



### Newsletter No.13

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear Parents,

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

#### Assessment of Children

Following the introduction of a new National Curriculum in 2014, there are new expectations for children in each year group. **Expectations are higher than the previous curriculum.** In many year groups items from a higher year group have been brought into a lower one for children to achieve at an earlier age i.e:

- Five-year-olds will be expected to learn to count up to 100 (compared to 20 under the old curriculum) and learn number bonds to 20 (previously up to 10)
- Simple fractions (1/4 and 1/2) will be taught from KS1, and by the end of primary school, children should be able to convert decimal fractions to simple fractions (e.g. 0.375 = 3/8)
- By the age of nine, children will be expected to know times tables up to 12x12 (previously 10x10 by the end of KS2) with more emphasis on the skills of mathematical modelling and problem-solving.

In Literacy, a full glossary for parents of what children need to understand and use can be found at:

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/primary-literacy-glossary-for-parents>

#### Understanding the Information at Parents Evening

Our mid-year parents' evening will take place over two evenings next week. Your child's books will be available in the classroom, for your perusal, prior to the meeting. We ask that you respect everyone's privacy and only look at your own child's books. Please take the books in to the meeting with the teacher, if you wish, where you can celebrate their achievements, progress and discuss future targets.

The teachers will be discussing your child's current progress and whether they are on track to meet what is the NEW National Age Related Expectation for their year group by the end of the academic year. They will also be discussing how we can work together to best support your child so they reach their full potential.

'Old' national curriculum levels (e.g. Level 3, 4, 5) have now been abolished. The DFE have introduced the following terminology:

- Pupil is **Working towards** National Age Related Expectations for their year group.
- Pupil is **Working at** National Age Related Expectations for their year group.
- Pupil is **Working at greater depth** compared to National Age Related Expectations for their year group.

Obviously, now that children are being expected to work at a higher and more intense level than has been previously demanded, at this moment in time many children will be judged to be '**working towards**' in many areas of the curriculum, but by looking through the books and discussing with your child it will be clear the scale of progress made from the start of the school year.

We have been very pleased with the efforts that the children are making to 'raise the bar'. We look forward to seeing you next week.

#### Walk to School

Thank you for everyone's efforts to walk to school at least once a week. During the month of February, we were able to award 179 badges to children that had walked, used scooters or bikes or even used the park and stride method. The class of the month with the most environmentally friendly journeys were Year 5! Well done to Year 5! I wonder who it will be next month?



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## Day for Change

Last month we had our Day for Change event where all of the children donated their loose change! We certainly emptied our pockets for this day. A huge thank you is expressed, as we managed to raise a total of £315 for the Unicef charity. This money will make a difference to the lives of children worldwide who have been affected by natural disasters and war. Thank you for your support!

## Cars on Site

Back in October the Academy Committee wrote to all parents informing them of the decision to prevent parent cars being brought onto site to collect from Afterschool Clubs and the Sunshine Club between 3.00pm and 4.35pm. Most parents have cooperated with this request -THANK YOU.

However, we still have a number of families who are refusing to comply with this request.

Could I reiterate: For the safety of all children, no parental cars are allowed onto the school premises from 3.00pm until 4.35pm, parents must park outside the school grounds between these times following the normal safeguarding procedures during the school day. The school gates will close at 3.35pm once the normal school pedestrian footfall is over and will remain closed until 4.35pm; parents collecting children from The Sunshine Club after this time have permission to bring their cars onto school grounds **but not before**.

Please could I ask that parents to refrain from parking on the footpath of the drive waiting until 4.35pm- this is also a hazard.

Thank you for your compliance in supporting everyone's duty of care to keep all children safe and be a role model of good behaviour.

## Afterschool Clubs next week

Tennis Club is on as usual next week

Due to the parents evenings next week -there are no clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening.

Zumba club is on as usual on Friday

## World Book Day

Next Thursday the children will be celebrating world book day, all are invited to dress up as a character from a book; last year we had characters ranging from Harry Potter, Dr Who and Captain Underpants to Gangster Granny, The Cat in the Hat, Oompa Loompas, Where's Wally and plus many more.

Good luck in making it a memorable day!!

## Virtues

The children continue to make a wonderful effort with demonstrating the virtues. Our whole school virtues this term are 'Faith-filled & Hopeful' - - **Faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.**

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!!!



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"Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those who knock."

**Matthew 7: 7-9**

Yours sincerely,

**G.M. O'Hara**  
Principal

## Please note the following diary events

Dates for diary - March 2016		
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10.00am	Y5 walk to Holy Trinity Church to join the parish Mass
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	3.30 -7.00pm	Parents Evening
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	All day	World Book Day - children to dress up as a Character from any book
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	10.00am	Y4 walk to Holy Trinity Church to join the parish Mass
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.00pm	HSBC School Bank
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	All day	Y1S and Y1J Trip to the Cannock Toy Museum
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Pm	BCSSA Annual Chess Tournament held at St Josephs
Mon14 <sup>th</sup> -Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	3 days	Yr 6 Residential to Manor Adventure
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3.20-5pm	Sutton Schools Cross Country at Bishop Vesey School
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	1-3pm	Confessions for Yr 4,5 and 6 with Fr Michael, Fr David and Msgr Cousins
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.55am	Y1S class led Assembly
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2pm	Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	7pm	PTA meeting in school
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	10am	Y6 Weights and Measures Check
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	3.20-5pm	Sutton Schools Cross Country at Streetly Gate
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am	Yr 5 Led Stations of the Cross assembly
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>3.30-4.30pm</b>	<b>ASTON VILLA after school club is on .</b>
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Mar School Closes at 3.20pm for End of Term Easter</b>		
Dates for diary - April 2016		
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Apr School closed Staff Inset day</b>		
<b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Apr School re opens for the children at 8.45am</b>		
Dates for diary - May 2016		
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May - May Bank Holiday</b>		

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 very soon. 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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