

# ★ 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 18th January 2019



Spring 1 - Week 17

This week we pray for these special people!



Aidan  
Lexi  
Max  
Grace  
Ciarán  
Georgia  
Joel

## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Calvert-Lyons and Mr Rice who remain absent from school. Mrs Calvert-Lyons is trying to recover from a nasty dislocated shoulder incident while Mr Rice fights off an infection. Thank you to everyone who has asked about them, I have passed on your best wishes. I need to say a think a big thank you to all my staff who have rallied around to support each other and complete the jobs that need doing as a result of these absences. Thank you.

Can I remind everyone that it is a **Teacher Training Day** on **Tuesday 22nd January** so school will be closed to the children on this day. As we are now part of the St. John II Multi-Academy, there are a few things we need to do as a school. We will be on site part of the day and then at Bishop Walsh Secondary School for training later on. I'm sorry for any inconvenience caused but it will benefit all staff and most importantly the children.

A big thank you to Mrs Basra and Year 2 for their lovely Class Mass yesterday. The children read with such confidence and sang with amazing gusto, it was a pleasure to witness. Fr. Joe commented on how well the children had done. Top job!

I have heard nothing but praise from all concerned about the Year 6 Parents Workshop this week. There was a real buzz of excitement in the hall as the parents and children battled to solve some challenging maths problems. I have read all of the feedback forms and they're all so positive. Well done Mrs Seager and Miss Gilliver!

Lastly, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that SS Peter & Paul has a new Chair of our Local Governing Body; Mrs Helen Staunton. A long standing member of the Governing Body and former parent of 3 children through the school. I am delighted she has volunteered for this important role and know that she will do an excellent job supporting our school as it strives to improve.

**God Bless.**



Neil Porter –  
Head Teacher

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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 16

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 is no longer being collected as it is currently under review. Once a new system is in place, I will contact you all straight away.  
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.**

- **Year 6 Leavers Prom/Disco Change of date**—All Year 6 Parents should've received a ParentMail explaining the change of date from Friday 12th to Saturday 13th July 2019 due to a double booking error. Sorry.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 24th January 2019 @ 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.
- **Swimming Lessons**—Please remember swimming will now be on Friday mornings. The children and parents who will be swimming this half term have been informed. I thank Mrs Plant for her continued support with swimming teaching, we couldn't do it without her support, so thank you.
- **Whole Multi-Academy Teacher Training Day**—Please be aware that now we are part of the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy we are involved in some whole MAC training at Bishop Walsh Secondary School on **Tuesday 22nd January 2019** so our school will be closed to pupils that day. Sorry.
- **E-Safety**—Mrs Wright, our ICT leader, has found some fantastic resources for parents to support you with ensuring your children are safe when they are online. I will attach some of the information leaflets to this newsletter via ParentMail but I have included the direct link to the website on Page 4 of this newsletter for anyone who wants to find out more.
- **Sacramental Preparation Meetings**—I will be holding two meetings for the parents of children making a Sacrament this year on Tuesday 29th January; **Year 3 Parents @ 5.30 pm** (Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) then **Year 6 Parents @ 6.00 pm** (Confirmation) Plus SAT's and PGL Residential. These meetings will not take long but will contain some important information for parents about the sacramental preparation process. I hope that as many of you can attend as possible.
- **Basketball Success**—Congratulations to our Y5 & 6 Basketball Team who finished second in the qualifying tournament this week which means they made it through to the finals this coming Monday at St. Edmund Campion School. Well done Laurence Clifford, Akeelah Jackson, James Hughes, Freya Pawley, Bobby Bricknell and George Hillier. My thanks go to Mrs Seager and Mr Barnes for taking the children and coaching them so well.



### SS Peter & Paul School Mass Times

Thursday 24th January 2019 @ 9.15 am  
Key Stage 2 Children & Families - Led by Year 4



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

Teacher Training Day—School Closed  
Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Y4 Class Mass for Key Stage 2  
Thursday 24th January @ 9.15 am

Reception Height & Weight Measured  
Thursday 24th January @ 9.30 am

Y5 Class Sunday Mass  
Sunday 27th January @ 9.30 am

Sacramental Preparation Meetings  
Parents of Y3 @ 5.30 pm & Y6 @ 6 pm

Reception Eye Tests  
Wednesday 30th January @ 9.10 am

Y1 Class Mass for Key Stage 1  
Thursday 31st January @ 9.15 am

Y6 @ Bishop Walsh—Sister Act  
Tuesday 5th February @ 12.30 - 3 pm

Y3 Class Mass for Key Stage 2  
Thursday 7th February @ 9.15 am

Life Education Caravan Workshops  
Monday 11th February - KS1 & Y3  
Tuesday 12th February - rest of KS2

Y5 @ St. Edmund Campion - Hairspray  
Tuesday 12th February @ 11.00 - 1 pm

## TRAINING DAYS

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Tuesday 4th September 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Tuesday 22nd January 2019 (MAC)
- Monday 29th April 2019

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**Monday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5/6 Football

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**Tuesday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS2 Monster Craft

- Skills 4 Life Club

**Wednesday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- Y5/6 Girls Football

- KS1 Toddler Tennis (4.30 pm)

**Thursday** (3.20 - 4.20 pm)

- KS1 Monster Craft

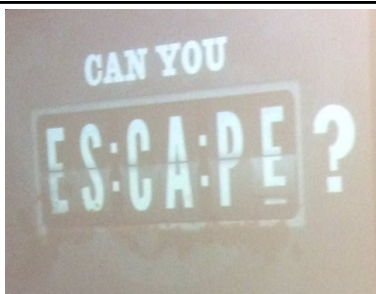
- Y6 Tag Rugby

**Friday** (2.00 - 3.00 pm)

- Y3/4 Football

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### This week in school...

Y6 Parent Workshop had an 'Escape Room' theme with Maths problems and challenges designed to test both the children and the adults. What a great morning working together. Well done Year 6.



### 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

#### Spring 1 - Eloquent & Truthful

Our pupils are taught that it is important they are able to express their thoughts and beliefs and that they must be learn to explain and convince others with great articulation and *eloquence*. That being *truthful* is being faithful to oneself and to Jesus. Always tell the truth.

### Riddle of the Week!!!

**Q: I have rivers, but no water. I have dense forests, but no trees and animals. I have cities, but no people. What am I?**

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

**Last weeks answer was:**  
...Adam, he came 1st in the Human Race...

### Prayer of the Week!!!

#### **A Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Breath in me, Spirit of God,  
that I may think what is holy;  
drive me, Spirit of God,  
that I may do what is holy;  
draw me Spirit of God,  
that I may love what is holy;  
strengthen me, Spirit of God,  
that I may preserve what is holy;  
guard me, Spirit of God,  
that I may never lose what is holy.  
Amen.

(A prayer to say together with your family)

### Parish Events

#### Parish Weekend Masses

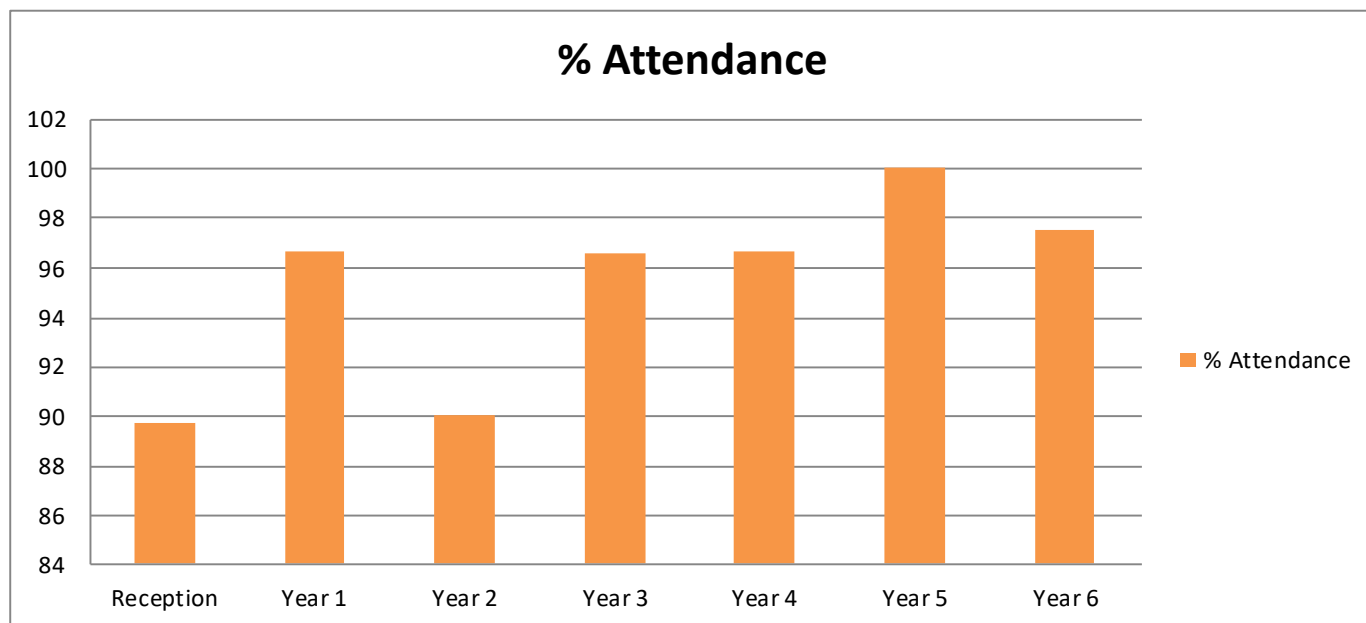
Saturday @ 5.00 pm & Sunday @ 9.30 am  
(All school Sunday Masses will be at 9.30 am)

#### Family Fun Night

Saturday 26th January

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 January 8th to 11th January 2019 = 95.31%



**Congratulations to Year 5 well done for their excellent 100% attendance, an excellent start to the new term.**

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

**Sienna O'Reilly, Cerian Owen, Imogen Tamplin, Holly Conway, Eryk Dziergiewicz.**



#### 'STAR OF THE WEEK'

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

- **Reception — Mathew Biju**
- **Year 1 — Malwina Glogowska**
- **Year 2 — Sian Cook**
- **Year 3 — Jakub Rog**
- **Year 4 — Louis Player**
- **Year 5 — Lexi Dickinson**
- **Year 6 — Caragh McEvilly**



#### House Points

Saint Peter	42
Saint Paul	92
Our Lady	66
Saint Joseph	90



**Well done to St. Paul'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

Please check out this website for support

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

### Spanish Word of the Week

(Palabra de la semana)

"Necesito un doctor!"

means... I need a doctor.



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<p><b>A message on behalf of the Board of Directors of the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy</b></p> <p><b>regarding term dates for 2019-2020</b></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

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**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**

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**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