

Newsletter No.16

28th April 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter break, the staff and I hope you have all had a wonderful rest and are back ready to learn.

Lenten Charities- Thank you to all who sent in their Lenten Charitable donations at the final count **you raised £2355.**

The Charities that we have supported this year will each receive:

- Father Hudson's Society- requested by Archbishop Bernard £588.75
- Cafod £588.75
- Cancer research (children's Choice) £588.75
- St Giles Hospice (children's Choice) £588.75

Well done to everyone for your fantastic Lenten efforts!!

Official Blessing and Opening of the New Buildings at St Joseph's by Bishop Robert Byrne on Wednesday 7th June

Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass in school for the children and to officially bless the building.

Mass will take place at 9.30am in the school Hall followed by a tour of the school and chat over tea and coffee in the Hall.

Past Staff, Governors and Directors will be invited to join the children as we bring the past and present together as one!

If you think you will be joining us for this occasion please let Ms Green in the office know e.green@stjosutton.net as we will need to arrange the appropriate number of seats (as seats will be limited).

Missing ...keyrings

Paddy Mahoney has lost a large collection of key rings that were attached to his school bag. Please could I ask that everyone has a look for these at home and in school bags as they may have made their way home with another child, unintentionally, for curiosity reasons. They hold sentimental value to Paddy and are sorely missed. If found please hand them into the office.

However, please could I take this opportunity to stress that items of sentimental value and toys etc are best left at home where they can be enjoyed and cared for.

Please could I draw your attention to the section in our prospectus about School Uniform

'...The policy of the school is that pupils should wear school uniform. This is based on the belief that school uniform, among other things, provides a corporate sense of identity. Children are expected to be well presented. For hygiene reasons long hair must be tied back with plain blue / dark coloured hair band or accessory. Artificially coloured hair, beaded braids and gelled styles are inappropriate....'

Please could I ask that parents stop sending children to school with brightly coloured and large bows in their hair, these are not part of our uniform / dress code and in some cases are interfering with the learning in the classroom.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. The summer term is an ideal way to earn a little money, help support the children at the school and enjoy the wonderful fresh air and sunshine. Please enquire with Ms Coeulle in the office if you or someone you know is interested in applying.

Bikeability

Well done Year 6 for your sensible attitude towards Bikeability over the past few weeks, Aspire were very impressed.

PTA

Easter Egg Hunt money collected ... £217.00

The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 9th May in School at 7pm – all welcome, main discussion will be the Summer Fete!

Summer Weather

Now we have entered into the summer term, and had a brief glimpse of summer weather, we will be allowing the children to use the fields more at lunch and playtimes. If your child suffers from severe Hay fever and is feeling the effects of the pollen etc... please ensure that you give them the appropriate medicine before coming to school.

School Uniform- May I remind you that the children should be wearing our summer uniform as described below and in the prospectus on our website:

Boys Summer uniform- Pale blue polo-shirt, Grey trousers or shorts- no open toe shoes/sandals

Girls Summer uniform- Blue/white dress, Sensible Black shoes- no open toe shoes/sandals

Feedback following the recent Parental Questionnaire

Question 8: This school deals effectively with bullying (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying). This was answered by 26% as 'Don't Know'. A number of parents have indicated that their response of 'Don't Know' was attributed to largely having no experience in this area.

In my 9 years here as Head Teacher we have had very few incidents of Racist, Homophobic & Cyber bullying. However, where incidents have occurred all are dealt with involving the Senior Leadership Team, discussions with all involved parents and interviews with the children involved. All incidents are taken seriously with discussions about punishments where relevant and actions to ensure all parties can move forward without fear or repercussion. Sometimes, were necessary, we have involved both internal and external mentoring and support groups to work with children (confidentially) both victim and perpetrator. We are extremely proactive in addressing these topics and to educate the children.

Throughout this academic year, we had facilitated Anti-Bullying workshops, NSPCC child line workshops, E-safety talks and assemblies for the children, continued with the Pupil Virtues, incorporated the UNICEF Rights Respecting thinking into our teaching. – Ask them about these.

Please could I also direct parents who wish to know more about these areas to our school website and the 'Think you Know' tab. This site is used by staff in school but can and should be used by parents with their children to ensure they know how to act and be safe themselves.

I hope this is useful in helping you understand a little more about the proactive steps we take – and how seriously these issues are dealt with.- Please remember all incidents are always dealt with on its individual merits and always with extreme confidentiality.

As a Catholic School we always try to show the children that we must learn to forgive, not hold grudges, and help each other to move forward in a loving way.

Dinner Money for this Term is £51.75 , £2.25 per day

Music Fee's for Summer Term will be on Parent pay from next week. Please could we ask for prompt payments, thank you.



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Lost Property

Our Lost Property (mainly winter uniforms) will be on tables in the playground afterschool on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Any items unclaimed after next Wednesday will be sent to the charity shop.



He saw and he believed.
-John 20

Last Sunday, we saw how Thomas fell to the ground proclaiming 'My Lord and my God' when Jesus appeared to him. Jesus replied 'because you have seen you now believe, but blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Lord, help us to 'see' you in the actions and words of the people we meet so that day by day our belief in you will grow stronger.
Amen

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Principal

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

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

Please note the following diary events

Dates for May 2017		
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday	
Tues 2 nd	am	Y1S Walk to Pizza Express, Sutton
Wed 3 rd	10.00am	Year 3 walk to Holy Trinity Church
Wed 3 rd	All day	Yr 4 Trip to the Synagogue
Thurs 4 th	am	Y1J Walk to Pizza Express, Sutton
Fri 5 th	9.00am	FYS Class led Assembly- all welcomed
Fri 5 th	9.00am	Year 5 trip to St Chad's Cathedral
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th	all week	Year 6 Sats Tests
Tues 9 th	Afterschool	BCSSA Cross Country at The Priory School Edgbaston
Tues 9 th	7pm	PTA meeting in School- all invited
Fri 12 th	9.00am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcome
Fri 12 th	All day	FYS&J trip to Twycross Zoo
Fri 12 th	Pm	Catholic Schools 7 a side Football competition
Wed 17 th	10.00am	Year 3 walk to Holy Trinity Church
Fri 19 th	9.00am	FYJ Class led Assembly- all welcomed

Y6 SATs Week 8th -11th May 2017

Date:	Test(s):
Monday 13 th	Reading Test
Tuesday 14 th	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test Paper 1 Questions Paper 2 Spelling
Wednesday 15 th	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 16 th	Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning



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