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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### FIRST WEEK BACK!

September is a fantastic time for setting New Year resolutions and developing new routines. Developing a 'Growth Mindset' in our children will continue to be a focus this year. We also hope to 'educate/support' parents in developing good sleeping, exercising and eating habits for the children. Please help us by praising your children for effort (more than outcome). Also, encourage your child to be as independent and resilient as possible. With this in mind, we would encourage parents of Years 1-6 to refrain from entering the cloakrooms. Also to desist from 'waving' or looking in the classroom windows at the start or end of the school day. Children also need to have all their possessions labelled and be responsible for looking after these. I have included our extended school mission in this newsletter. Please discuss it with your child to ensure they have a good understanding of school rules and appropriate behaviour. We view parents as partners in the education of the children. Parents and the wider family have a much greater influence on the children than school can possibly have. Please do come to the curriculum evenings next week to find out in detail how **you** can support your child/ren. I do hope that you and your child/ren have a wonderful year. If you have any concerns do share them with the class teachers and as always my door is open.

*Mrs Todd*

| Age         | Sleep requirements per 24 hour |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 0-2 months  | 12-18 hours                    |
| 3-11 months | 14-15 hours                    |
| 1-3 years   | 12-14 hours                    |
| 3-5 years   | 11-13 hours                    |
| 5-10 years  | 10-11 hours                    |
| 10-17 years | 8.5-9.25 hours                 |
| Adults      | 7-9 hours                      |

### **Welcome Service for Reception Children:**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – 2.30 p.m. in School. The welcome service is to introduce new children and their families to Fr John. The children will get a certificate and a 'firm' handshake to formally welcome them into our school community. As always all parents are welcome but we do extend a particularly invitation to Reception Parents.

### Mass in Church – Autumn Term 2017

| Class         | Date                                |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Year 1        | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September   |
| Years 2 and 3 | Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October     |
| Year 4        | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November     |
| Year 5        | Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November  |
| Year 6        | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November    |
| Reception     | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November |

### Whole School Masses in Church – Autumn Term 2017

|                | Date                               |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| All Saints Day | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November |

## **Mass in the Classroom**

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Date</b>                       |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Year 6       | Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November |

### **AN INVITE TO PARENTS TO JOIN US IN WORSHIP**

During this year each class in turn will lead a Collective Worship to which our parents/carers are warmly invited to join us. This virtue will usually be around the theme of our monthly John Paul Virtues. This month we are concentrating on the virtue of 'ambition'. The children are exploring the virtue through work and worship in school and Year 5 will be leading a Collective Worship for parents/carers on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Although there may only be a small number of children with a speaking role during this worship, the whole class will have been involved in the planning and preparation of it. We hope as many of our families as possible can join us throughout the year in our Worship. Many thanks,  
*Mrs Filarowski*

### **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

**Year Group Information Evenings:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September (for Years 2, 5 & 6) at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September (for Reception and Years 1, 3 & 4) at 6:00 p.m

**Harvest Assembly 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Happy Puzzle Day 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Photographs 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017(8.30am family photos followed by individual)**

**Animating Parish Mass** – School will be taking a lead in the parish mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 11O'clock Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. We will also be animating the Harvest Mass in church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**Remaining Training Days for 2016/17:**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

*For a full record of activities and events in school, please check the School Calendar on the school website: [sspeterandpaulyeaddon.co.uk](http://sspeterandpaulyeaddon.co.uk)*

### **NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASS**

Thank you so much to Fr. John for concelebrating the first Mass of our new school year. I do hope that those parents and grandparents that were able to attend agree that the singing, responses and reading were wonderful. *Mrs Todd*

### **GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS**

To ensure the safety of your children, please return the information slip (at the bottom of this newsletter) regarding your "usual" arrangements for the end of the day, as soon as possible. We do appreciate that arrangements may change and you may inform school via the office or the class teacher directly through homework diaries (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) or a note (Reception, Years 1 & 2). Thank you for your co-operation.

### **DATA CHECKING SHEETS**

We will be sending home copies of Data Checking Sheets on Monday. Please return these no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. It is most important that we are kept informed of any changes in case of emergency. If during the year you move, change mobile or email address, decided to change emergency contact details or the priority of these, please let us know via a note to the office or an email. In addition, we need to know if you have changed doctors or your child has been recently diagnosed with a medical condition or a dietary requirement. If information is no longer relevant e.g. medical issues then please indicate these on the sheets.

### **HOMEWORK CLUB**

Starts Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45am to 8.45am. There are still places available. If you would like a place for your child then please email the school office.

### **HOMEWORK**

Children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes per day. This may be from a levelled book, a free reading book, a library book or one that is from home. Parents are asked to record what their child has read – for example from pages 12 – 24 and how well they have read and understood. Children will also complete a minimum of three reading challenges per week. In addition spelling homework, learn by heart maths and Mathletics is also given. Your child's class teacher will go into more detail about homework at the parents' information evening.

## **PARENTPAY**

Activation letters have been sent out to all new Reception parents. If any parent has not yet done so, please 'log on' to ParentPay, as per instructions in your letter, and activate your account. If you require your username and password, please contact the school office. Thank you.

## **ATTENDANCE**

We take great pride in our attendance record – being one of the best schools in Leeds for attendance for many years now. In line with our Child Protection Policy, if your child is absent from school for any reason, **please contact us by 10 a.m. on the first morning of absence**. If school has not heard from you by this time, we will endeavour to contact you via telephone. An absence form/letter should be sent into school with your child on their return (please find absence form at the end of this Newsletter).

## **MUSIC LESSONS FOR YEAR 2 & YEAR 3**

Please ensure that the children have their recorder and recorder book in school on Wednesday. If you have a 'good' quality recorder at home or a book from an older child, you do not need to purchase again for your Year 2 child. If you have paid for a recorder and book on ParentPay please collect from the school office. We do encourage the children to read music and practise regularly so it is beneficial if they have their own equipment.

## **MUSIC LESSONS**

Music lessons provided by Roundhay Music will start week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September, please can children bring their instruments in on the following days:

Monday – Flute; Tuesday – Clarinet; Wednesday – Cello; Friday – Guitar and Violin.

Payment can now be made on ParentPay.

## **KS2 LEEDS CROSS COUNTRY (SATURDAY EVENTS)**

Please note cross country events will begin in October and letters will be sent out accordingly. Thank you - *Mrs Longstaff*

## **'SCOOTING' BREAKS**

We have re-started 'scooting' breaks. Your child's scooter should be placed in the scooter pod, at the top of the carpark. Please see below for your child's designated day:

Mondays – Year 2

Tuesdays – Year 5 & Year 6

Wednesdays – Reception and Year 1

Thursdays – Year 4

Fridays – Year 3

The act of sending a scooter and helmet into school will act as parental permission and guarantee that you believe the scooter is in good condition and will be safe for use. Please be aware that children will not be able to use their scooters if staff feel the weather is unsuitable. Children must wear a helmet and sharing of scooters or helmets is not permitted.

**Working parents can put scooters in the cycle shed in the willow garden. Mr. Holdsworth will unlock this at 7:30 a.m. in the morning and keep it open until 5:45 p.m. in the evening.**

**Parents can keep scooters in this shed for several days if needs be but obviously at their own risk.**

## **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Inspiration Tree will be running the following clubs starting next week. If you have already returned your slip Inspiration Tree will contact you to confirm your child's place. If you would like a form for any of the below clubs please ask at the school office:

Monday Lunchtime Multi-Sports Years 3 and 5; Monday After School Dodgeball Years 3,4,5 and 6;

Tuesday Breakfast Multi-Sports Years 1 and 2; Wednesday Lunchtime Multi-Sports Years 2 and 4;

Wednesday After School Lego Club Years 1 and 2;

## **WEEKLY AWARD**

### ***'John Paul II Foundation for Sport' Virtue of Courtesy:***

Year 1 – Phoebe R.

Year 2 – All of the class

Year 3 – All of the class

Year 4 – All of the class

Year 5 – Gabriella A.

Year 6 – All of the class

Our School Mission Statement

Here we are Lord, at Ss. Peter and Paul; loving one another as we are loved by you:  
Caring and sharing, laughing and learning, loving and praying.

Caring St. Paul teaches us to be eager and show respect for one another.

In our school we treat others how we would wish to be treated and look after our wonderful school.

Sharing St. Paul says that, "Whoever shares with others should do it generously".

In our school we share our gifts, our time and our talents without expecting anything back.

Laughing St. Paul teaches us that we should, "Find joy in the truth."

In our school we are happy together in our classroom environment; enjoying everything we do.

Learning St. Paul says that, "Endurance produces character and character produces hope."

In our school we encourage everyone to love learning through perseverance, cooperation, participation and independence.

Loving St. Paul says that we should love one another just as Christ taught us.

We believe that everybody in our school is unique. We love and accept one another as God made us.

Praying St. Paul teaches us to be persistent in prayer, giving thanks to God.

In our school we dedicate time to talk to Jesus, praying as a community.

We care, we share, we laugh, we learn, we love, we pray as one big family.

**FRIENDS OF Ss. PETER AND PAUL**

'Reception' Welcome Meeting will take place on Monday 18th September 2017 (straight after school) – The Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul [FOSPAP] Association would like to welcome ALL parents (and children) to an informal 'get together' where refreshments will be available in the School Library.

The next FOSPAP's 'AGM' will take place on Tuesday 26th September 2017 at 7pm in School – All welcome to attend.

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CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

**GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS**

As requested last year, for your child's safety, please complete the slip below to inform us of the 'usual' arrangements for collecting your child at the end of the school day.

Monday: .....

Tuesday: .....

Wednesday: .....

Thursday: .....

Friday: .....

Any day-to-day changes can be written in KS2 Homework Diaries or for KS1 a note for the teacher.

Please return this reply slip **to the class teacher** as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Ss. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,**  
**a VOLUNTARY ACADEMY**

**ABSENCE NOTE**

Name of Child ..... Class .....

First Day of Absence ..... (Date)

Returned to School ..... (Date)

Reason for Absence .....

Signature of Parent/Carer ..... Date .....