* 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

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Autumn 1 - Week 01

Weekly Newsletter to Parents Friday 4th September 2020

This week we pray for these special people!









Mrs Adamo

Miss Chick

Miss Hart

Mrs Jones

ACADEMY TERM DATES

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

...our new members of staff.

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Welcome back everyone!!! It has been great to see all of the children coming back in with big smiles on their faces following such a long absence from school; they are happy to return and we are delighted to have them all back again, refreshed and ready for an exciting new year ahead.

The transition days this week have worked very well as it gave the children and staff the chance to draw last year to a close properly and we start the new academic year in their new year groups formally from Monday. I thank all



Neil Porter – Head Teacher

the parents for your patience this week as we get our new start and end of the day routines up and running using both Quincey Drive and Kingsbury Road entrances. Can I remind everyone to park considerately and safely, especially reminding people not to drive up or park on Quincey Drive as it is too narrow and a health & safety concern for our children. Thank you for your support with this.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome our new members of staff, Mrs Adamo & Miss Chick in Key Stage 1 and Miss Hart & Mrs Jones in Key Stage 2. I know that you will all help to welcome them into the school community and make them feel at home straight away. I am delighted to have them on my staff team and know they will work hard to provide the best education possible for your children.

Unfortunately, we have had to say goodbye to some children and families this week as they have moved house and school over the lockdown period; Harry Roberts in Year 6, Keisha Evans in Year 6 and Isabella Sulikowska in Year 3. We wish them every success in their new homes and schools, it is just such a shame we didn't get the opportunity to give them a proper SS Peter & Paul send off assembly during these difficult times. I thank them and their families for everything they have contributed to our school community, they will all be missed.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Please remember COVID-19 has **NOT** gone away so follow government guidance to stay safe in order to keep the threat of the spread of infection to a minimum so that we can continue the learning in school.

God Bless...

ACADEMY FUND DONATIONS

Academy Fund via ParentMail

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

"St. John Paul II Multi-Academy invites parents to give annually to your school fund. A donation of £5 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 MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM & CLOTHING IS CLEARLY LABELLED
- **SENCO**—Mrs Calvert-Lyons will be holding her next SEN drop in session on Friday 18th September 2020 @ 9.30 to 10.00 am. Please phone the school office or e-mail:- **senco@ssptrpl.net**, to book a session.
- **Gifts for teachers**—In July, I asked that anyone wishing to send a personal gift to their child's current teacher or teaching assistant, leave it until September. As we are now in September, anything sent in will get to the member of staff, even if they have left the school, I promise to deliver them if necessary. I personally thank everyone for their generosity and know that the staff really appreciate the cards and gifts. Thank you.
- Teacher Allocation for next academic year—Please find below a list of the teaching staff and the year groups they will be teaching in when we return in September 2020:
 - * Reception Miss Stansbie
 - * Year 1 Miss Chick
 - * Year 2 Mrs Pawley
 - * Year 3 Mrs Wright & Mrs Basra
 - * Year 4 Miss Murphy
 - * Year 5 Miss Turner
 - * Year 6 Mrs Seager (Mon to Wed) & Mrs Oakley (Thurs & Fri)
- ⇒ Parents Information Meetings in September 2020—Due to current COVID-19 induced circumstances, I am cancelling the Parents Information Meetings as we are not having parents in school and cannot facilitate the advised social distance guidance to ensure safety for all on site. I apologise to those who may have had to make changes to enable them to attend but I was hoping things would be back to normal at this time, sorry for this. The class teachers will be preparing a Parent Information Handout document which will be sent home for you to read and a short video message introducing themselves. If you have anything specific you need to discuss with your child's class teacher then please feel free to contact the school office and we can arrange for conversations over the telephone in the very near future.
- First Holy Communion—We are currently putting plans in place to get the First Holy Communion Sacramental Mass (es) for the children who missed it last year, our current Year 4 children, organised at the earliest opportunity.
- **School Mass**—Both Fr. Joe and ourselves are keen to start getting weekly school Mass up and running again. Plans are being put in place for this and I will let you all know the outcome once decisions have been made and finalised. Thank you for your patience.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Autumn Term 01 Begins for Children Wednesday 2nd September @ 8.50 am

<u>Parents Meetings in Autumn Term</u> Cancelled!

TRAINING DAYS

- Tuesday 1st September 2020
- Friday 27th November 2020
- Monday 7th June 2021
- Two more to be confirmed...

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Tuesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

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Wednesday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

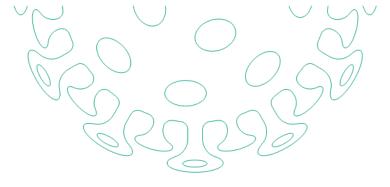
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Thursday (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

Friday (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

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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

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue





by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

After breaks & sport activities



cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



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.



CATCH IT

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



BINIT

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



KILLIT

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



