



Dear Parents

#### Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation Commitment Mass

Well done to Year 3 for leading the Mass through readings, offertory, welcoming and handing out Hymn books and carrying out the collection plate. We were very proud of you.

Thanks to all children and parents who arranged their mass time to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month Mass for February, it was a lovely to see so many present and to hear the beginnings of a new choir.



#### Swimming Gala

Well done to our Swimming Squad who competed in the Sutton Schools Swimming Gala at Stechford Baths on Saturday evening.

We won all of the relay events (clear winners) and received a Trophy.

The Girls came overall 4<sup>th</sup> and the Boys overall 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As a School we finished overall 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Fabulous!

A special mention for **Gracie Broadhurst-Comyn**, she broke the Boldmere club record for y6 Girls backstroke with a time of 16.84 seconds (previous record - 17.40 seconds). She also won a medal for coming first in the Girls Butterfly. -Wow!!!!

**Thank you to Miss Gavin and Mr Bannister for your time and organisation on the night**



#### Rights Respecting School

At St. Joseph's School, we are helping every child realise their entitlement to the rights adopted by the government in 1989. Each class has discussed and created a Class Charter which includes the rights the child has, the promise they make to fulfil these rights and the importance of the adult entitling the children to these rights.

As a school, we have explored the significance of children having rights and whether this is the case for all children worldwide; this has been through global sustainability lessons and charity events.



This week every class has:

- explored some of the rights
- identified how the rights link with the most important things we need in life
- shared how we can make our world a 'Common Home' as requested by Pope Francis. The children have suggested some sustainability strategies that we could try in school and at home.
- been introduced to our Unicef Mascot. Every child entered a name choice for the mascot and one was chosen in Assembly on Tuesday. Our Mascot is called '**Rosie Rights**'.
- learnt about how every child has the right to be safe as well as use media to source information.

If you would like further information about the rights that every child has please visit: [www.unicef.org.uk/crc](http://www.unicef.org.uk/crc)

#### Rights Respecting School Competition

Your child will have come home with details about a competition to design a poster informing everyone who visits our school about the rights that children are entitled to. All of the entries will need to be in school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. A winner from each class will be decided upon by the Unicef Steering Group. These winning poster designs will be on display along our driveway fence and school corridors. If you would like further information about the rights that every child has please visit: [www.unicef.org.uk/crc](http://www.unicef.org.uk/crc)

#### Safer Internet Day



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February was Safer Internet Day - a great opportunity to talk to our family and friends about the safe, responsible and positive use of technology, and to 'give a smile' to help create a kinder online community.

With the help of the Year 6 Digital Leaders, who led a fantastic assembly about how we can help to make a positive change online, we explored how photos can create an impression of our character and personality (our online reputation) and thought about how we could decide if a photo/image is okay to share online or not. If you want to find out more, ask your children about what we should think before we post!



### Non Uniform Day, all to wear Pink / Purple- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> (next Week)

The Rotary Club are trying to eradicate polio from the world, all the Sutton schools are taking part in this awareness raising day where the children wear something pink or purple for the day and possibly make a donation (optional £1)

The purple pinkie refers to the dye which is applied to the pinkies of children in India, Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan when they have been given the polio vaccine under the Rotary International 'End Polio Now' Programme.

Although, these places are at the other side of the world, the disease is only a flight away!



### PTA Quiz Night - 31st March 2017



Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start - payments can be made through parent pay.

Tickets £7.50 to include a fish & chip supper

Maximum of 8 in a team - friends and family welcome (over 18's only)

Licensed bar and snacks available

If you would like any tickets please get in touch via the Facebook page or your class rep.

FY - Sharon Meanley / Georgette Foster-Bell

Y1 - Jo Knight / Nicola Kelly

Y2 - Carmel Coen / Anna Crowther

Y3 - Nikki Houghton-Thompson

Y4 - Clare Wiseman

Y5 - Karin Brady / Jo Knight

Y6 - Clare Shirley

Also available at Sunshine club- Hope to see u there



**Thank you** to the vast majority of parents who have adhered to our new gate and car park systems- So far it is working very well. If you missed the last newsletter (available on the website) I have re printed the section below.

Please could I ask that the few who are using the passing bay on the drive as a parking space, please could you stop as this will hinder the safe passing of vehicles on the drive.

### Electric Gates and Use of the Car park Important notice.

The electric gates are on timers. At the end of the school day the Non- Automatic Pedestrian gate will remain open from 3.00pm until 5.45pm – to use this gate you simply push or pull- it is not automatic.

The vehicle access gates will remain closed at the end of the day until all afterschool extra-curricular clubs have finished and children been collected- at this point 4.45pm until 5.45pm these gates will open for access to the Sunshine club.

- All cars must be parked correctly within one of the marked parking bays.
- Cars must not drive and park up near the PE container – this is dangerous for pedestrians.
- Parents with children coming from the Sunshine club **must ensure that children remain with them and DO NOT run off** in front of them.
- All parents and children arriving and leaving the Sunshine club must follow the path near the school building and not walk directly through the car park. (see attached route)

There are a small number of parents attempting to gain access in their cars by waiting to nip in after a staff car has left and the gates are still open – this behaviour is placing children at risk, please stop.

**Failure to comply with this or parents acting in a manner that places others at risk of harm will result in your use of the Sunshine club facility being withdrawn.**

Thank you

Bromwich Drive Entrance will be opened at **3.00pm until 5.30pm** every day from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

**ALL Pedestrians must follow the arrows always near the building and not walk through the car park**



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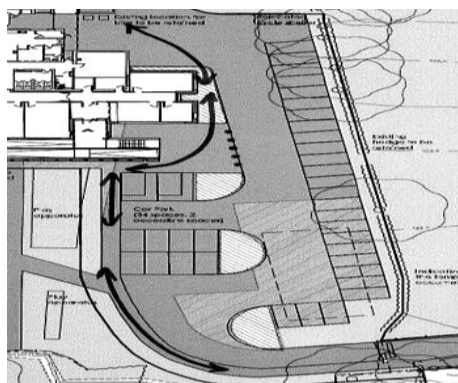
# St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

To follow in Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.

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Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

Please remember in your prayers Miss Green, in the office, and Findley Arnold (FY) who have both had to have overnight stays in hospital but are now recovering and should be back with us soon.

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara  
Principal

School Term dates available on the website [Diary and Term Dates | St Joseph's](#)  
Previous newsletters and other information can be found on our School website: [www.stjosutton.net](http://www.stjosutton.net)

**Please note the following diary events**

Dates for February 2017		
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Congratulation Assembly- all welcome
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Y2J led Assembly- all welcome
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Purple Pinkie day – non uniform day – wear purple or pink- Donate £1
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	3.20pm	½ Term Ends
HALF TERM BREAK		
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.45pm	New ½ term starts
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00am	Ash Wednesday Mass led by Y1S and Y1J – all welcome
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.00am	Congratulations Assembly- all welcomed

Please note the remaining staff INSET days for this year when the school will be closed to the children:

- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - staff CPD
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July**- staff CPD

**St Paul's School for Girls**

I have been asked to notify Year 5/Year 4 parents that St Paul's School for Girls will be holding their Open Evening for Secondary Transfers 2018 on Thursday 21st September 2017 from 6pm-9pm, if interested please make a note of the date.



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