

# SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School

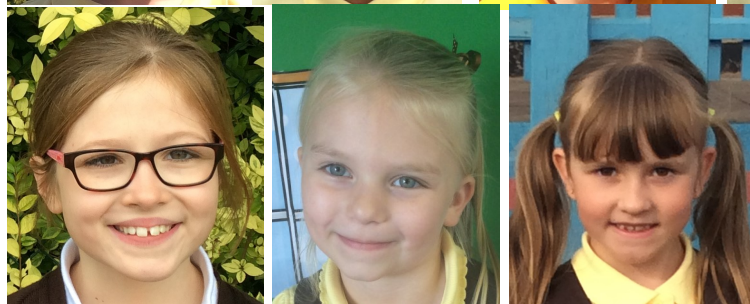


*We live and learn in the light of Christ!*

Weekly Newsletter to Parents  
Friday 23rd November 2018

**Autumn 2 - Week 11**

This week we pray for these special people!



Mathew  
Kamarni  
Joseph  
Carter  
Tara  
Sienna  
Josephine

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Sorry for the delay in getting this to you but please find the Academy Decision letter attached to this newsletter. It gives more details on the process following the Governing Body decision to convert to Academy on 1st December 2018.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parent Workshops for Year 3 & Year 1 this week. These are always such lovely mornings, giving parents an insight into the learning and work their children undertake in school each day.

Yesterday saw a lovely Year 4 Mass for Key Stage 2. All the children read and sang beautifully, I was very pleased. My thanks goes to Mrs Basra for preparing the Mass and children so well. It was also Reception & Year 2's Class Trip to the Snowdome. I have heard that a fantastic time was had by all. My thanks go to Mrs Law, Mrs Smith, Miss Ghanbari, Mrs Lay and all the volunteers who made the trip such a success.

School Photograph problems! Unfortunately our photographer, Mr Carter, has had an unexpected technical problem and, despite his best efforts, is unable to access the photos taken last week. I have arranged for them to be retaken on Monday 26th November, following the same format as last time so family photos will be taken from 8.30 am in the Parish Hall then individual and siblings will be taken after. Please can everyone wear winter uniform as before. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Next week; I need volunteers to put up the school Christmas Tree next Thursday afternoon at 1.00 pm please. Any help would be greatly appreciated if you are free. It is Y3's Class Assembly for Parents next Friday morning, I am really looking forward to this. It is also a Non-Uniform day next Friday in return for bottles that will be for Christmas Fair next Saturday. Thank you in advance for your support.

**God Bless.**



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 11

Reception	N/A
Year 1	£7.00
Year 2	£11.62
Year 3	£17.50
Year 4	£30.75
Year 5	£6.00
Year 6	£3.00
Total	£75.87

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.

- **School Photograph Retakes**—Due to a technical problem, the school photos will be retaken on Monday 26th November. Winter Uniform please.
- **Parking Safety**—It is unacceptable for any vehicle to drop off or park on the 'school keep clear' road markings between the hours of 8.00am – 4.00 pm. These markings have been provided to keep the area of carriageway clear of parked vehicles allowing parents and children to cross the road in a safe environment. When a vehicle parks at such a location it reduces the effect of the markings and gives the impression to other parents that it is 'Ok' for them to park in a similar manner. Please help by parking responsibly.
- **Children's School Uniform**—Please can I remind all parents that every item of school uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name. The number of lost items is growing already!
- **Swimming**—Y4 will need their kit for the next week on Thursday.
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Thursday 6th December @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- [senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk), to book a session.
- **Admissions for Reception Class September 2019** — The e-admissions online application is on the Birmingham City Council website. There is **NO** paper application, all applications **MUST** be submitted via the website. If you do not have access to the internet then you can either visit your local library to use a computer there, or you may pop into school where we will arrange for a computer here to be available.
- **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 4 - Wednesday 28th November @ 9.00 am - Maths
  - ⇒ Year 5 - Tuesday 4th December @ 9.00 am - English
  - ⇒ Year 2 - Thursday 6th December @ 9.00 am - Maths
  - ⇒ Year 6 - Wednesday 12th December @ 9.00 am - Maths
- **Year 3 Class Assembly**—All Year 3 Parents are invited to watch the Year 3 Class Assembly next Friday 30th November @ 9.00 am in the school hall.
- **School & Parish Christmas Fair**—Our annual Christmas Fair fundraiser will be taking place on Saturday 1st December @ 11.00 - 2.00 pm. This is a joint event with the Church and is always a fantastic event. Please contact Kristina or Kelly if you would like to help; I know they're always looking for new ideas and support. We have 1 more non-uniform day scheduled to get the Fair ready: Friday 30th November - Bottle donations. Thank you all in advance for your support.
- **School Christmas Events**—Important dates are as follows:
  - ⇒ Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 1 - Thursday 13th Dec @ 2.00 pm
  - ⇒ Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 2 - Friday 14th Dec @ 9.30 am
  - ⇒ Key Stage 2 Nativity Carol Concert - Tuesday 18th Dec @ 6.00 pm
  - ⇒ Christmas Parties (Party Clothes) - Wednesday 19th Dec @ 1.00 pm
  - ⇒ SPFA KS1 Christmas Disco - Wednesday 19th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm
  - ⇒ SPFA KS2 Christmas Disco - Thursday 20th Dec @ 3.20 - 5.30 pm
- **Learn Spanish**—Our Spanish teacher, Ms Dormi, has a website & Instagram page full of information and activities on learning Spanish, check it out at: [https://www.instagram.com/excelente\\_espanol/](https://www.instagram.com/excelente_espanol/)



### SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 29th November 2018 @ 9.15 am  
Key Stage 1 Children & Families - Led by Year 3



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

School Photograph Retakes  
Monday 26th November 2018

Y1 Trip to MAC 'Rudolph'  
Tuesday 27th November 2018

SPFA AGM - Hollyfield's Centre  
Tuesday 27th November @ 6.30 pm

Year 4 Parents Workshop—Maths  
Wednesday 28th November @ 9.00am

Y3 - KS1 School Mass  
Thursday 29th November @ 9.15 am

SPFA Non-Uniform Day for Bottles  
Friday 30th November 2018

Year 3 Class Assembly for Parents  
Friday 30th November @ 9.00 am

School & Parish Christmas Fair  
Saturday 1st December @ 11 - 2 pm

Y4 Class Sunday Mass  
Sunday 2nd December @ 9.30 am

Year 5 Parents Workshop—English  
Tuesday 4th December @ 9.00 am

Year 4 Trip to Harry Potter World  
Wednesday 5th December 2018

## 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)

- KS2 Monster Craft Club

- Y5&6 Multi-Skills

**Wednesday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Toddler Tennis (3.30 - 4.30 pm)

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**Thursday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS1 Monster Craft Club

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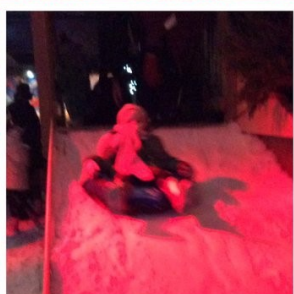
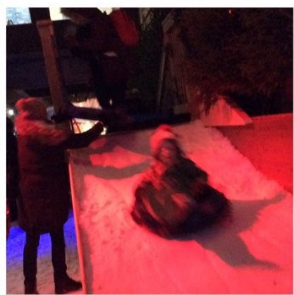
**Friday** (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

- Y3&4 Football Club

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### This week in school... Rec & Year 2 Snowdome Trip



Amazing fun in this cold winter wonderland!

### 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 8.50 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: ?

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

**Last weeks answer was:**  
...food was good but it had no atmosphere...

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### **St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit,  
that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,  
that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit,  
that I may always be holy.  
Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

### Parish Events

#### School & Parish Christmas Fair

Saturday 1st December @ 11.00 - 2.00 pm

#### Parish Weekend Masses

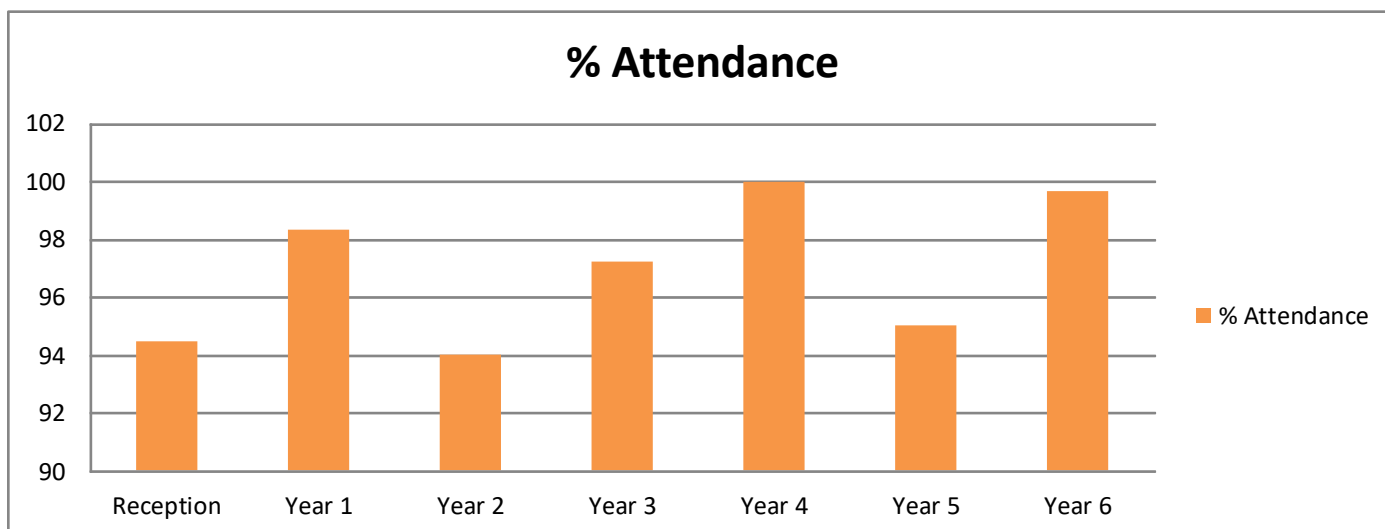
Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am  
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

#### 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 12th November to 16th November 2018 = 96.67 %**



**Congratulations to Year 4 well done for their excellent 100% attendance.**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**We wish the following children a very Happy Birthday:-  
James Healy, Rhiannon Duke.**



### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

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

- **Reception — Phoebe Edwards**
- **Year 1 — Matylda Kuras**
- **Year 2 — Whole class for excellent behaviour on the trip**
- **Year 3 — Whole Class for working hard at the workshop**
- **Year 4 — Natalia Duda**
- **Year 5 — Luciana Akpobaro**
- **Year 6 — Igor Dobron**



### House Points

Saint Peter	93
Saint Paul	83
Our Lady	101
Saint Joseph	81



**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](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)**

## Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

**"Santa para"**  
means... Holy Souls.



### Leading Light Club

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**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**

## **SPFA AGM MEETING**

We would love you to come  
along, find out what we do, how  
we spend the money and future  
plans

**NOVEMBER  
27TH 2018  
@18:30PM**

**Everyone is  
WELCOME**

Chair and Treasurer reports for 2017/18 will be presented.  
An election for key committee positions will be held.  
JOIN US AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPFA

**HOLYFIELDS SPORTS & CONFERENCE CENTRE (The Gas)  
WOODACRE ROAD, BRIMINGHAM, B24**



# SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School



Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

## SS Peter & Paul – Academy Decision

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of the official final decision regarding our proposed conversion to Academy status, following the Diocesan directive in July 2016. On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 the Governing Body of SS Peter & Paul met to discuss the findings of the consultation and then reached a unanimous decision to support the schools conversion to Academy; joining the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

The Governing Body considered all of the responses received as part of the stakeholder consultation process which was opened on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and closed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018. All interested stakeholder parties were contacted and consulted with during this period including school staff, parents, Governing Body, staff union representatives, Birmingham Local Authority, Archdiocese of Birmingham, Parish Priest Fr. Joseph McLoughlin, local businesses and the Erdington MP Jack Dromey. There was an open meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 where I gave a presentation to those in attendance, outlining the process and reasoning behind the proposal, leading the open discussion and answering any questions. The minutes of this meeting were then sent to all parents via the school newsletter. Parent e-mail responses, of which there were only two, were distributed to all parents via the newsletter along with the answers to any questions raised.

The Governing Body considered all of the official documentation. This included the Common Transfer Agreement (CTA), Supplemental Funding Agreement (SFA) and Church Funding Agreement (CFA), the due diligence and the Impact Assessment that were completed to ensure that all parties knew exactly what we are committing to. Governors also submitted questions and sought clarification on anything within the documentation that they were unsure of.

Once all aspects had been considered in detail, the Governing Body reached a unanimous decision to support the conversion to Academy status so our school will officially become part of the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy (SJPIIMAc) on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. We will be joining Bishop Walsh Secondary School, Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, SS Mary & John Catholic Primary School, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School and St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School who are all already part of the MAC and we already have strong collaborative links with. I am looking forward to working closely with the leaders, staff and pupils of these schools and know that it will prove to be a positive experience for all of us.

I would like to thank everyone who responded to the consultation; the challenging questions posed and the positive messages of support. I firmly believe this is the correct decision for our school and our children both now and for the future.

Yours sincerely,

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