

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School

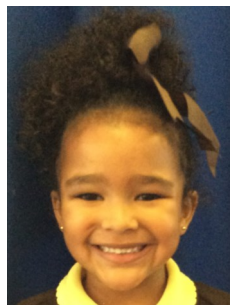


*We live and learn in the light of Christ!*

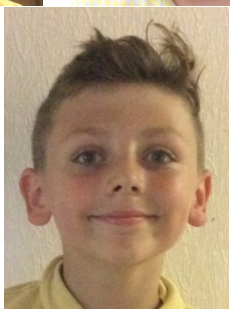
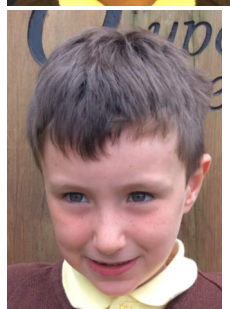
Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 16th December 2016

**Week 14**

This week we pray for these special people!



A'Taya  
Maciej  
Ellie  
Finley  
Joan  
Rhys  
Poppy



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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,

What a lovely couple of weeks it has been, preparing for the Christmas celebrations that are to come. I have been particularly impressed by the standard of both our Infant Nativity Production and the Junior Carol Service. I think you'd all agree that the children were amazing, performing to such a high degree, singing their hearts out and learning so much about the true meaning of Christmas along the way. I always burst with pride when I watch our children, they are a special group and always rise to the occasion perfectly. I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and dedication to make these special events such a success. I lost count of the amount of compliments I have had about our children and that is all down to the commitment of the staff to ensure such polished performances. Thank you.



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

I've had some really good feedback from parents about our new school App, I hope you've all had the chance to download it. It is very simple to use and should help keep you informed. Just a reminder, I am not sending paper copies of the newsletter after Christmas. It will be available on our NEW WEBSITE (launching asap) and any other communications will be sent via the App, text message or Twitter.

I am really looking forward to Year 4's Class Mass on Sunday at 10.30 am. I will see you all there. The fourth Sunday of Advent is always a special Mass.

Finally, I haven't forgotten about the Junior Playground equipment. A new climbing frame and some trim trail parts have been ordered. I am just waiting to hear when the installation will take place. I apologise for not keeping you informed but these things are not as simple to sort as you might think.

**God Bless.**

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

(not including standing orders)

**Week 14**

Reception	£13.87
Year 1	£16.00
Year 2	£27.25
Year 3	£13.50
Year 4	£12.00
Year 5	£19.37
Year 6	£12.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>£114.05</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.**

- **Advent Voluntary Masses**—Last one. 8 am on Wednesday 21st December. Breakfast will be provided in the school hall afterwards. See you there.
- **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.
- **SPFA Children's Christmas Discos**—Infants Tuesday 20th December then Juniors Wednesday 21st December @ 3.15—5.30 pm. The cost is £2 per child. Refreshments will be provided. The children can wear their own clothes to school so that they do not have to get changed. Those who are not going to the disco should still wear school uniform. Thank you.
- **Christmas Parties**—Monday is the Christmas Party day, all of the children can wear their own clothes. Thank you goes to our cook, Mrs Clarke, who will be preparing all the lovely party food for the whole school. It is always a lovely day.
- **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
- **Christmas Stocking Fillers**—We are selling Christmas Baubles and washbags for 50p and iPad Covers for £1.00 before and after school next week. See Mr Porter or the school office for more details. All proceeds to school fund.
- **Year 4 & 5 Guitar Assembly**—Thank you to all those parents who attended the Guitar Assembly on Thursday, it is great to watch the children showing off their talent. I am so pleased with their progress. Practise is paying off!!!
- **Affordable School Uniform**—Contact 07392370662 or e-mail [asu2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:asu2012@hotmail.co.uk)
- **Elderly Parishioners Christmas Lunch**—I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Lines and our Year 6 pupils who helped out yesterday at the Parishes Christmas Lunch for the Elderly. They did an amazing job helping and providing the entertainment. They made a lot of people very happy and did the school proud. Well done to you all.
- **'The Bear'** - Please can I apologise for leaving Year 2 off the newsletter, a mere oversight on my part, as all three infant classes went to the MAC to watch this lovely production. The children really enjoyed it. Thanks again to my staff for organising it and for the parents who helped on the day.

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Y4 Class Mass @ 10.30 am  
Sunday 18th December 2016

Christmas Parties  
Monday 19th December 2016

SPFA Christmas Discos 3.15-5.30 pm  
Infants on Tuesday 20th December  
Juniors on Wednesday 21st December

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

Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation  
Sunday 5th March 2017 @ 10.30 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

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**Tuesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y6 Multi-Skills

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**Wednesday** (3.15 - 4.15 pm)

- Y5 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)

## SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 22nd December 2016 @ 9.15 am  
Whole School Children & Families  
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— Infant Nativity 2016!!!



## 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 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: If you are running in a race and you pass the person in second place, what place are you in?

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

**Last weeks answer was:**  
... Glass of course.

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### Prayer of Advent - Week 3

Let us pray.  
We humbly beg Thee, O Lord,  
to listen to our prayers;  
and by the grace of Thy coming  
bring light into our darkened minds.  
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)

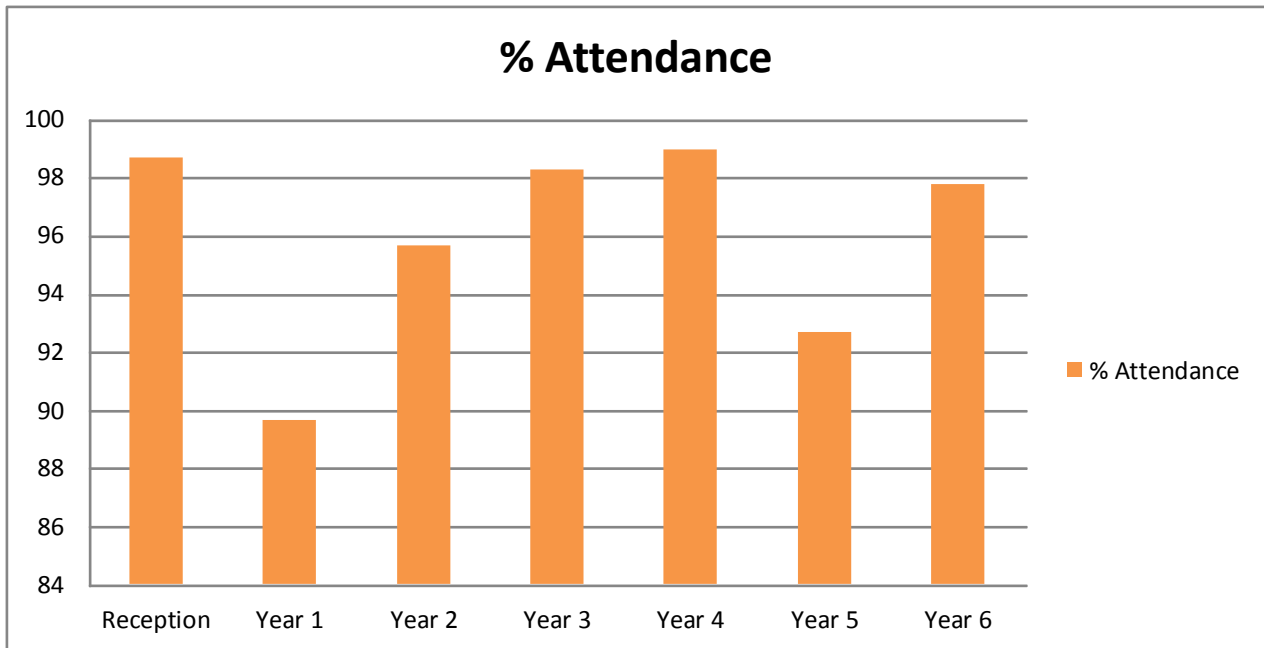
#### Parish New Years Eve Party

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 December 2016 to 9th December 2016 is 95.91%**



**Congratulations to Year 4 well done for their excellent attendance!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

Joseph O'Callaghan, Charlie Greenhill.



**'STAR OF THE WEEK'**

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

- Reception — Mia Floyd
- Year 1 — Esme O'Sullivan
- Year 2 — Isabella Pulisciano
- Year 3 — Whole Class - Amazing Carol Service
- Year 4 — Whole Class - Amazing Carol Service
- Year 5 — Whole Class - Amazing Carol Service
- Year 6 — Whole Class - Amazing Carol Service



**House Points**

Saint Peter	153
Saint Paul	113
Our Lady	117
Saint Joseph	112



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

**Spanish Word of the Week**

"amor" means... love

"esperanza" means... hope

Thank you for taking time to read our Newsletter.

