



St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

To follow in Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.

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Dear Parents

Basket Ball

On Wednesday 18th (last week), children from Year 5 and 6 took part in a Basketball competition at Sutton Coldfield College. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a real credit to the school winning one of their group matches. The children involved were: **Remy, Sofia, James, Harrison, Luke, Isabella, Samson** and **Maisie** Thank you Mr Lynch for giving his time to the children.



Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation

We hope you found the parents meeting this week useful, please remember the Mass of Commitment at 9.00am on Sunday 5th February at Holy Trinity Church

1st Sunday of the Month Mass- please note this is on Sunday 5th at 9.00am

Writing in Print -Congratulations to **Benedict O'Shea** 'Murder in the Monastery' and **Freddie Dettmar** 'Gruesome Egyptians' - both boys have had their writing pieces printed in the horrible history style Ancient Adventures through the Ages book edited by Emily Wilson. Seek it out in the local book shops!!

Building work-Update

The Staff car park was finished at the weekend and handed over for use this week. It has really made a difference to the look and feel of the building now that most of the metal barriers have been removed. The 'passing bay' is currently being constructed halfway down the drive and the field getting reinstated. Most of the playground 'play' markings and the netball court have also been reinstated.

Electric Gates and Use of the Car park Important notice.

The electric gates are on timers. At the end of the school day the Non- Automatic Pedestrian gate will remain open from 3.00pm until 5.45pm – to use this gate you simply push or pull- it is not automatic.

The vehicle access gates will remain closed at the end of the day until all afterschool extra-curricular clubs have finished and children been collected- at this point 4.45pm until 5.45pm these gates will open for access to the Sunshine club.

- All cars must be parked correctly within one of the marked parking bays.
- Cars must not drive and park up near the PE container – this is dangerous for pedestrians.
- Parents with children coming from the Sunshine club **must ensure that children remain with them and DO NOT run off** in front of them.
- All parents and children arriving and leaving the Sunshine club must follow the path near the school building and not walk directly through the car park. (see attached route)

Failure to comply with this or parents acting in a manner that places others at risk of harm will result in your use of the Sunshine club facility being withdrawn.

Thank you

Bromwich Drive Entrance will be opened at **3.00pm until 5.30pm** every day from Monday 30th January.



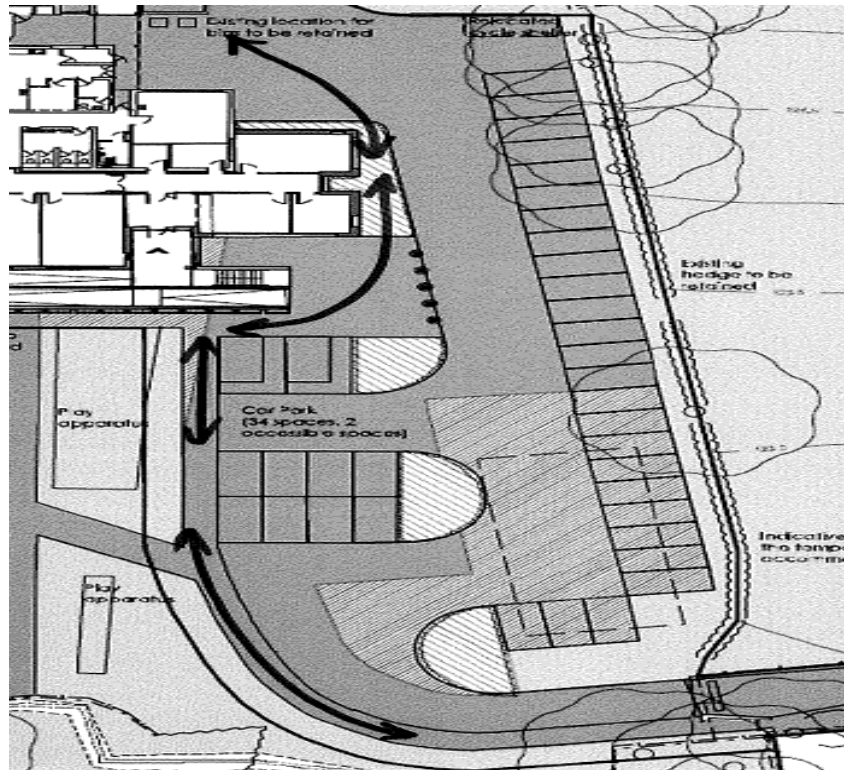
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ALL Pedestrians must follow the arrows always near the building and not walk through the car park



Safety Leaflet – Cars and kids don't mix- why not park and stride?

Earlier this week, your child brought home a Small Triangular leaflet about 'Safe parking and encouraging parking a little further from the gate and striding to school' - we know that some days with other commitments this may not be possible, but if every family could build this practice into their routines once a week (before and after school), it would help to reduce congestion, increase exercise opportunities and help to maintain a safe zone outside the school for all concerned. The children urge you to consider this. Thank you.

Lateness

The new security door mechanism is working very well ensuring that all children are safe and secure within the building, however, because children cannot let themselves in after the bell, we have noticed that there are large numbers of children arriving just after the bell daily (average @40 pupils daily). Please ensure all children arrive on time to school, doors open 8.35am to 8.45am, school starts at 8.45am. We will be monitoring those who continually arrive late as this is not good preparation for the start of their daily learning.



On Wednesday 25th we celebrated the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle.

Paul, or Saul as he was first called, was not always a saint. Earlier as a loyal and angry Jew he persecuted the Church, but Jesus loved him even so and brought about his conversion. He was then sent on a mission to tell people about Jesus. This is the time that we pray for the conversion of sinners and for Christian unity.

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Principal

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Please note the following diary events

Dates for February 2017		
Wed 1 st Feb	10.00am	Y4 join the parish for Mass at Holy Trinity
Fri 3 rd	9.00am	Y2S led Assembly- all welcome
Sat 4 th	Pm	Stechford Baths Swimming Gala – Good luck to our team
Sun 5 th	9.00am	1 st Sunday of the Month Mass
Wed 8 th	10.00am	Y3 join the parish for Mass at Holy Trinity
Fri 10 th	9.00am	Congratulation Assembly- all welcome
Wed 15 th	10.00am	Y2S join the parish for Mass at Holy Trinity
Fri 17 th	9.00am	Y2J led Assembly- all welcome
Fri 17 th	3.20pm	½ Term Ends
HALF TERM BREAK		
Mon 27 th	8.45pm	New ½ term starts
Wed 1 st March	9.00am	Ash Wednesday Mass led by Y1S and Y1J – all welcome

Please note the remaining staff INSET days for this year when the school will be closed to the children:

Friday 26th May - staff CPD

Monday 24th July - staff CPD



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