SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School

Part of... St. John Paul II Multi-Academy

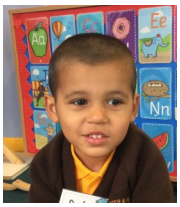
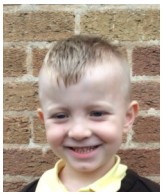
We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents

Friday 17th December 2020

Autumn 2 - Week 15

This week we pray for...

... these children.

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

What a festive filled week it has been this week in the lead up to breaking up for Christmas. All of the children have participated fully in the Christmas celebrations with pyjama days, Christmas card making, film afternoons, Christmas parties and a lovely Christmas Dinner.

Key stage One children all had a visit from Santa this week who left them a video message wishing them all a very Merry Christmas and a present under the Christmas tree. Luckily all of the children have been very well behaved!!!

Year Two led the whole school in our end of year Mass. It was lovely to be able to celebrate altogether and think about the true meaning of Christmas and how we can prepare during Advent as we wait for the birth of Jesus. Thank you to Mrs Pawley for preparing the children so well.

A big thank you to the S.P.F.A who have given every child in the school a special Christmas gift of a bauble filled with sweets. These Parents all work so hard to raise money and support the school, we would be lost without them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, staff and children for all of their hard work, generosity, resilience, support and good humour this term. It has at times been very challenging with bubble closures, self isolation and home learning but everyone has pulled together and helped each other out. Parents have gone above and beyond with their donations to the foodbank and I am delighted that this initiative that started with all of you has been taken on by all of the Academy schools and will become a permanent fixture. I feel truly proud and lucky to work at SS Peter and Paul school, with such fantastic children, parents and staff who make up our school family and community.

Have a wonderful Christmas and please continue to look after each other and stay safe. See you all on Monday 4th January 2021...

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ACADEMY TERM DATES

Term	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
New Term Begins	Tuesday 1st Sept	Monday 4th January	Monday 19th April
1st Half -Term Ends	Friday 23rd October	Friday 12th February	Friday 28th May
2nd Half -Term Begins	Monday 2nd Nov	Monday 22nd February	Monday 7th June
Term Ends	Friday 18th Dec	Thursday 1st April	Wed 21st July

ACADEMY FUND DONATIONS

Academy Fund via ParentMail
(School Enrichment Funding)

This is a voluntary contribution to be paid each term which goes towards buying additional equipment and resources for your children. You will receive a request via ParentMail termly...

"St. John Paul II Multi-Academy invites parents to give annually to your school fund. A donation of £10 per term is suggested but you may contribute more if you wish."

Please rest assured that any payment you make is for our school and our children only, guaranteed! Thank you 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 will keep you informed, please read this information carefully.

- ***PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU WEAR FACE MASKS / COVERINGS WHEN DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN.***

- **Spring Term starts on Monday 4th January**

- **Earrings** - From January, in line with the rest of the academy, SS Peter and Paul will not allow earrings of any sort to be worn in school.

- **Hair** — We have a strict policy regarding haircuts in school. We do not allow lines or fashion haircuts. Long hair should be tied back at all times.

- **Food Bank**— A big thank you to the parents who are continuing to send in food. A reminder that any parents that would like to access this service or who may need some financial support can contact the school on our confidential email address: family@ssptrpl.net

- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her fiirst virtual coffee morning of the term on Friday 8th January from 9.30 AM—10.30 AM. Please contact the school office for a zoom appointment. If you have any concerns regarding your child please contact Mrs Calvert– Lyons on the SENCo email which is senco@ssptrpl.net

- **Reception Children 2021-2022 —** Unfortunately we are unable to allow parents into school at the moment so have produced a short video about our school. Please access the video on our school website which can be found at ssptrpl.net

- **Remote/Home Learning Information**—Please keep an eye on ParentMail to see our plans for how the children will continue to learn if we have to close any 'pods' due to COVID-19.

- **Outside Achievements**—Please remember to email us photos of your achievements outside of school so we can celebrate them in our newsletter. Emails should be sent to enquiry@ssptrpl.net

- **Sixth Form Promotion**—Please find the links attached to our Multi Academy Partner Secondary School's promoting their Sixth Form:
  Bishop Walsh: https://www.bishopwalsh.net/sixth-form/admissions
  St. Edmund Campion: https://www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk/1515/virtual-open-evening

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Monday 4th January—Back to school

Leading Light Club
Contact Details
07885 235 488
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Stay Safe Online

E-Safety is very important! Do you know what your child is watching or doing on the internet?
https://www.internetmatters.org

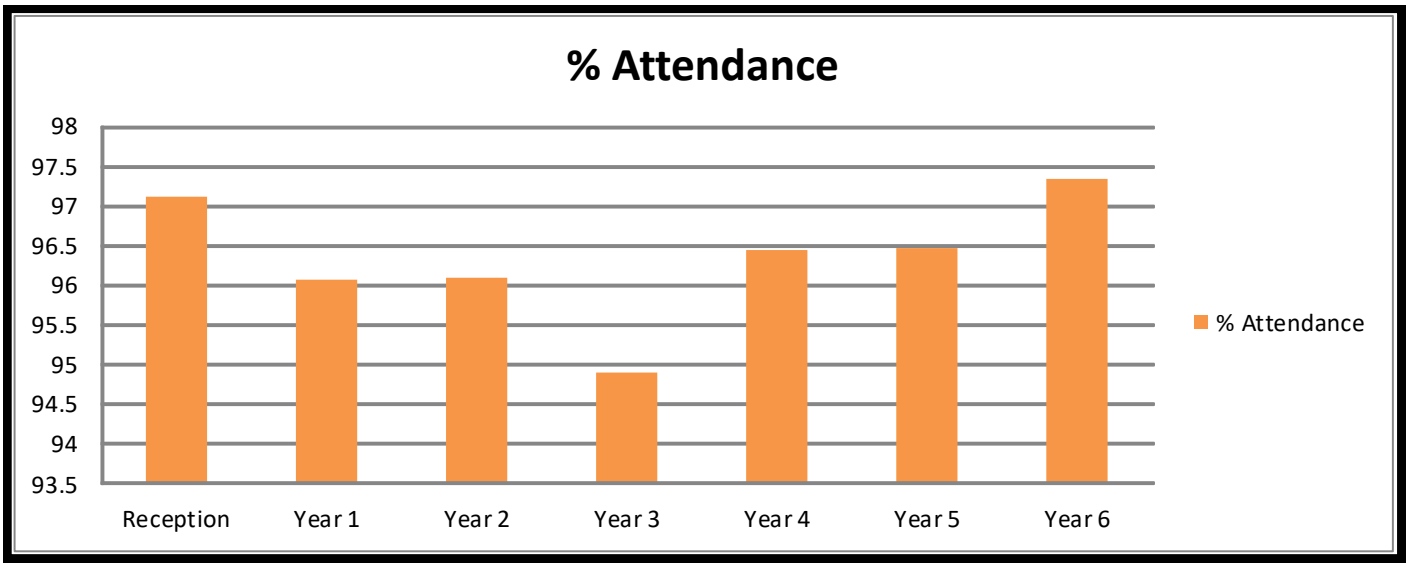
TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 7th June 2021
- One more to be confirmed...

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm
Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)
Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

Pupil Attendance 7th December – 11th December 2020 = 96.35



Congratulations Reception for their 97.32% attendance.

Attendance Explanation				
100% - Excellent	**99-97%** - Good	**96-95%** - Satisfactory	**94%** - Below Expectation	**< 94%** - Unsatisfactory

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joanna Adjei and Lily Kelly

Santa Dash Results

KS1– Year 2

KS2– Year 3

Well Done!!!!!

Christmas week in School...

Reception in their Nativity Stable.

Year 5 enjoyed their Christmas crafts this week.

Year 1 made beautiful Christmas decorations this week.

Year 4 having fun whilst looking absolutely fabulous on Christmas costume day.

Year 1 worked hard on their Christmas activities this week and enjoyed their hot chocolate on film afternoon.

Year 3 enjoyed their Christmas activities.

Year 6 enjoying Christmas dinner and party day!

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Our Virtues this term are:

INTENTIONAL...in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience.
&
PROPHETIC... in the example they set to others.

A Prayer for Advent

My little Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You for this Advent season. Please help me to understand all that You have done for me. Your loving mother held You in her heart and brought You into this world. Help me to do the same.

Polish Word of the Week
(Polskie słowo tygodnia)

'Wesołych Świąt'

means...

Merry Christmas.

Spanish Word of the Week
(Palabra de la semana)

'Deseos de navidad '

means...

Christmas Wishes.

THANK YOU SPFA

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to the SPFA for the lovely Christmas gifts you gave to the children.

You do so much for our school and we are so grateful.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

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St John Paul II Multi Academy
Be not afraid

COVID-19 RELATED PUPIL ABSENCE
A quick reference guide for parents and staff

Please follow the advice below for your child and family.

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	- **Do not come to school** - **Contact school to inform us** - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test **Inform the school immediately about the test result**	...the test comes back negative **or** a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	- **Do not come to school.** - **Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).** - Self-isolate the whole household.	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. *(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)* **AND** the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	- **Contact school to inform us.** - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day).	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	- **Do not come to school.** - **Contact school to inform us.** - Ring on each day of illness.	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	- **Do not come to school.** - **Contact school to inform us.** - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - **Inform school immediately about test result.**	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	- **Do not come to school.** - **Contact school to inform us.** - **Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).** - Self-isolate the whole household.	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	- **Do not come to school.** - **Contact school to inform us.** - **Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).**	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	- **The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.** - Child can continue to attend school.	...child can continue to attend school

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	- **Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.** - SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School child(ren) can continue to attend.	...child can continue to attend school
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is **NOT** on the exempt list of countries.	- **If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:** - minimum of 14 days' self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. - *Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that **IS** on the exempt list of countries.	- **If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:** - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.	...you have informed the office of your return to the UK *(the office will ask you a few questions about your travel).*
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	- As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs *(please contact school if you need support getting your child to school).*	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	- **Do not come to school.** - **Contact school to inform us.** - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	- **Child must not come to school.** - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - **Other siblings may continue to attend school.**	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
...I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	- ***If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.***	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

Public Health England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- It can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- The infection is not serious for most people, including children
- There is currently no vaccine
- Most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- You can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- The chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- If you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze

Catch it with a tissue

Bin it

Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

After breaks & sport activities

Before cooking & eating

SCHOOL ETC.
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting

After using the toilet

Before leaving home

- **Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands**
- **Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles**
- **If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels**

Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: **campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools**

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings **gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19**. Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

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CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

NHS

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