



St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No.4

20th October 2016

Dear Parents,

*Thank you to all for your support towards the school this term.
I know it has been a long term for everyone, we wish you a pleasant break with your children.*

Good News Congratulations to Mrs Leahy for the safe arrival of Baby 'Sophia May'. Both mum and baby are really well!!!

CAFOD The recent non uniform day raised for £245 for CAFOD- well done.

Book fair The amount spent on the Bookfair this week was £911.96, the school will get a decent percentage of this total in commission for books for our new library (being installed over the next few weeks)- well done to all.

Mayor's Challenge

This year, St Joseph's will be participating in the first ever Mayor's Challenge in Sutton Coldfield. The challenge asks all pupils to 'Pick it Up and Pass it On'. This means that the children are encouraged to pick up one piece of litter in and around school each day and put it in the bin, and to pass on an act of kindness or carry out a good deed each day. (We have been through the safety aspects of picking up litter with the children.) Each pupil will receive a Mayor's Challenge 2016 badge which they can wear throughout the year.

Later in the year, our school will be eligible to submit two ideas for improvements within the town of Sutton Coldfield.

Firstly, an idea that will improve the health and happiness of children, for example football goal posts in the local park, or a fruit tree.

Secondly, an idea that will benefit others in the community, for example wheelchair and pushchair friendly access ramps around the local shops.

We look forward to hearing the children's ideas!

These ideas will then be taken to a Junior Council meeting to share with other schools in the hope that the successful idea from each category will be adopted by the Town Council.

Colgate Tooth Defenders Colgate and the British Dental Association have partnered together to raise awareness of the importance of oral health in children. After half term, children in Key Stage One will be completing some engaging activities in class about strategies to keep teeth and gums healthy. The children will also be given a toothbrush and toothpaste sample to bring home.

School Photographer Sally will be in school on Thursday 24th November to take individual and family group photographs, please put this date in your diary.

DEBT

Unfortunately, there are 40 families who owe collectively £1900 to school for dinners taken during the last year. This money must be recouped, as soon as is possible, as the school cannot be used to 'prop up' parental nonpayment.

Mrs Green has started to send out itemised statements, from parent pay, to those involved.(although, parents couldn't access parent pay last year all dinner monies sent in were charged against accounts by the office staff). Please could I ask that all debts are cleared as soon as is possible. If you need to arrange a payment plan or discuss your statement please contact Mrs Green in the office who will treat all discussions confidentially.

Dinner Arrangements:

Please Note: As from next half term (Mon 31st October 2016) we can only offer School Lunches Monday to Friday ONLY or Sandwiches ONLY. Parents will not be able to 'pick and choose' individual days.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, but it is a practical measure the School has had to make due to resourcing.

Parent Pay

The office ladies would like to remind all parents to log onto their parent pay accounts to keep up to date with payments with trips, clubs, resources, lunches...

If you are one of the few parents having issue logging on, please contact the office.

Medicine in School

Parents must not send medicine into school with children- this is a safeguarding risk. Our policy states: 'Where a dose of



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antibiotic or other medication (for example, eye drops) has to be administered during school hours, the child's parent/guardian must take the responsibility to bring in the medication at the appropriate time and administer it to their child. All Staff are instructed to no longer carry out this duty.'

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Pantomime We will be going to see the production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Sutton Town Hall on Wednesday 14th December. A letter will be sent out nearer the time with more details.

Parent Mail

St. Josephs have upgraded their Parent Mail facility to improve communications between the school and parents. There were a few snags in its set up, but thanks to Mrs Coeulle nearly all have been 'ironed out'.

The signing system for Parents evening once up and running worked fantastically with over 95% parents logging on without issue. If you are still having problems registering and she will attempt to get them sorted as soon as possible.

PTA- Fr Ted's Night

Well done to all who attended on the night- it was a lovely atmosphere. A huge thank you to the few PTA members who made it possible- much appreciated.

Pallets for Free

The Builders have quite a few old pallets of differing shapes and sizes, mainly broken, but they would make ideal firewood for either log burners or bonfires. If anyone would like to have some (or all) please see Colin in the Morgan Sindall office next to the school gates.

Sports Clubs

 Well done to the football team (again)

Beating Newhall School 6-0 and St Nicholas school 2-1. Unbeaten this season in 5 games !!

Thanks to the staff involved for giving your time to the children.

Thank you to all parents for your cooperation in ensuring that children do not use the field, and adventure area after school – your support has seen a marked reduction in incidents and is very much appreciated.

Nativity dates

Due to the expansion and increased numbers of pupils, we now have 180 pupils in KS1, we have decided, in line with all other 2FE size schools to have 2 separate Nativities.

Dates for your diaries are:

FYS and FYJ Nativity will take place on Tues 6th Dec and Wed 7th Dec at 9.25am

Y1 and Y2 Nativity will take place on Mon 12th Dec and Tues 13th Dec at 9.25am

More information will follow nearer the time.

Its Sunday of the Month Mass – next one is Sunday 6th of November 9.00am

Fr Michael and Deacon Daniel, with the school, are trying to encourage the 1st Sunday of each month to be a Mass for the children. Last month it also coincided with Y6 Mass of Commitment and was a lovely occasion. Children from many classes will be leading the mass through Readings, bidding prayers, offertory, handing out Hymn books, welcoming, conducting the collections During the homily Father calls all children onto the Sanctuary to pray and be close.

Please try to bring your children to this 9.00 am mass. (No uniform required)



'Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.'

'The future starts today, not tomorrow.'

Saint John Paul II (feast day 22nd Oct)

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Principal



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Please note the following diary events

Dates for diary – Oct 2016		
Thurs 20 th		Last day of the Half Term
Fri 21 st		Staff Inset day – school closed to the children
Dates for diary – Nov 2016		
Monday 31 st Oct	8.45am	School Opens for a new ½ term
Tues 1 st Nov	7pm	PTA AGM in school – All welcome
Tues 1 st	10.00am	Yr4 walk to Mass
Thurs 3 rd	2.45pm	Phonics meeting for FY parents in the Hall
Fri 4 th	9.00am	Congratulations Assembly- all welcome
Sunday 6 th	9.00am	1 st Sunday of the Month school/family Mass – All welcome
Tues 8 th	9.30am	Open day for prospective FY 2017 parents
Wed 9 th	9.30am	Open day for prospective FY 2017 parents
Fri 11 th	9.00am	Yr 3 Class led Assembly-all welcome
Sunday 13 th Nov	11.00am	Yr 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Trinity Church
Tues 16 th	10.00am	Yr3 walk to Mass
Fri 18 th	9.00am	Congratulations Assembly- all welcome

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