

## Newsletter No.21

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Dear Parents,

### Mission Week.

This week the children have had a number of spiritual activities to reflect upon our mission to work together 'As One'. This has included Parent Workshops focusing on different types of prayer, Bishop Walsh's Chaplaincy team talking to Year One about the importance of prayer, One Life Music with Dan Callow across the whole school, our Multi Academy Mass at Bishop Walsh, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and our closing Liturgy. The children's contributions and their understanding of prayer was, nothing less than, fantastic this week. We can also commend them for their behaviour at Bishop Walsh on Wednesday (despite the weather). A huge thanks goes to our staff for their dedication to St. Joseph's children and for ensuring that the mission of our school is fulfilled in a number of ways all of the time. Thank you and well done to everyone! A special mention of thanks to Mrs Stephens.

Please look out for the evaluation sheet next week- we'd love to hear what you thought about this week!

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to All the Year 3 children on making their First Holy communion at Holy Trinity Church and Sacred Heart Church of the last 3 weekends!

Well done to All the Year 3 children for your reverence at today's Thanksgiving Mass.

***A huge thank you to all staff involved in preparing the children so well and for making their day very special.***

In the Gospel we hear how Jesus called the twelve to go and spread the good news- 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

Jesus called his special team of helpers 'apostles'. The Greek word '*Apostello*' means 'to send'. An apostle is someone who is sent out on a special mission, with a special job to do.

Year 3 you are now an apostle of Jesus.

### Child Safety Days

In July, we will be having some visitors into our school to teach the children how to be safe in different situations. The local Community Police will be informing the children about the importance of using the internet safely and what cyber-bullying might look like. We also have a Paramedic coming in to teach the children the correct procedures for making a 999 call and how to put someone into the recovery position.

Finally, a Road Safety Advisor is talking to the children about where it is safe to cross roads, how to be seen, cycling helmets, using scooters safely. The list goes on!

We will also be covering the importance of being safe in our PSHE lessons over the next couple of weeks.

### Moving Up Day

We hope Y6 (Y7 next) and FY through to Y5 had an enjoyable day on Thursday with their new teachers for September

### Parent Pay



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Please can we remind parents to log on and set up their parent pay account if you haven't already done so. Although we have not set up payments for trips, music fees etc yet, you can use it to pay dinner money. We need all parents to be ready to use the system for the new academic year for when we move to a cashless system for the majority of school payments.

## Roald Dahl Day

13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Roald Dahl. To celebrate, each class will be completing a unit of work on the famous author during the first two weeks of the term. On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, children are invited to dress up as a character from a Roald Dahl book for our 'Dahlicious dress up day!' This will be a great way to begin the school term, set your child's imagination whizzing and ignite their passion for reading.

The following website has lots of dressing up ideas:

<http://www.roalddahl.com//charity/fundraising-and-events/dahlicious-dress-up-day/dressing-up-tips>

We look forward to seeing the children's costumes and the wonderful work they produce!

## National Book Tokens

Help us to win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for our school - and the winner of the draw wins £100 book tokens for themselves! Just enter the competition online. It only takes a minute:

<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>.

The closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> July so there is plenty of time to enter. Last year's winners, Stanley Road Primary School in Worcester, transformed their library and filled their bookshelves with new books. Will it be our school's turn this year?

## Office Manager

Unfortunately, Mrs Coeulle has seriously injured her foot and will not be in the office for the next few weeks. We include her in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Miss Latino is therefore in the office on her own. For her to be able to manage the amount of enquiries more effectively and efficiently, she has asked that for the interim, unless the enquiry is urgent or a matter of safeguarding please can all parents enquires and notification of absences be emailed to her at

[enquiry@stjosutton.net](mailto:enquiry@stjosutton.net)

## Sports Day Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> -PTA request

The PTA have had several requests to run a refreshment stall at this year's sports day. The PTA are happy to do this, but in order to do so, we desperately need volunteers to help man the stall so that all parents get a chance to watch their children compete. We need a minimum of 12 people, each volunteer will be asked to do a 20 minute slot on the stall. Could you please text Jo Knight on 07795 547003 by Wednesday 6 July, if you can assist.

Unfortunately, if we do not get enough volunteers, we will be unable to run the stall this year.

Thanking you in advance

The PTA



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## **Music fees**

If you have not paid your music fees for last term, you will receive a letter next week asking for payment, please can you pay any overdue amounts immediately.

Music fees for the summer term are also now due, please send payments into the office no later than 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

## **Summer Music Fees:**

Cello/Double Bass-£66.00

Woodwind- £78.00

Violin- £78.00

## **KS2 Lunchtime Arrangements-**

Please can we remind parents that if you decide to change your lunchtime arrangements for your child/children, that you need to do in writing, giving 2 weeks notice. You can either send a letter into the office or email Miss Latino at [enquiry@stjosutton.net](mailto:enquiry@stjosutton.net)

If notice has not been received and dinners have been ordered, you will still be charged for them.

**Next week is 'Catch the Bus' week** which is an annual celebration of the 'Bus' organised by Greener Journeys, to recognise the importance of buses to the UK's transport mix. It aims to increase awareness of the benefits of bus travel and encourages people who don't usually think of catching the bus to leave their cars at home and give it a try.

Birmingham's Transportation Behaviour Change Team are running a writing competition asking children to write a short story of 200 words about their favourite bus journey, where they went and why they like it. We have five National Express class passes (A ticket for the whole class and the six teachers to travel on the bus for free.) to give away so come on put pen to paper and get your pupils writing.

The closing date for entries is the 15<sup>th</sup> July, please find attached a of the entry form for pupils to complete.

## **Sunshine Club Vacancy**

Please see an emailed advert Parent Mail

**Father you are merciful;**

**Forever you are merciful.**

**Only by your Grace can we gaze upon the face of your mercy.**

Yours sincerely,



**G.M. O'Hara**

Principal



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**Please note the following diary events**

Dates for diary - July 2016		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Am	Year 6 Final Bikeability sessions
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm	PTA meeting at school
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Non Uniform Day- Mad Hair and Odd sock day
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> July	1pm	Sports Day
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm-7pm	KS1 Disco
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm-8pm	KS2 Disco
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Non Uniform Day- Movie theme fancy dress
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am	Congratulation s Assembly - all welcomed
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Am	Y6 Dress Rehearsal
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15pm	Music performance in the Hall
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm	Year 6 Production
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.00am	Leavers Mass and Assembly

School Term dates available on the website [Diary and Term Dates | St Joseph's](#)

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