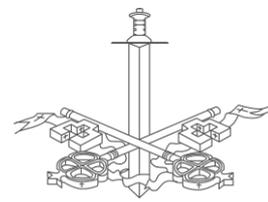


Ss PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS 19th SEPTEMBER 2016

Welcome back!

Last Thursday, the children of SSPP took part in a heart-warming ‘Welcome Back to School’ mass. The hall was filled with their beautiful singing and prayers as Fr Phil and Fr Michael led us through a touching ceremony that I felt proud and privileged to be part of. It highlighted even more the welcome extended to me, since accepting the post of head teacher, to become part of such a warm and thriving community. Thanks to staff, governors, parents and pupils, the last two weeks have been as calm as they could be; anyone who knows the hectic bustle of school life will understand what I mean. My priority for SSPP is to achieve an outstanding learning environment full of challenged, thriving and happy learners, well able to achieve their full academic and spiritual potential. I look forward to building a strong, trusting relationship with all members of our school community and to your continued support of our high expectations in all areas of school life, especially achievement and behaviour.

A warm welcome to Mr Gill (Year 5/6) and Mrs Torpey (music in KS2) to our school community

Thank you all for your continued commitment and support to all pupils and staff at SSPP.

PTA Events

Our PTA members, chaired by Ali McGinity, are arranging the first PTA meeting of the new school year. They work hard to raise money to help the school provide materials, resources and facilities for the benefit of everyone who uses the school, and to assist in building a community of parents and teachers. The committee, made up of parents and teachers, meet regularly to discuss fundraising initiatives and organise events. Support from parent-volunteers who give their time to help out at some of these events enhances capacity and what can be achieved. The PTA is always looking to welcome new and existing parents, so please look out for the flier your child will bring home shortly, encouraging new and existing parents to join. The meeting dates are advertised on the school website and in the school newsletter. Remember, the more money raised, the more our children gain!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 23rd September – Bikeability Day 2
- 28th September – Individual School Photographs
- 4th/5th October – Parents Evenings 4pm -6pm
- 10th October – Oaklands Parents Evening 6pm
- 12th October – Parents E Safety Parents Meeting 2.45-3.20pm
- 18th October – Flu Immunisation for Years 1,2 + 3 - 9am -12
- 19th October – F2 Welcome Assembly 9.15 -9.45am
- 19th October – Y5 Dance Festival 1.00 - 3.15pm

Core Value - Cooperation

This month’s school value is ‘cooperation’. Children will discuss what it is to be thoughtful of others and learn about teamwork. These values underpin the work we do at SSPP and truly support our children to develop into young people with deepened, positive values which influence and help them as they make choices at school, home and in the wider community. Any support you can offer at home to reinforce this message would be appreciated.

PARKING

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all our parents about parking safely and legally when collecting and dropping off the children, both at the start and end of the day.

We respectfully ask our parents and other family members to be mindful of private driveways, ‘keep clear’ and ‘no parking’ road markings. It is also important that we park safely in ways that do not restrict clear views of safe places to cross the road or obstruct neighbours’ access to driveways and garages.

Identified safe places to park include:

- Atherton Street & Sandringham Drive
- St George’s Park & Sudworth Road

Parking in the school car park can cause serious congestion at busy times and is dangerous for children especially when cars need to reverse or manoeuvre. **DRIVING INTO THE SCHOOL CAR PARK IS NOT PERMITTED.**

Please feel reassured that if you are running a little late or cannot find a safe place to park, we will always keep your child safe until you arrive.

Our Children

The children have made an excellent start to the new school year. They are settling very well into their new classes and school routines and proving themselves to be the resilient and caring individuals we want to nurture. Today, Monday 19th, eleven of our Year 6 pupils sat the 11+ papers; we wish them all the best and God’s blessings.

Parish Links

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for anyone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic. It is run by a small parish team who work with people on their spiritual journey. The group meet for around 1 ½ hours a week starting in September. If anyone would like to know more about the Catholic Faith with a view to possibly becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Phil, Fr Michael or Paula Wherly on 606 4362.

Baptisms

Preparation for Baptism takes place on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The meetings are held at St Alban’s Parish Centre at 2pm. All are welcome.



Health Care Plans

We are currently updating our Health Care Plans and records. Please contact Mrs Davies at school if any adjustments need to be made to your child's Health Care Plan. If the present plan remains relevant and no changes are necessary there is no need to contact us and the plan will be dated to continue for this academic year.

Please can parents ensure that any medicines kept in school are within the 'use by' date.

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