

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School



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

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 31st March 2017

Week 26

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,

Firstly, can I bring to your attention our next planned **Teacher Training Day** which will be on **Wednesday 17th May** so the school will be closed for children on that day. I'm sorry it is the middle of the week but it is the only time available for the specific Maths training I want for my staff.

Well done to the Year 4 pupils who represented the school so well on Wednesday at the Gifted & Talented workshop with the other schools from the Erdington cluster. It was a lovely morning which the children really enjoyed.

Medicines in school. I just want to make parents aware of our school policy on having and administering medicines to children in school. We are happy to help any child who requires medication but do this voluntarily for the benefit of the child, we are not required to by law. It is the parents responsibility to fill in the appropriate form in the school office and it is the child's responsibility to remember when they need to have it (with a little support from the staff, if necessary). I hope this clarifies the schools position. Thank you for your understanding.

Please can I ask all parents who allow their child to use Social Media; Facebook, Twitter, Whatsapp, Snapchat, Instagram, Musical.ly, etc,... to ensure you monitor what they are doing and saying. Just so that you know, the minimum age in the terms and conditions by law for all of these sites is 13 years old, which means that no primary age child should have access to them. For more information please look at: [Parentzone.org](http://Parentzone.org). Better to be fully informed.

Check out page 3 of this newsletter for more information on our fantastic raffle.

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	£7.50
Year 4	£10.00
Year 5	£19.37
Year 6	£8.06
Total	£97.05

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.**

- **SPFA SSP&P's Got Talent**—Can you or someone you know Sing, Dance or Entertain a crowd? Then we need you to AUDITION for SS Peter & Paul's Got Talent!!! On Saturday 1st April 2017 @ 7.00 pm till late. All ages are welcome (Adults/Children/Groups). In the Parish Hall. Entry: £5 per solo act or £6 per duo/group. Prize money available: £100 to the Winner & £50 to the Runner Up. Entry Forms available from Kristina Moore or Kelly Thompson. Limited tickets available for the audience: £8 family of 4, £3 Adult & £2 Child. Winners will qualify for a finals night on Saturday 5th May.
- **SPFA Meeting**—The meeting to start planning the Summer Fair that was planned for Tuesday 4th April at 7 pm in school has had to be **cancelled**. I will rearrange this date and get it sent out to parents asap. Remember, all are welcome as we look for fresh ideas and bags of enthusiasm. Get your thinking hats on. Hope to see you there.
- **Water Bottles**—Please ensure that your child(ren) have their own water bottle in school, it is important that they are able to access this during the day as and when they need to. Please can I ask that the bottles are not too wide, I have purchased 'water bottle carriers' so that the children's bottles can be transported outside at play and dinner time or to the hall and playground for PE sessions so that the children can have access to their water bottle at all times. The only problem is, the massive water bottles some children bring do not fit in the carrier. Anything under 7.5 cm diameter will fit perfectly. Sorry to be a pain!!!
- **Guitar Lessons**—Our guitar teacher, Miss Weir, is always looking for new children who want to learn how to play the guitar. A new set of lessons will be starting after Easter so keep an eye out for the letter next week if your child in Key Stage 2 wants to learn. Lessons are only £5 per week!!!
- **Voluntary Lenten Masses**—Fr. Joe will be continuing voluntary Lenten masses at 8.00 am on Wednesday morning, the last one before the Easter holiday. Breakfast will be provided in the school hall afterwards for those who attend. The dates are as follows:  
- Wednesday 5th April
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons next drop in session between 9.30 to 10.00 am will be Friday 7th April. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- [senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk), to book a session.
- **Year 5 Alton Castle Residential Trip**—The trip
- **Sacramental Preparation Meetings/Workshops for Parents**—Important information is given at these events so please make every effort to attend:
  - 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). ASU have jumpers for £13 and cardigans £13.75, so please contact them if you would like to order one.

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

SPFA Talent Show  
Saturday 1st April 2017 @ 7.00 pm

Y5 Easter Production in Church  
Thursday 6th April 2017 @ 2.00 pm

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

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

Teacher Training Day—School Closed  
Wednesday 17th May 2017

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

Reception Class Assembly  
Friday 26th May 2017 @ 9.00 am

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

Spanish Day  
Monday 26th June 2017

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

SS Peter & Paul Feast Day Mass - Y6  
Thursday 29th June 2017 @ 9.15 am

## TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 24th April 2017
- **Wednesday 17th May 2017**
- Plus one other 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)  
- Y1 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)  
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## SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 6th April 2017 @ 9.15 am  
Whole School Children & Families  
Led by **Year 4**



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— Lenten Raffles



The Year 6 Raffle is still going strong with lots of tickets being sold this week but there's still plenty of time to get your ticket. They're 20p each and will be on sale at break and dinner time next week. Mrs Wright and Mrs Lines would like to say a massive thank you to all of the parents for donating so many lovely prizes. I've got my ticket, make sure you've got yours...

The school's Easter Raffle is just getting started with some fantastic prizes donated, thank you so much. If you want a ticket to win these fantastic prizes, they're 50p each or £2 for a strip of 5. All money raised is going to John Taylor Hospice, our chosen Lenten Charity.



### 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](http://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 2 - Attentive & Discerning

Our pupils are taught that it is important to promote the practice of *attentive* reflection; thinking before acting, and *discerning* decision making: in teaching, in their example, prayer and retreats; and through the practice and example of school leaders and staff.

### Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: The more you take, the more you leave behind... What are they?

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

**Last weeks answer was:**  
... a penny.

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### Children's Prayer for Lent

Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent  
And when I've given it up  
Remind me to pray to You instead  
To thank You  
To love You  
To hear from You  
Each and every day in Lent  
Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

### Parish Events

#### Lenten Stations of the Cross

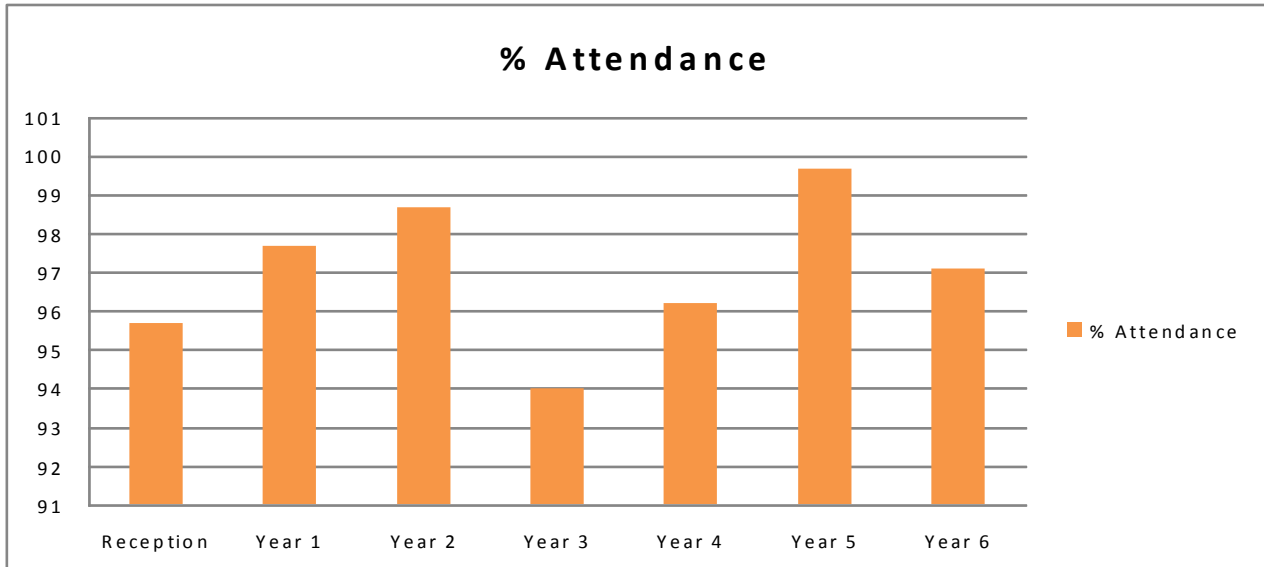
Every Sunday during Lent @ 4.00 pm in Church

#### Holy Week Services

- Maundy Thursday 13th April  
Mass of the Last Supper @ 7 pm.
- Good Friday 14th April  
Passion @ 3 pm. Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm.
- Holy Saturday 15th April  
Easter Vigil @ 7 pm.
- Easter Sunday 16th April  
Easter Mass @ 9 am & 10 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:  
20th March 2017 to 24th March 2017 is 97.00%**



**Congratulations to 5 Class well done for their excellent attendance!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

**Liam Shanahan, Imogen Bailey, Harry Green, Zuzanna Kedziora,  
Maja Podworska, Kian Cooper.**



**'STAR OF THE WEEK'**

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

- **Reception — Lucy Recci**
- **Year 1 — Grace Killarney**
- **Year 2 — Olaf Kosalka**
- **Year 3 — George Hillier**
- **Year 4 — Maisie Hughes**
- **Year 5 — Next Week**
- **Year 6 — Dempsey Washbrook**



**House Points**

Saint Peter	95
Saint Paul	124
Our Lady	113
Saint Joseph	64



Well done to St. Paul our winners.  
Congratulations!!!

**Stay Safe Online**

E-Safety is very important!  
Do you know what your child is  
watching on the internet?

**Top Tips for staying safe online**

4. Never tell anyone (apart from your parents) your password. You should do nothing online that you wouldn't be proud to show your parents!

**Spanish Word of the Week**

"Fuerza" means... strength

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

