



St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Building works

During the Easter holidays, the new school building preparation works will commence on the school site. In order to make the clear distinction between contractors, zones being developed, and school free flow areas, a number of *fenced off sections* will be created, ensuring safety for all.

To allow the contractors safe continuous access to the rear of the school, a temporary *fenced off road* will be created across the bottom of the playground and along the side where the shrubs were. The Lamp post, Red Gym, 2 canopies, 3 shelters, gazebo and FY bike shed will all be removed (reinstated on completion) to create the temporary road, this road will be manned at all times by a 'banks man'. In order to ensure the continued smooth running of the school, the playground size will be reduced for the duration of the building work, Separate KS1 and KS2 playtimes and staggered lunchtimes breaks will facilitate appropriate, safe use of the space.

Building works will also take place at the rear of the school: During this time no children or adults will have access to this area, via the playground or from within the school. Access to the school will be as follows:

- FY children will enter via the double door entrance on the side of the building, as usual.
- Each morning Y1 children will enter via the Main School Entrance; each afternoon they will be escorted to the playground, via the Sunshine Club side of the building for collection.
- Y2 -Y6 children will enter classrooms, as usual, following the temporary signs on the fences.
- Visitors to the main entrance will enter via the playground and up the sloped ramp & steps adjacent to the FY play area. (Parents with pushchairs please ask for assistance when negotiating steps).
- Visitors to school, via the Bromwich Drive entrance, will need to follow the temporary fencing, parallel to the stream in order to access the playground.
- Visitors to the Sunshine Club, via the Little Sutton Lane entrance will enter as usual.

Parking

PARENT CARS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SITE AFTER EASTER AT ANY TIME.

There will be appropriate provision made for staff and contractors in 2 new temporary compounds off the drive. 'Blue Badge' holders please speak with me at your earliest convenience.

Please abide by this restriction at all times when collecting children from school or The Sunshine Club, to avoid being escorted off site by the banks man. The safety of your children and all users takes priority.

Finally, please can I, *yet again*, stress the importance of parking appropriately and with respect for our local neighbours, especially near the school. I have been informed only this week of St Joseph's parents parking across driveways, in front of 'dropped curbs', in positions that have forced others to mount gardens and grassed areas. These actions only continue to create great animosity, bad feeling, lead to altercations and the occasional use of vulgar language - all this in the presence of children and from adults who, when choosing St Joseph's School for their children, agreed to uphold and respect our ethos and the gospel values we stand by. We continue to be frustrated by complaints from both residents and parents over issues of parking and have sought advice from Police on this matter.

Thank you, in anticipation for your co-operation on these matters.



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Walk to School Badge Competition Thank you to everyone who entered the design a badge competition. We had a wide variety of neighbourhood designs including churches, parks, homes and the environment. Our school council judged the entries last week and selected three winners who were Yien G (Y1), Rory O (Y4) and Remy V (Y5). Each winner was presented with a WOW goodie bag in assembly this morning and their designs have been entered into the national competition. We wish them the best of luck!

Chess I must congratulate our Chess Squad for their impeccable behaviour and efforts on Wednesday this week. Although we finished a respectable 5th out of 9 in the All Birmingham Catholic Schools Annual Tournament, they were a credit to the school. Well done Esmie O'Shea, Abigail Delacroix Humphreys, Joseph Perkins, Joseph Beckett, Nathan D'Ambrogio, Daniel Dennis and Benedict O'Shea.

Toy Museum Trip Yr1J and Yr1S had a wonderful trip to the Cannock Toy Museum; if you see any of them ask them what they learnt!

World Book Week Last week the children celebrated world book day. What a fantastic selection of book characters we had on display. We had Mary Poppins, Little Red Riding Hood, Gangsta Granny, The Gruffalo, a number of Star Wars characters and Superheroes to name a few! Well done to everyone for your superb efforts - there were some children who we couldn't even recognise!! (Photos are on the website in the Special Events Section.) Well done to all who made a huge effort to create their costumes, the children had a really memorable day!!

Parents Evening Thank you to all parents who came to the parents' evenings, we hope you found your meeting useful. We will be sending home our annual Parents Questionnaire shortly- please take time to complete and return it. It is always good to hear your views, both constructive (in order to improve our provision for the children), and informing us of the things you appreciate so we can celebrate and praise those who deserve it!

Lunchtime Supervisors Vacancy

Finding people to fill this role is never easy; the role of a lunchtime supervisor being able to talk to the children, play with them and watch them flourish and interact from an early age is an extremely rewarding position. However, if we continue to face difficulties in recruiting, like many schools we will have no option but to adjust the hours of Teaching Assistants away from vital classroom support to ensure the children are safe and catered for at lunchtime. This is a last resort and something that we do not wish to do. Therefore, if you can spare just over an hour at lunchtime each day or know someone else who can please get in touch.

Mrs Bradbury is leaving St Josephs at the end of the term which is very sad for the school as she has done great work as our SENCO. However, the Academy Committee have successfully appointed Mrs Terry as her successor- well done Mrs Terry. Both staff will be meeting to ensure a smooth transition for all children involved takes place.

PTA Quiz- The annual quiz and supper took place on Friday 4th March. It was a fantastic fun packed evening with novelty quiz rounds, music rounds, picture rounds and mini tasks akin to the 'Cube' on TV. Once word gets out about the evening the next one will be an immediate sell out- watch out for the next date!! Thank you to all involved in organising and running the night.



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Good luck to Yr6 and staff on your residential next week- have lots of fun, try to get some sleep!!



"Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those who knock."

Matthew 7: 7-9

Yours sincerely,

G.M. O'Hara

Principal

Please note the following diary events

| Dates for diary - March 2016 | | |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Mon 14 th - Wed 16 th | 3 days | Yr 6 Residential to Manor Adventure |
| Mon 14 th Mar | 3.20-5pm | Sutton Schools Cross Country at Bishop Vesey School |
| Thurs 17 th Mar | 1-3pm | Confessions for Yr 4, with Fr Michael |
| Fri 18 th Mar | 8.55am | Y15 class led Assembly |
| Fri 18 th Mar | 2pm | Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| Mon 21 st Mar | 7pm | PTA meeting in school |
| Tue 22 nd Mar | 1-3pm | Confessions for Yr 5 & Yr 6, with Fr Michael |
| Wed 23 rd Mar | 10am | Y6 Weights and Measures Check |
| Wed 23 rd Mar | 3.20-5pm | Sutton Schools Cross Country at Streetly Gate |
| Thurs 24 th Mar | 9.00am | Yr 5 Led Stations of the Cross assembly |
| Thurs 24 th Mar | pm | PTA Led Easter Egg hunter- more information to follow |
| Thurs 24th Mar | 3.30-4.30pm | ASTON VILLA after school club is on . |
| Thurs 24th Mar School Closes at 3.20pm for End of Term Easter | | |
| Dates for diary - April 2016 | | |
| Mon 11th Apr School closed Staff Inset day | | |
| Tue 12th Apr School re opens for the children at 8.45am | | |
| Dates for diary - May 2016 | | |
| Mon 2nd May - May Bank Holiday | | |

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

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