

22nd September 2017

Newsletter No.2

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, we are experiencing huge internet issues, this affects our communication systems – please bear with us whilst the technicians are working on it.- if you need to contact the school our number is 0121 354 6270
Hence, this week newsletter is a paper copy!!!

Congratulations to Last week's award winners, they were:

The awards are as follows:

The Tidiness Award	Yr4B
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y3L
Lining Up award	Y2M
The Attendance Award	FYR with 100%

This week's winners are :

The Tidiness Award	Y6H
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y6H
Lining Up award	Y6H
The Attendance Award	Y1G with 100%

(well done esp Y6H)

Cross Country

Well done to the Cross County team who competed at the first meet of the season this week at Bishop Vesey School, so far we are in the following positions: Boys 4th out of 16, Girls 3rd out of 16, overall school team 4th position. Thank you to Miss Gavin and parents for your time making our entry possible.

Parking Cars

Although the school, Academy Committee or Directors have no jurisdiction beyond the school gates, please could I remind parents to park legally and with due care and consideration towards our local neighbours, residents and other road users. Unlawful behaviour not only upsets and causes anxiety; it can also put the safety of all, especially your children at risk.

PLEASE NOTE – there have been some enforceable changes to parking on the local roads especially Bromwich Drive, Knightswood Close and Tamworth Road. Please check the new signs and act accordingly.

As a school we have been advocating parking a little further away from the school entrances and walking for 5 minutes with your child. Please have a look on the website under the section 'Newsletters' here you will find a document titled 'PARK AND STRIDE' it has many feasible and safe parking options that will allow you free and easy pick up and drop off options avoiding all the new restrictions.

Year 6 Residential

Good Luck to Year 6 on their residential, good luck also to Miss Harris, Mrs Halliday and Mrs Podraza- thanks for your commitment to the children. We will be praying that you get *some sleep!*

Mass of Commitment for Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation

This will take place on Sunday 8th October 11am. All children will be sent home with a **Commitment letter** which they will need to bring to the 11am mass for Fr. Michael to sign. The children will sit with their families within the congregation and do not need to wear the school uniform.

Harvest Festival

During this Season, Pope Francis asks us to consider our corporal works of mercy, one of which is to feed the hungry. As part of our harvest celebrations, we will be remembering those within our local community and also those globally. This fully supports our need to recognise that every child has the right to nutritious food. (Article 24 UNCRC).

We are having our Harvest Mass **on Friday 6th October** and it will be led by Year 5L. Foundation Year will also take part by processing in with items of food to create our harvest display. Any groceries in packets, tins and jars donated in would be used to support the Food Bank in our local area. This organisation ensures that families have an emergency supply of food for three days. It would be wonderful if every child could donate one item of dried food as we recognise how fortunate we are to have food on our tables every mealtime.

CAFOD In order to support our children globally, we are going to **Brighten Up this Harvest** by fundraising to support communities in deprived parts of the world. Our money raised, will support **CAFOD** to provide seeds and training to farmers, teach people to



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build greenhouses to grow produce that isn't destroyed by the weather. To do this we are going to see which classroom has the brightest dressed children on Friday 13th October. The children are encouraged to wear as many colours as they can on this day and donate some of their small change to help children like themselves globally.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Consent forms for this Vaccination to take place in school on Wed 11th October 2017 has been sent out tonight for the classes of FY- Y4. The deadline for replies was today, please contact the office if you missed this deadline.

Virtues

The children have made a wonderful start to the new year this week, a couple of years ago the Diocese introduced the Virtues into all schools and asked that we focus on teaching the children 'virtues' taken from the Jesuit Pupil Profiles. Our whole school virtues this term are 'Eloquent & Truthful':

Eloquence is the ability to articulate clearly what we believe and feel and to do so in a way that, with integrity, engages and persuades others.

But eloquence must be used in a truthful way – to speak truth about myself, about others, about God and the world around us. Education is the search for truth and the eloquent articulation of what we discover. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'

The Children at St. Joseph's School are growing to be . . . eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

We have been talking about building God's community at school and home by being living examples of the gospels through; helping each other, being respectful, having manners, using our gifts to through hard work and effort, sharing and putting the thoughts of others first because we want to not because we need to.

Well done Children!!!

This Sunday the 25th Sunday of the Year



**Lord, you are always generous and kind,
Fill us with the generosity of your love
and make us more understanding.**

Amen

Yours sincerely,

G.M. O'Hara

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Principal

Dates for your diary – September / October

Wednesday 27 th	10.00am	Y5 walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Wednesday 27 th	7pm	PTA AGM , Tea and Coffee meet and join – all welcome
Friday 29 th	9.00am	Y4 Class led Assembly – all welcome
Sunday 1 st	9.00am	Family Mass for the 1 st Sunday of the Month at Holy Trinity Church
Tuesday 3 rd	Am	Magical Maths Assembly
Wednesday 4 th	All day	African Drumming Workshops -£3 contribution (separate letter)
Thursday 5 th	Am	African Drumming Workshops -£3 contribution (separate letter)
Friday 6 th Oct	9.00am	Harvest Mass led by Y5
Sunday 8 th Oct	11.00am	Y6 Mass of Commitment for Confirmation at Mass at Holy Trinity Church

Previous newsletters and other information can be found on our School website: www.stjosutton.net

Other dates to note:

Y6 Residential week of the 25th September

Y6 Mass of Commitment for Confirmation will take place on Sunday 8th Oct at 11.00am Mass at Holy Trinity Church (this is for both parishes)

Y6 Confirmation will take place on Saturday 11th Nov at 6pm Mass at Holy Trinity Church (this is for both parishes)

Parents Evening –takes place on the evening of Thursday 19th Oct 3.30-7.00pm

Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 - Nasal flu Vaccinations 11th October in School- NHS letters will be sent out soon for consent.

Y3 Holy Communion dates:

Sunday 10th June 2018 First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart

Sunday 17th June 2018 First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3K

Sunday 24th June 2018 First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3L

(Letters will be sent out separately)



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