

**Newsletter No.17**

12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents,

Well done to the Year 6 children who had to endure their SATS during some unusually warm weather.

**May Procession at Holy Trinity**

Last year 73 children joined Deacon Daniel, School and Parish for the May Procession at Holy Trinity Church- it was a lovely occasion in honour of Our Lady.

This year's May Procession will take place at **Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3.30pm**- please could children bring a small posy of flowers to place around the statue of Mary.

We look forward to seeing a good attendance –uniforms not required.

**Please could I draw your attention to the section in our prospectus about School Uniform**

'...The policy of the school is that pupils should wear school uniform. This is based on the belief that school uniform, among other things, provides a corporate sense of identity. Children are expected to be well presented. For hygiene reasons long hair must be tied back with plain blue / dark coloured hair band or accessory. Artificially coloured hair, beaded braids and gelled styles are inappropriate....'

Please could I ask that parents stop sending children to school with brightly coloured and large bows in their hair, these are not part of our uniform / dress code and in some cases are interfering with the learning in the classroom.

**Summer Weather**

Now we have entered into the summer term, and had a brief glimpse of summer weather, we will be allowing the children to use the fields more at lunch and playtimes. If your child suffers from severe Hay fever and is feeling the effects of the pollen etc... please ensure that you give them the appropriate medicine before coming to school.

**School Uniform-** May I remind you that the children should be wearing our summer uniform as described below and in the prospectus on our website:

**Boys Summer uniform-** Pale blue polo-shirt, Grey trousers or shorts- no open toe shoes/sandals

**Girls Summer uniform-** Blue/white dress, Sensible Black shoes- no open toe shoes/sandals

**Lunchtime Supervisor**

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. The summer term is an ideal way to earn a little money, help support the children at the school and enjoy the wonderful fresh air and sunshine. Please enquire with Ms Coeulle in the office if you or someone you know is interested in applying.

Today we say thanks and goodbye to Mrs Pearson who has been working as a lunchtime lady part time, she has secured a fulltime role at Beacon School- good luck!

**Music Fee's are now available for payment on 'Parent pay' for the Summer Term:**

The last week of Music Lessons is week commencing 9th July 2017

Violin - 11 weeks @ £6.00 per week = £66

Woodwind Thursday Group - 10 weeks @ £6.00 = £60

Woodwind Monday Group - 9 weeks @ £6.00 = £54

Cello - 9 weeks @ £6.00 =£54

Please can payments be made by 31st May 2017

**School Trips - Congratulations to all our children who represented the school on their recent school trips:**

Y1 to Pizza Express to make their own pizzas

Y4 to the Jewish Synagogue

Y5 to St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham

We are very proud of you for soaking up the experiences and for having such wonderful manners and respect!!



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### School Group Photos

We have moved to a new Photography company this term.

Your child should have in their bag today a proof of their Class Photograph. Please return in the sealed envelope provided by 25th May- all payments are to be made in the envelope via their option choice (no money through school)

### Parent Pay

Thank you all for embracing our cashless payment system. If you do have any issues with payments or logons etc.. please contact the school office and they will assist.

Please could we ask that all outstanding payments for trips and dinner monies etc.. are settled as soon as possible. Thank you

**Football Team** - We must congratulate the football team who have ended this season in the local Sutton Coldfield league as Runners up. Well done lads- a great effort !!

Thank you also to Mr Lynch and Mr Bannister for your time and support to the team (also thank you to parents who assisted with lifts)

**Runners up in the SCPSSA Football 2016-17!**

**Cross Country** - We must also congratulate our Cross Country Squad who competed in the Birmingham Catholic Schools Annual Cross Country Competition this week held at The Priory School, Edgbaston

We walked away with GIRLS Champion Trophy and OVERALL TEAM Trophy.

Thank you also to Miss Gavin for her time and support to the squad (also thank you to parents who assisted with lifts)

**Girls and Team Champions in the BCSSA Cross Country 2016-17!**

### Toys in School

Please note, toys are not allowed in school. We are seeing an increased number of stress cubes, fidget spinners, things that children twiddle with throughout the day. These are causing a distraction and in some cases are dangerous to others.

Please ensure that all toys are left at home- any found in school will be temporarily confiscated. Thank you

### PTA-

Thanks to all who came to the meeting this week. This years Summer Fete will take place on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 12pm-2pm**  
The aim of the fete is to assist with the purchase of the luxuries that directly benefit the children. The last big expenditure was 35 Samsung Tablets and lockable storage charging unit total cost of £5900- the children love using them!!- THANK YOU PTA !!  
We are arranging some non Uniform days where the children come dressed as a theme in exchange for a donation, please support these:

The Non uniform dates are :

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	-donation of Plants	- dress theme: to follow
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	-donation of new/nearly new Teddies/toys	- dress theme: to follow
THURSDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	-donation of bottle of Wine	-dress theme: to follow
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	-donation of filled decorated bags	-dress theme: to follow

We have also Booked a **Summer KS1 and KS2 Disco** on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – watch out for ticket sales nearer the time.

Please check the latest PTA newsletter sent out and on the Website for all extra details

### Official Blessing and Opening of the New Buildings at St Joseph's by Bishop Robert Byrne on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass in school for the children and to officially bless the building.

Mass will take place at 9.30am in the school Hall followed by a tour of the school and chat over tea and coffee in the Hall.

Past Staff, Governors and Directors will be invited to join the children as we bring the past and present together as one!

If you think you will be joining us for this occasion please let Ms Green in the office know [e.green@stjosutton.net](mailto:e.green@stjosutton.net) as we will need to arrange the appropriate number of seats (as seats will be limited).



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# St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

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**May the month of the Rosary-** As we are now in May, children from all classes have the opportunity to join together at certain playtimes to pray a decade of the Rosary in Honour of Mary. Please encourage your children to bring their own rosary beads to school to make it extra special- *we have also received 100 small Rosary Beads from the Catenians (thank you) so we have a set for the children to use if they forget theirs.*

May is the Month for honouring Mary the mother of God in a special way. We build altars and shrines in her honour and say prayers to her more so than at other times.



**Memorare**  
**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary**  
**that never was it known**  
**that anyone who fled to thy protection, was left unaided.**  
**implored thy help or sought thy intercession,**  
**Inspired with this confidence,**  
**I fly unto thee,**  
**O Virgin of virgins, my mother;**  
**to thee do I come before thee I stand,**  
**sinful and sorrowful,**  
**O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,**  
**but in thy mercy hear and answer me.**  
**Amen,**



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 May 2017		
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	all week	Year 6 Sats Tests
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Afterschool	BCSSA Cross Country at The Priory School Edgbaston
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	PTA meeting in School- all invited
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcome
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	All day	FYS&J trip to Twycross Zoo
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pm	Catholic Schools 7 a side Football competition
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Year 3 walk to Holy Trinity Church
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	FYJ Class led Assembly– all welcomed
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	3.30pm	May Procession at Holy Trinity Church
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Am	Original Punch and Judy by Clive Chandler
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Year 6 walk to Holy Trinity Church
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Unicef Sponsored day – Non uniform (Blue Day) – Sponsored Field Walk/run
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup>	3.20pm	End of ½ Term
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>STAFF INSET DAY – CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	8.45am	New Term starts



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