

★ SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School ★

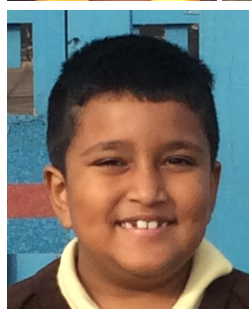
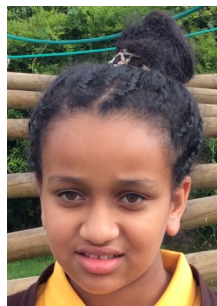
Part of... St. John Paul II Multi-Academy

We live and learn in the light of Christ!

Weekly Newsletter to Parents
Friday 14th December 2018

Autumn 2 - Week 14

This week we pray for these special people!



Tommy-Lee
Sina
Grace
Niamh
Julia
Jonah
Bartosz

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

It has been a great week! The Infant Nativity performances were a fantastic success, the children did an amazing job! I thank all of the staff for their hard work making sure the children were so well prepared and able to perform at such a high standard. Thank you for your understanding regarding the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which prohibit the filming of the performance as there are children in school that we do not permission to record. It is the law and there is nothing I can do about it. Sorry.

Our Year 6 children were also fantastic this week as they entertained those who attended the Elderly Parishioners Christmas lunch yesterday. It was a pleasure to watch them perform and interact with the guests and I know that they thoroughly enjoyed having the children there. Thank you Mrs Oakley for organising this.

I'm really looking forward to the KS2 Carol Concert on Tuesday evening in Church @ 6.00 pm. The SPFA will be providing refreshments in the school hall afterwards. Again, we are collecting gifts for those less fortunate so please remember to bring yours on the night so that it can be collected by the Salvation Army representative.

Please can I ask all those parents who pay **SCHOOL FUND** from their bank account to cancel their direct debit. As we are now part of the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy our bank account has to change so the one you have been paying into is no longer in operation. An alternative method will be set up as soon as possible and I will forward the details in the New Year when I have them. Thank you to everyone who supports us financially, it really is greatly appreciated.

Finally, please take the time to read the **Classroom Support Volunteer Initiative** letter that has been sent home and is attached to this newsletter. I need your help.

God Bless. See you at the SPFA disco's... Happy Advent!!!



Neil Porter –
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BIRMINGHAM 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 14

PLEASE CANCEL YOUR DIRECT DEBIT OR STANDING ORDER INTO THE SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT AS IT IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION. DETAILS OF AN ALTERNATIVE TO FOLLOW IN THE NEW YEAR. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

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 will keep you informed, please read this information carefully.

- **Christmas Dinner & Class Parties**—This year we have made a change to the way we celebrate the Christmas festivities in school. Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 19th December, followed by our class Christmas parties. The children can wear their own party clothes on this day. The information and payment request has gone out on ParentMail.
- **Key Stage 2 Nativity Carol Concert**—Our annual Christmas event is taking place on Tuesday 18th December in Church. Again, we are asking for donations of presents for those children who have nothing at Christmas. A letter has already been sent out with more details on but your support is greatly appreciated. Mince pies and refreshments are available afterwards.
- **Term Dates for 2019-2020**—Please find the agreed dates for next academic year for all schools within the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy attached to this newsletter.
- **Christmas Jumper Day**—Next Friday 21st December (the last day of term) will be a Non-Uniform Christmas Jumper Day. We are not asking for any donations for this, it is free. Please do not feel the need to rush out and buy a new Christmas jumper, any Christmassy or festive looking clothing will do.
- **Leading Light Club Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme**—To all parents who pay for Leading Light Club using the Government Tax Free Childcare Account, it has been temporarily suspended because of our conversion to Academy. Our URN has changed and I need to update the details and have everything verified again. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes.
- **Aladdin Panto in School**—This was a fantastic experience for the children who watched the performance this week. It was great to see live acting!
- **Snow and bad weather closure**—As we are now at the start of winter we have to plan for what would happen if (for the health and safety of the schools' community) the school had to close due to bad weather. We have in previous years made decisions as early as possible using the website and ParentMail and such decisions will apply to all schools within the Multi-Academy. We will continue to use these mediums of fast communication if it becomes necessary. It can be quite difficult to get through to the local radio stations in the absence of a city wide decision but please check these sources of information if you have difficulty accessing the internet.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Thursday 20th December @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk, to book a session.
- **Job Opportunity**—Learning Progress Assistant Level 2 St John Paul II based at Bishop Walsh School. Any enquiries please visit the vacancies tab at www.bishopwalsh.net.
- **Parent Workshops**—The time when Parents get to come into school and work alongside their child to help and support their education. Please make every effort to attend. See the dates below:
⇒ **Year 6 - ***Date Change*** Wed 16th January @ 9.00 am - Maths**
- **School Christmas Events**—Important dates are as follows:
⇒ Key Stage 2 Nativity Carol Concert - Tuesday 18th Dec @ 6.00 pm
⇒ Christmas Parties (Party Clothes) & Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 19th Dec
⇒ SPFA KS1 Christmas Disco - Wednesday 19th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm
⇒ SPFA KS2 Christmas Disco - Thursday 20th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm



SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 20th December 2018 @ 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.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

John Taylor Hospice Carol Singing
Monday 17th December @ 1.00 pm

KS2 Nativity Carol Concert in Church
Tuesday 18th December @ 6.00 pm

Christmas Dinner & Class Parties
Wednesday 19th December @ 12 pm

SPFA KS1 Christmas Disco
Wednesday 19th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30pm

Whole School End of Term Mass
Thursday 20th Dec @ 9.15 am

SPFA KS2 Christmas Disco
Thursday 20th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm

Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day
Friday 21st December 2018 - Free!

Break Up for Christmas Holiday
Friday 21st December @ 2.00 pm

Teacher Training Day - School Closed
Monday 7th January 2019

Spring Term begins for Children
Tuesday 8th January @ 8.50 am

Whole School Start of Term Mass
Thursday 10th January @ 9.15 am

TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Tuesday 4th September 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Monday 29th April 2019
- One To Be Confirmed

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5&6 Football Club

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Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

- Y3&4 Football Club

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This week in school... Y5 making something special for Christmas



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

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 Autumn 2 - Faith-Filled & Hopeful

Our pupils are taught that it is important to have *faith* in your own emotions and judgements and once we have faith we have *hope* in ourselves and those around us with decisions which will shape our future.
'We live and learn in the light of Christ.'

Riddle of the Week!!!

Q: What do you call a fairy who won't take a bath?

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

Last weeks answer was:
...because then it would be a foot...

Prayer of the Week!!!

Advent Prayer

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming.



Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

Parish Events

Parish Weekend Masses

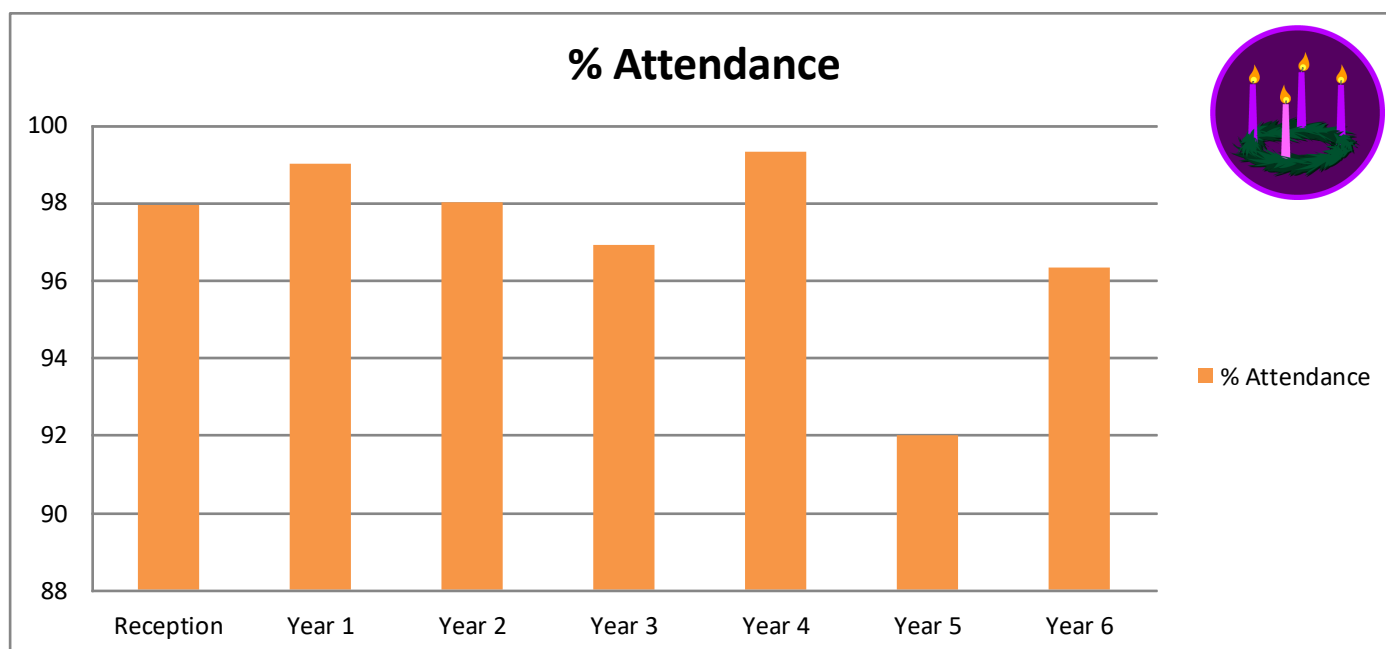
Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

Parish Christmas Mass Times

24th December @ 5.00 pm & 7.00 pm
25th December @ 9.30 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 September 3rd December November to 7th December 2018 = 97.07%



Congratulations to Year 4 well done for their excellent 99.33% attendance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-

Finton Dockery, Finley Kibble, Adam Studzik.



'STAR OF THE WEEK'

Congratulations to these children awarded Star of the Week:-

- Reception — Amelia Wilkinson
- Year 1 — Lexie-Angel Torley
- Year 2 — Whole class lovely Nativity and learning their lines so well.
- Year 3 — Szymon Szmulewski
- Year 4 — Julia Baran
- Year 5 — Szymon Bylica
- Year 6 — Evie Mae Tyler



House Points

Saint Peter	36
Saint Paul	44
Our Lady	46
Saint Joseph	37



Well done to Our Lady's 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

You can report anyone who is being abusive to you online or via social media by contacting the police on www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

"Un árbol de Navidad"
means... A Christmas Tree.



Leading Light Club

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



SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School Classroom Support Volunteer Initiative

Dear Parents, Family & Friends of SS Peter & Paul,

Your School Needs You!

I am starting a new initiative in school; encouraging volunteers to spend whatever time they can spare in school helping children to learn in classrooms and supporting the class teachers in ensuring, to the best of our ability, we get the best outcomes for all of our children. As you are all aware, my school budget funding has been reduced so I am looking at ways to fill the gaps in provision by asking for volunteers to come in and work with our teachers so that the funding cut has minimum impact on our children. **I need people to help after Christmas, could this be you?**

In order for this to work, while you think about whether you are interested in giving this a go or not, please consider these 3 areas... we need someone who is **reliable, suitable** and **professional**.

Reliable – Someone who can commit to a regular day(s) and time slot(s) for a *minimum of a half-term*. This is so that teachers can plan on how best to use your support on a regular basis; whether it is to just help around the class, hear children read or work with a small group of children, we need to know that if you say you're coming, you will be there.

Suitable – Someone who is suitable to work in a school with children. We will need to get all of our volunteers DBS checked to ensure they are not barred from working with children for any reason (Don't worry; we will sort this part out). We also need people with a decent standard of spoken & written English and decent Maths ability so that they can help children effectively.

Professional – Someone with the ability to understand and follow school policies and our code of conduct; understanding that when you are in school you are here as a volunteer member of staff and not a parent, family member or friend. You may be subject to confidential information and conversations that must not be shared and *you will not be working with your own child or their class* to ensure boundaries don't become blurred.

The table below shows the dates for each half-term block for the rest of this academic year so please check them carefully to ensure you can commit to the regular slot.

Spring Term 2019	
Spring Half-Term 01	Spring Half-Term 02
Monday 7 th January 2019 to Friday 15 th February 2019	Monday 25 th February 2019 to Friday 12 th April 2019
6 weeks	7 weeks

If you are interested in volunteering to help us in school, please complete and return the timetable sheet attached so that I can start to fill gaps and allocate volunteers to classes where they will be needed. The **deadline** for responses is **Friday 21st December 2018** so that I can get this organised for January.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, I really hope that there are some of you who can help.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. Porter
Head Teacher



Volunteer Name: _____ Child's Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Please circle which Half-Term you would like to volunteer for: **Spring Term 01** **Spring Term 02**

Please tick the day(s) and time slot(s) you can commit to on the timetable below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.50 – 10.30 (1hr 40mins)					
10.30 – 10.45	B	R	E	A	K
10.45 – 12.00 (1hr 15mins)					
12.00 – 12.55	L	U	N	C	H (12.00 – 1.00)
12.55 – 2.10 (1hr 15 mins)					
2.10 – 3.20 (1hr 10mins)					

It would be great if you could be in school for a whole morning, afternoon or even day but I am grateful for any time you can spare. Thank you for filling in this timetable.

The **deadline** for responses is **Friday 21st December 2018** so that I can get this organised for January.

<p>A message on behalf of the Board of Directors of the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy</p> <p>regarding term dates for 2019-2020</p>
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Dear Parents/ Person with Parental Responsibility,

I am writing to you to inform you of the term dates for all six current schools in the St John Paul II Academy in the academic year 2019-2020. As with a number of other Catholic Schools in our area and in the city, these term dates deviate from those produced by the Local Authority. This is so pupils will be able to be in school during Holy Week to remember the passion and death of Our Lord leading up to the greatest Christian Festival of all, Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead.

St John Paul II Multi Academy Term Dates 2019/2020:

Autumn Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 2 September 2019

Half Term: Monday 28 October 2019 to Friday 1 November 2019

Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020

Term Ends: Thursday 9 April 2020 (**Maundy Thursday**)

Easter Sunday 12 April

Summer Term 2020


Term Starts: Monday 27 April 2020

Half Term: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

Term Ends: Friday 17 July 2020

INSET days for the academic year 2019-2020 will be published in due course. We hope that by letting you know this information sixteen months before time will help you to arrange childcare, family time and travel plans during this holiday period. It is worth knowing that the Board of Directors will always intend to arrange term dates so that in future all pupils will be required to attend school during Holy Week. I hope you are having a hopeful Advent and will enjoy a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J.B. Farrell
Catholic Senior Executive Leader - (seconded for the academic year 2018-2019)
St. John Paul II Multi Academy



**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

The SPFA will be holding a Christmas Raffle next week. With some fantastic prizes on offer, just in time for Christmas!!!

Tickets will be on sale on the drive in the morning and after school from members of the SPFA team.

£1.00 per strip or 7 strips for £5.00!!! Good luck everyone...



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SPFA Bonus Ball Draw Dates



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January Friday 26th DRAW COMPLETE (4)	February Monday 26th DRAW COMPLETE (4)	March Thursday 29th DRAW COMPLETE May change if no assembly (5)	April Friday 27th DRAW COMPLETE (4)
May Friday 25th DRAW COMPLETE (4)	June Friday 29th DRAW COMPLETE (5)	July Friday 27th DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & (4)	August Friday 31st DRAW COMPLETE Recorded & (5)
September Friday 28th DRAW COMPLETE (4)	October Friday 26th DRAW COMPLETE (4)	November Friday 30th DRAW COMPLETE (5)	December Friday 28th DRAW COMPLETE (4)

*Dates may move

** Draws will take place during Celebration Assembly with the exception of July and August these draws will take place with two SPFA members