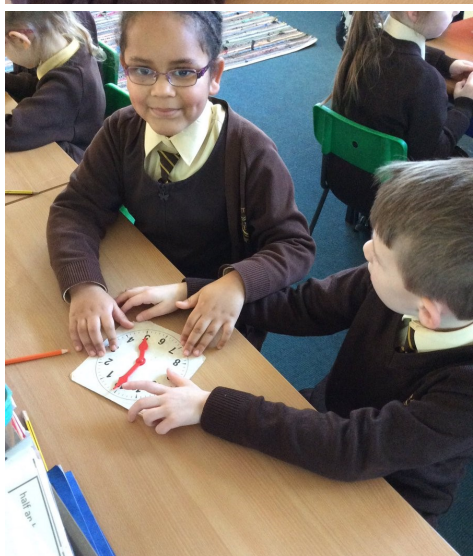
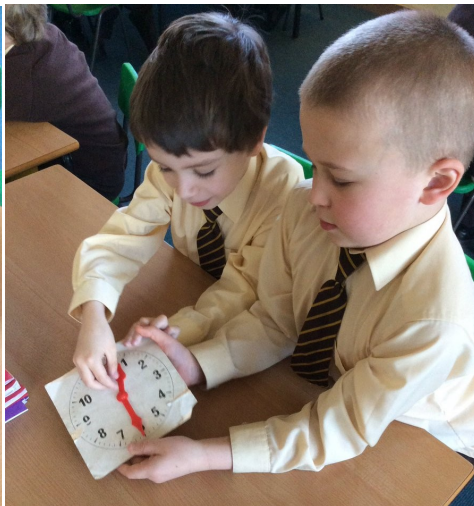
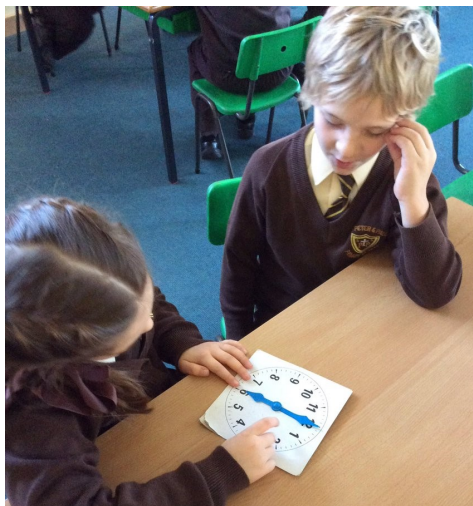
**Wednesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)  
- Y3 Multi-Skills  
- Y5 & 6 Basketball Club  
- Gardening Club

**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



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL— Year 2 learn the time



## 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

### 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: I live in winter, die in summer and grow down not up. What am I?

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

**Last weeks answer was:**  
... Claus-trophobic.

## Prayer of the Week!!!

### New Year Prayer

At the beginning of this New Year,  
I offer you my life.

Come take my voice, may the words I speak be filled  
with encouragement and goodness.

Come take my hands, may the work they  
create be generous and giving.

Come take my feet, may the journeys I walk be led  
by your Spirit within.

Come take my life Lord, for I love your goodness,  
your kindness and your leading.

We ask this, Lord Jesus, in your name. Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

## Parish Events

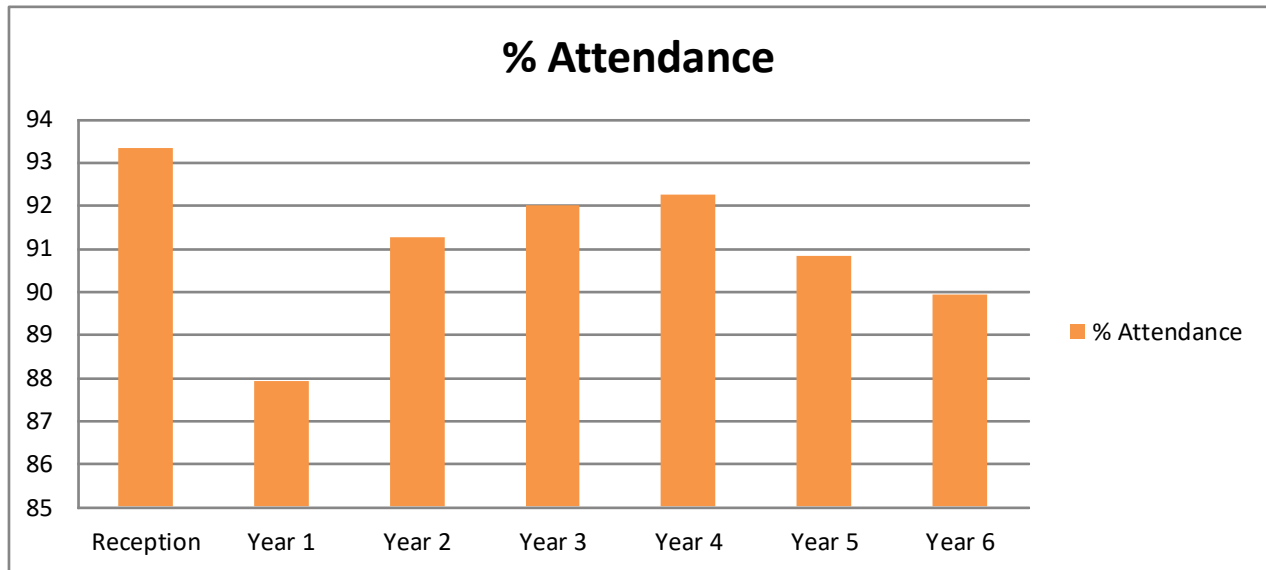
### Weekend Masses

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:  
19th December 2016 to 22nd December 2016 is 91.07%**



**Congratulations to Reception Class well done for their excellent attendance!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

Ruby Atkins, Caitlin Keeley.



**'STAR OF THE WEEK'**

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

- **Reception** — Ciaràn Lawrence
- **Year 1** — Elaine Nguyen
- **Year 2** — Julia Baran
- **Year 3** — Szymon Bylica
- **Year 4** — Cain Lane
- **Year 5** — Rhys Pointon-Doyle
- **Year 6** — Tao Thompson



**House Points**

Saint Peter	55
Saint Paul	35
Our Lady	33
Saint Joseph	29



Well done to Saint Peter our winners.  
Congratulations!!!

**Spanish Word of the Week**

"Mi familia" means... my family

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

