

St Peter's Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2020



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Message from Mrs Murphy

Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends of St Peter's,

Today is the feast of Saint John Henry Newman, our most recently canonised saint. He is a saint very close to our hearts. He spent much of his life in Birmingham, basing himself in what is now the Maryvale Institute in Great Barr as well as St Anne's in Birmingham City Centre and finally, Edgbaston. It reminds me that this time last year, all our Catholic School Communities came together to celebrate his sainthood with some lovely services. We should all keep his wise words in mind that God has a plan for all of us as he said, "God has created me to do him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have a mission – I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next."

Under the present circumstances, unfortunately, it is very unlikely that we will be having whole year masses, celebrations or services any time soon. However, I am pleased to report that we held our first mass for 7 Thomas in the chapel on Tuesday, after undertaking a very rigorous risk assessment. My thanks to Father Dominic for celebrating this with us.

It has been another excellent week at St Peter's and I, again, must praise the mature and respectful attitude the vast majority of our pupils are displaying during lessons, break and also lunchtime. For lunch, each year group has twenty minutes in the playground, where they sit on benches, and twenty minutes in the canteen to eat their lunch and use the bathrooms. Due to the present circumstances, they obviously cannot use the playground to the full extent. However, it is always a very calm 40 minutes and I thank the pupils for their restraint, their thoughtfulness and the care they show towards others.

Alaia Murphy

Year of the Word



"In the beginning the Word
already existed; the Word
was with God, and the
Word was God" John 1:1

Park Safety

Please be aware that there have been a spate of muggings in the parks of Solihull recently. Please be vigilant and follow the advice below.

- Always travel with a friend if you are in the park.
- Don't take any money out with you if you don't need it.
- Consider, is it safer to leave your mobile phone at home?
- Be open with your parents and tell them if anyone troubles you.
- Share any concerns with your form tutor.

Uniform

Please be reminded that all pupils require a school jumper and warm coat for the colder weather. Hoodies are not acceptable. School shoes also need to be worn during the school day; trainers are not school uniform.



St Peter's
Catholic School

Faith is our Foundation

#helloyellow

Our lovely staff (see below) wore yellow today to raise vital funds today for Young Minds Trust to communicate to our pupils that we care about each and every one of them and they are not alone with their mental health. The day has brought us all together and reinforced the wonderful community that we are grateful to be apart of. Young Minds are a leading charity supporting children and young people's mental health and provide several services including a helpline to support parents worried about their child: available Monday to Friday, 9.30am – 4pm 0808 802 5544 or text Shout to 85258 available 24/7. More information can be found on www.youngminds.org.uk.



Success for pupils

A huge congratulations to Shayne B and Charlie W who have signed a 2 year contract with Nottingham Forest and Luke E who has signed a contract with Aston Villa. Well done boys. We wish you all the best. We are all very proud of you.



Feast of St. John Henry Newman

Today, sees the first Feast Day of St. John Henry Newman since his canonisation last year. It will be a great day for celebration especially as on this day we will also be celebrating the **Ordination of two new Auxiliary Bishops**. At 12:00pm, Canon David Evans and Canon Stephen Wright were ordained as Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. As Diocesan priests both Canon David and Canon Stephen are well known across the Archdiocese. Please do remember them in your prayers this week and in the weeks to come.

For more information about them please see <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/our-bishops>

Mass times in our Local Parishes

[St Augustine's Catholic Church](#)
[St Thomas More, Sheldon](#)
[St George & St Teresa Catholic Church](#)
[Olton Friary](#)
[Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church](#)

St Peter's Careers

Apprenticeship and University Virtual Fair Wednesday 21st October

To help pupils in Years 11, 12 and 13 think more about their future pathways, there is an upcoming virtual apprenticeship and university fair. Over 90 universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers will be attending, making it the best place to explore all post-18 options. The fair will run from 12pm to 6pm. The event is perfect for Years 13, 12 and 11 - whether they're finishing off UCAS application or looking for inspiration. Please select this link: [UK Apprenticeship and University Fair](#) for further information.

UCAS Virtual Exhibitions, University Open Days and UCAS Hub

UCAS are also running virtual exhibitions. With advice on how to research options during the pandemic, writing personal statements, and student finance, it's a chance for pupils to get their questions answered by subject and admissions specialists. Pupils can book their places using this link: [UCAS Virtual Exhibition](#) - they're happening now!

Many universities, colleges, and conservatoires are running their open days online. Pupils can see the campuses, find out about courses, and ask questions. Find the link here: [University Online Open Days](#)

Year 12 pupils can create their own UCAS Hub which is their own space to organise their research and explore their options. Please find more information here: [UCAS Hub](#)

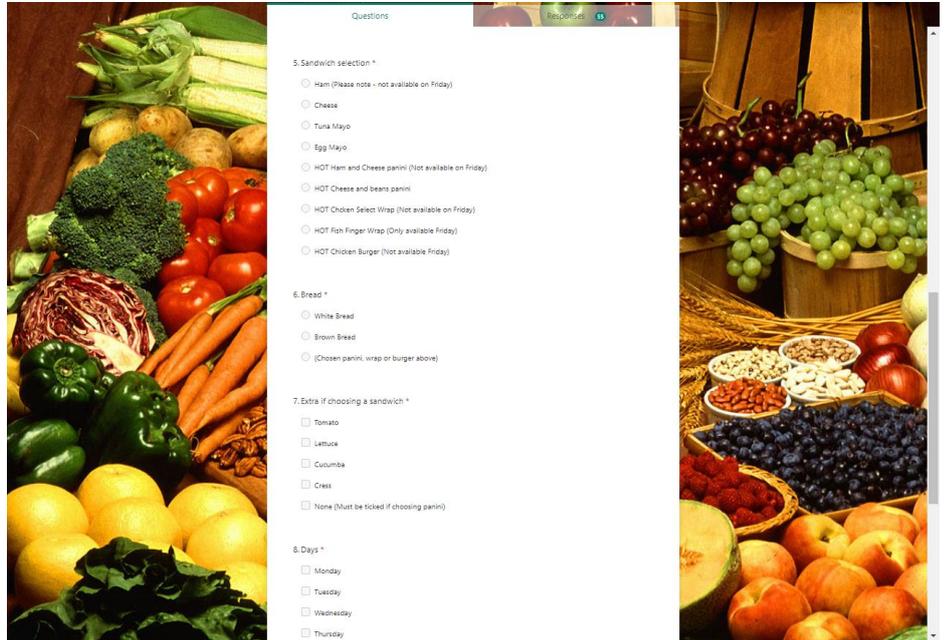
Lunch order

Pupils are welcome to pre-order a lunch from the school canteen. We are asking for this to be pre-ordered each week so that we can operate a 'grab and go' system to ensure that the service is efficient, pupils have enough time to eat and our 'bubbles' are protected.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK](#)

This will take you to Microsoft Forms where, after entering basic details, you can choose from a range of hot and cold options.

An extended menu is now in operation. A letter with more details is sent out each week, usually on Wednesday, but can also be viewed [here](#). Pupils can purchase a bottle of water from their form group's serving point. We ask parents to make sure that their ParentPay account is 'topped up' with the necessary funds.



Free School Meals

Should your situation have changed recently, for example, you may have recently had need to apply for Universal Credit, you may be eligible for apply for free school meals via the links below depending upon where you live

Solihull residents - <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm>

Birmingham residents - <https://www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk/media/uploads/Pupil-Premium-birminghamfsmapplicationform.pdf>

If you would like any further information or financial support, do not hesitate to contact Miss Hall: halls@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk.

Star Pupils of the Month

In recognition of some excellent work since the beginning of the Autumn Term. Many congratulations to you all.

Name	Year	Reason
Lennon B	7	Attentive and discerning
Daisy B	7	Very polite and studious
Antonia S	7	Always willing to help others
Ben T	7	Excellence and diligence
Bo W	7	All round "amazingness"
Jamie B	8	Attentive and discerning form award
Callum E	8	Fantastic student, asset to the form, no YC.
Jessica H	8	Positive attitude, brilliant impression made on her teachers.
Liam M	8	For consistent effort in class and at home
Ashna A	9	Attentive, participating at all times, enthusiastic and reliable
Catherine C	9	Excellent start to Year 9
Dominic K	9	Always trying his best
Ethan O	9	Fantastic and pleasant pupil who regularly contributes to form and has received a high number of blue cards and no yellow cards.
Demi P	9	Consistent effort
Braydan M	10	Improved attitude to learning and behaviour in lessons. Braydan is contributing well in form and is working hard on making those changes from last year.
Reece U	10	Polite, friendly, positive attitude. Lots of blue cards earned already.
Caitlin B	11	For consistently showing outstanding levels of enthusiasm and commitment to all aspects of school life.
Calista D	11	Brilliant ATL at all times, producing excellent work in English.
Luke M	11	Excellent focus and start to Year 11 and preparation for GCSE's
Kacey A	11	For consistent effort, proactive behaviour and consciousness
Sophie R	11	Positive attitude and excellent work in class
Niamh E	12	Ensuring she has a laptop so she can study in the Marquee. Asking for wider reading materials and being particularly attentive in form. A wonderful start to Year 12!
Rosie M	12	Excellent focus, positive mindset, contribution and determination to progress!
Lucy-Jo R	12	Has made an excellent start to St Peter's, really impressed her teachers and responded well to feedback so far!
James S	12	Always happy to read and lead the daily prayer
Orla M	13	Decided on primary teaching for university.



Harvest 2020 Family Fast Day

Explore our programme of events to mark CAFOD's Harvest Like No Other this weekend:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

Please check out this webinar and more on our channel page here

<https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/harvest?bmid=1e7240239226>.