



# St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter No.12

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear Parents,

Please note the diary dates are all located on the last page.

### Lent

The six weeks of Lent started this week with our Ash Wednesday Mass led by the children of Year 2. Please support the children during Lent with their sponsorship fundraising, fasting and of course through encouragement spiritually with extra prayers as we all try to bring ourselves even closer to the Lord.

The Charities that we are supporting this year are:

- Father Hudson's Society- requested by Archbishop Bernard
- St Charles Lwanga Nursery School, Gambia- our link school
- The 'Rwanda Appeal'- with the Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership.



Father Hudson Society are coming to talk to the children on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February about some of the vital works they do for the elderly, disadvantaged and those living with disabilities and dementia all within our own diocese.

### Parents consultation evenings on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

Lists for signing up to 10 minutes consultations will be placed in the main entrance from the start of the new  $\frac{1}{2}$  term (Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February). If you are unable to pop into the main entrance and physically sign up on the sheet, you can ring the office and arrange an appointment via the staff. Please note however, appointments **will not** be made via an answer phone message as staff may need to discuss times with you.

Parents of FYS (Mrs Terry) please note the change to your consultation slots - this is due to a family funeral! your slots are Tues 5.30-7.00pm, Wed 3.30-5.20pm and Thurs 3.30- 5.30pm

Please could I ask all parents to be fair to the teacher and other parents to try to condense discussions to 10 minutes. If you have an issue requiring further discussion then I ask that you book an appointment through the office at another mutually convenient time.

PTA Quiz The annual quiz and supper takes place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Please purchase tickets quickly as there is a lot of interest in attending.

### E-Safety

In the previous newsletter I introduced our Year 6 'Digital Leaders'; Ellie, Callum, Josh, Nathan, Erin, Niamh, Thomas, Esmie, Lily, Siobhan, Elizabeth, Anna and Grace, unfortunately Abigail's name was omitted from the list (sorry Abigail). They planned and delivered a wonderful assembly to the whole school based on 'Internet Safety'- Ask your child what they learnt.

Don't forget our e-safety section on the Website, and the 'ThinkYouKnow' web site too.

MR WYNN Today our Sports 'Super Coach' is leaving us to further his career, the children have really enjoyed and benefitted from his support and enthusiasm in lessons and with the various clubs and teams. We wish him well for the future. However, when one door closes another one opens as the saying goes, I am therefore pleased to announce that our new Sports Coach starting after half term is Mr Ballintine-Robinson. I am sure both you and the children will make him feel very welcome.



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## Music Fee's

Music fees are due for the Spring term, if your child play an instrument, they will have received a letter last week. If you have not received a letter please contact Miss Latino in the office.

Any Autumn term fees are overdue now, please make prompt payment into the office.

## Y6 Residential

Final payments for the year 6 residential are due into school by the 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. If you are unsure of the balance owing please contact Miss Latino.

## Dinner Money

Please see separate letter for Dinner Monies, please send in dinner monies on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## School Building Developments

You will have noticed that the planters up the side of the playground have been moved (many were rotting). This is to allow Virgin Broadband Media and the LA access during the half term break to lay a brand new series of cables to double the speed and capacity of internet feed to the school ready for when the building works commence in April.

Once works commence on the development project I am hoping to provide constant updates on the newsletter. The construction company will also be providing their own 'construction newsletter'. Exciting times ahead!

Could all parents please note that the school will be without broadband and the internet for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> (first two days of the new 1/2 term). If you need to contact school do so only via telephone or in person.

## LENT

*Lord, help me in my desire to enter this holy season with a new resolve  
to find time to pray, to give myself to fasting  
and to give generously to others in need*

*Amen*

Yours sincerely,  
*G.M. O'Hara*

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Principal



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## Please note the following diary events

Dates for diary - February 2016		
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.55am	Ash Wednesday Mass in School
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All day	Disability Awareness day (workshops)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb School Closes at 3.20pm for the End of Half Term		
Monday 22 <sup>n</sup> Feb School Closed Staff Inset day		
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	School re opens for the children at 8.45am	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	11.00pm	Assembly led by Fr Hudson's Society
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	12.00pm	HSBC School Bank
Dates for diary - March 2016		
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	3.30 -7.00pm	Parents Evening
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	3.30-5.00pm	Parents Evening
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.55am	FYJ class led Assembly
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.00pm	HSBC School Bank
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.55am	Y15 class led Assembly
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2pm	Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	12.00pm	HSBC School Bank
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>3.30pm-4.30pm</b>	<b>NO ASTON VILLA after school club - please ensure children are collected from school at normal time.</b>
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar School Closes at 3.20pm for End of Tem Easter		
Dates for diary - April 2016		
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr School closed Staff Inset day		
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr School re opens for the children at 8.45am		
Dates for diary - May 2016		
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May - May Bank Holiday		

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

The Board of Directors are currently looking at the term dates and Inset days for all 4 Multi Academy Schools for the academic year of 2016-2017. I hope to be able to share these with you by the end of February. As soon as these have been agreed they will be placed on the website.

Previous newsletters and other information can be located on our School website: [www.stjosutton.net](http://www.stjosutton.net)



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