



Dear Parents

Happy St Patrick's Day! Well done to Year 3 for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this afternoon: 2 reasons to celebrate!!

Year 1 Ash Wednesday Mass

Well done to Year 1 for leading the Mass through readings, bidding prayers, offertory and the singing. We were very proud of you.

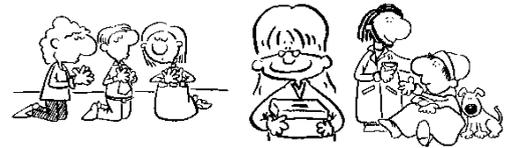
Lent

Ash Wednesday marked the start of Lent- please support the children during Lent with their fundraising, fasting and of course through the encouragement spiritually with extra prayer 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
- Cafod (see below)
- Cancer research (children's Choice)
- St Giles Hospice (children's Choice)

Ask the children about these Charities, and how we have helped them previously.



CAFOD's 'Turn a Little Fish into a Big Fish' Campaign.

This Lent, one of the charities that we will be supporting is CAFOD and the House Captains explained about the 'Turn a Little Fish into a Big Fish' campaign in Tuesday's House Assembly.

Unfortunately, millions of families around the world are living in extreme poverty. Many are struggling to earn a living so do not have enough money to meet their basic needs such as food, housing and clothing.

However, this Lent we can help to change this; all of our **little actions** will make a really **big difference** to people living in poverty by helping people to set up small businesses and earn a living.

The Cake sale and Games experience run by Y6, last week, raised £301.57, this will be added to the overall Lenten total at the end of our Lenten Efforts- well done everyone and thank you for all of your contributions!

Parents' Evening –thank you to all who attended, we hope you found the information useful.

Communications through the school office

Our 'open' office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The School encourages communications with parents, through several options:

- telephone 0121 354 6270 during 'open' hours.
- All other times or when all our lines are busy, you can leave a message on our answering machine, all messages will be picked up and any urgent messages will be dealt with immediately.*ie changes to collection arrangements...* For all other messages we aim to respond within 24 hours.
- The School's preferred method of notification of Child absence is through Parentmail.
- If you wish to email the school with an enquiry, please send it to enquiry@stjosutton.net , again we endeavour to address the issue or forward your enquiry to the relevant member of staff within 24 hours.
- Wherever possible all communications to Parents will be sent via Parentmail for efficiency, through text messages and email. Parents without an email address will be sent a paper copy on the same day the emails are sent out.

Many thanks for all of your continued support in working together.- Ms Coeulle and Ms Green



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Questionnaire for parents and carers carried out in spring 2017

Whole School Summary, 156 families (216 possible) replied, totals expressed as a percentage

		Strongly agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1.	My child is happy at this school	55%	43%		1%	1%
2.	My child feels safe at this school	62%	33%	1%	2%	1%
3.	My child makes good progress at this school	48%	44%	2%	5%	
4.	My child is well looked after at this school	61%	35%	1%	1%	1%
5.	My child is taught well at this school	60%	33%	5%	1%	
6.	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	44%	45%	1%	6%	2%
7.	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	56%	39%	1%	2%	1%
8.	This school deals effectively with bullying (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	37%	29%	26%	5%	3%
9.	This school is well led and managed	52%	40%	3%	3%	1%
10.	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	45%	38%	9%	10%	
11.	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	45%	35%	1%	14%	4%
12.	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	YES 98%		NO 2%		
<i>(may not always equate to 100% due to rounding-or blanks)</i>						

A big thank you to all who completed the Questionnaire.

Swimming Gala – The squad were fantastic last Saturday evening at the All Birmingham Catholic Schools Swimming Gala. Well done to Pierce, Finn, Con, Edward, Gracie, Katie, Maria and Helena.

The Girls won the Girls Shield and the team won the Overall Winner team title against some very tough opposition (24 schools in total). Well done we are so proud of you!! Thanks also to Miss Gavin and Mr Bannister for their help on the night.



Chess Tournament – A huge well done to the squad; Ben, Joe P, Joe B, Pierce, Luke and Samson for competing so valiantly, we finished a very respectable 3rd place- Your strategy and skills when playing were excellent, against 36 very players, but your manners and attitude was even better!!!!!!!

"Four Oaks Lions under 10's are looking for new players to join them in their 2017/2018 season. Players need to be in the current year 5 (Year 6 in September 2017) and will preferably have played in a team before, although this is not essential. We train on



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Friday evenings in Whittington or Four Oaks and play on Sunday mornings, all coaches are first aid trained and hold current DBS certificates. Please call Stuart Reoch on 07896715071 to arrange a trial or for further details."

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.

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



We had our Unicef Level 1 assessment this week. Many thanks to parents who came and spoke to the assessor about the good works we do and our whole school approach embracing the rights and ensuring the children live their lives according to them with understanding of each other. Thanks to: Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Haynes-Smart, Mrs Novak and Mrs Stirrop. Also a huge thank you to Mrs Stephens for leading the school in this initiative.

We passed and are now classed as a 'Unicef Rights Respecting School Level 1'

Mayor's Challenge

Thank you to all of the children who have taken part in the Mayor's Challenge – picking up litter around school and doing good deeds for other people! The second part of the challenge involves thinking about how we can improve the local area of Sutton Coldfield. Good luck to Francesca Mills (Y5) who will be representing St Joseph's at the Town Hall this afternoon for a meeting to put our children's ideas forward. We look forward to hearing all about it next week!

Sunshine Club

We would like to remind parents that the Sunshine Club closes promptly at 5:40pm. There have been too many instances lately where parents have been late in collecting children and the staff have had to wait around to continue to provide supervised care.

Although we have a policy of charging £5 per child for every 15 minute period of lateness, you would imagine that this would act as a sufficient deterrent in preventing lateness. Regrettably, we are seeing parents just accepting this charge and continuing to present themselves late. **To this end, we must now advise all parents that if you arrive late more than 3 times within a term, we will have to reconsider your child's place at the club and you will have to find alternative childcare arrangements.**

Of course, we do hope that this action will not be necessary, but we really must address this issue of lateness as the children and staff already have a long day.

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, licensed bar and snacks available.

Maximum of 8 in a team - friends and family welcome (over 18's only) If you would like any tickets please get in touch via the Facebook page or your class rep. Also available at Sunshine club- Hope to see u there

REPs :

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

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
Principal

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

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Please note the following diary events

Dates for March 2017		
Mon 20 th	9.30 KS1 , 10.15 KS2	CHILDLINE Assemblies
Wed 22 nd	9.30am	Yr 4 Walk to Mass at Holy Trinity Church
Fri 24 th	9.00am	Year 1J Assembly- all welcomed
Friday 24 th	After School	Football match v Mere Green
Wed 29 th	9.30am	CHILDLINE workshops Y5 and Y6
Friday 31 st	After School	Football match v Maney Hill
Fri 31 st	9.30am	FY eye test NHS
Fri 31 st	7.30am	PTA QUIZ NIGHT
Mon 3 rd April	am group 1	Yr 6 Bikeability (group1) commence Mon-Thurs
Mon 3 rd	9.00am	Year 4 'Palm Sunday' Assembly – all welcomed
Tues 4 th	All day	Year 3 Trip to Alton Castle
Wed 5 th	9.00am	Year 3 'Last Supper' Assembly – all welcomed
Fri 7 th	9.00am	Year 5 'Stations of the Cross' Assembly – all welcomed
Fri 7 th	1.30pm	PTA Easter Egg Hunt – more information to follow
Break for the Easter Holidays		
Mon 24 th April	8.45am	Start of New Term
Mon 24 th	Am group 2 Pm group 3	Yr 6 Bikeability (group2 & 3) commence Mon-Thurs



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