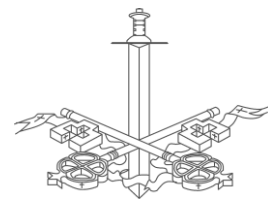


# Ss PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



“To grow in knowledge and love, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus”

## NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2016

### LATENESS

Are you late for school? Every minute counts! Children attend school for only 190 days per year. 175 days are non-school days.

**5 minutes late every day = 3 days lost.**

**15 minutes late every day= 2 weeks lost.**

Being late to school means that your child is missing learning time. The morning activity gets the children ready to learn for the rest of the day. If your child is 5 minutes late every day for a year this will add up to over 3 days of lost learning. If your child is 15 minutes late every day for a year they would effectively be missing 2 weeks of their education.

### Christmas Bingo Night WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

There are still a few remaining tickets for our annual Bingo night to be held Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. Doors open at 6pm with eyes down at 6.30pm.

All parents and families welcome. Tickets are limited and as it is such a popular evening, tickets sell out very quickly. Prices are £3.00 for adults and £2.00 for children. Bingo cards will be available for purchase on the door (please bring change along for this) and there will be plenty of prizes to be won. Raffle tickets will also be on sale.

If you wish to attend and have not yet got your tickets, please see Mrs Nolan or Mrs Richardson in the school office.

### School Twitter Account



We have a very active Twitter account, with pictures, videos, messages and notifications regularly. It is worth creating an account to follow school, or alternatively, you can access our Twitter feed on the school website (at the bottom left of the home page).

Follow the school twitter account by finding us @SsPeterPaulSch

### PTA Christmas Crafts

The PTA Christmas Craft event runs from 10.30-12.00 on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. A letter has been sent home regarding this event. If you require another copy, please ask at the school office.

Thank you to Ali and the PTA for all of their fundraising and support so far this year. You're amazing!

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – Advent 2 Assembly (Y5 parents) – 9am
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> First Forgiveness – 6pm Holy Apostles and Martyrs.
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Prayer Trail at Holy Apostles and Martyrs
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity 2pm
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop Mark's visitation
- Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Class Party Day
- Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – School Closes 1.30pm

### Value of the Month

This month's school value is Trust. Trust is the firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability or strength of someone or something. Please discuss with your children what trust is and who they trust in their lives both at home and at school.

### Christmas Cards

The Christmas Post box will be placed in school on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** near the school library.

If children wish to send cards to their friends then they are asked to post them in the box clearly marked with the name and class of the recipient.

**Please ensure no Christmas cards come into school before that date.**

### Shoe boxes

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity when we collected 114 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The children who will receive the boxes will be able to truly experience the real message of Christmas. Many thanks to you all! Together, we can make a huge difference to so many in our world.

### World Gifts

During Advent, the children in KS2 will be invited to bring in a small amount of money for class raffle tickets which will go towards buying a class world gift. We will work with the children to research and decide on how we can best help some of our brothers and sisters around the world. It is a small way in which we can continue to care for those in need.

### RE Notices

The Year 3 children have participated in their next sacramental preparation sessions. On the evening of December 8<sup>th</sup>, the children will receive the sacrament of Forgiveness at the special service at Holy Apostles and Martyrs. Please remember to keep all of our children in your prayers.

Class 6H led a touching remembrance assembly, reminding us to think of all people affected by conflicts past and present, why Remembrance is so important and why we try to pause and remember. Thank you Mrs Harvey, Miss Whyte and Class 6H. You did an amazing job!

Last Wednesday, Class 4D led us in a very moving assembly about Trust. The children reflected on many times when they have to trust each other as well as trusting in God. Thank you to you all, you were wonderful.

During the next four weeks, we journey through Advent as we wait for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. The children will have the opportunity to reflect on each week of Advent during our whole school liturgies. This first week, we are invited to 'Stay awake and be ready'. We invite any parents or carers of pupils in Year 6 to reflect with us and the following week, parents and carers of Year 5 children will be invited to join us with parents and carers of children in Year 4 the week after that. Over the year, all parents will have the opportunity to join us at one of our whole school assemblies.



