

Newsletter No.12

3rd March 2017

Dear Parents

Year 1 Ash Wednesday Mass

Well done to Year 1 for leading the Mass this week through readings, bidding prayers, offertory and the singing. We were very proud of you.

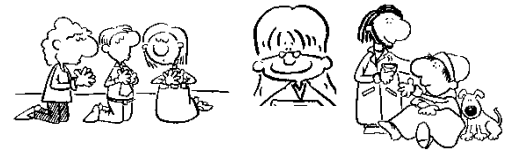
Lent

Ash Wednesday marked the start of Lent- please support the children during Lent with their fundraising, fasting and of course through the encouragement spiritually with extra prayer as we all try to bring ourselves even closer to the Lord.

The Charities that we are supporting this year are:

- Father Hudson's Society- requested by Archbishop Bernard
- Cafod (see below)

Ask the children about these Charities, and how we have helped them previously.



CAFOD's 'Turn a Little Fish into a Big Fish' Campaign.

This Lent, one of the charities that we will be supporting is CAFOD and the House Captains will be explaining more about the 'Turn a Little Fish into a Big Fish' campaign to the school in Tuesday's House Assembly.

Unfortunately, millions of families around the world are living in extreme poverty. Many are struggling to earn a living so do not have enough money to meet their basic needs such as food, housing and clothing.

However, this Lent we can help to change this; all of our **little actions** will make a really **big difference** to people living in poverty by helping people to set up small businesses and earn a living. One way in which the House Captains would like to raise money to help is by organising a cake and biscuit sale on Friday 10th March. We would be extremely grateful if you could contribute any items for this cause. Please help us to **turn little fish into Big Fish** this Lent.

Purple Pinkie Day

When done to all who donated to the day – you raised £156 for the Rotary Club's Charity.

Parents Evening –Thursday 9th March

Parents Evening takes place next Thursday evening appointments can be made via the Parent Mail App /or if you have a problem via the ladies in the office.

Communications through the school office

Our 'open' office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The School encourages communications with parents, through several options:

- telephone 0121 354 6270 during 'open' hours.
- All other times or when all our lines are busy, you can leave a message on our answering machine, all messages will be picked up and any urgent messages will be dealt with immediately.*ie changes to collection arrangements...* For all other messages we aim to respond within 24 hours.
- The School's preferred method of notification of Child absence is through Parentmail.
- If you wish to email the school with an enquiry, please send it to enquiry@stjosutton.net , again we endeavour to address the issue or forward your enquiry to the relevant member of staff within 24 hours.
- Wherever possible all communications to Parents will be sent via Parentmail for efficiency, through text messages and email. Parents without an email address will be sent a paper copy on the same day the emails are sent out.

Many thanks for all of your continued support in working together.- Ms Coeulle and Ms Green



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Attendance below 90%

Many letters have been sent out to parents recently where a child's attendance has fallen below 90%. Could I thank all who have responded and met with the various Phase Leader Staff; Ms Hill, Stephens, Prentice and Chambers. These have been useful meetings to enable us to understand fully how home and school can work closely together for your child. If you haven't managed to arrange a meeting please contact school. Thank you

School attendance advice for parents (taken from BCC website)

In order to do well in school, children must attend regularly and should be punctual. A score of 90% in a test would be a good result but 90% attendance means that a child will have missed around 100 lessons over a school year. 5 minutes late every day means around 3 1/2 days of education are missed.

Term Time Leave

From 1st September 2013, amendments to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 made clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 apply to all maintained schools, academies, studio schools, free schools and Independent schools.

When parents request permission to take their children out of school during term time where there are exceptional circumstances, an application form should be completed and submitted to the school at least two weeks before they are due to leave. Parents must contact the school and allow the school to consider their application before booking flights or leaving the country, even when unforeseen events occur (e.g. family bereavement)

Family emergencies need careful consideration. It is not always in the best interests of the pupil nor appropriate for them to miss school for family emergencies that are being dealt with by adult family members. School and school relationships can provide pupils with stability and care during difficult times. If leave is granted, the Head Teacher is the person who determines the number of school days a child can be away from school.

| Attendance during one school year | equals this number of days absent | which is approximately this many weeks absent | which means this number of lessons missed |
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| 95% | 9 days | 2 weeks | 50 lessons |
| 90% | 19 days | 4 weeks | 100 lessons |
| 85% | 29 days | 6 weeks | 150 lessons |
| 80% | 38 days | 8 weeks | 200 lessons |

Parent Pay - Please could I politely remind Parents to check their parent pay accounts and bring any outstanding payments up to date. – Thank you

Football match v Shrubbery- well done to the team for beating the Shrubbery 2-0 in a close fought match yesterday.

1st Sunday of the Month Mass

This Sunday is the 1st Sunday of the Month Mass for March-9.00am try to be there to join in what is becoming a monthly lovely 'family feel' mass for the children.

Rights Respecting School

At St. Joseph's School, we are helping every child realise their entitlement to the rights adopted by the government in 1989. Each class has discussed and created a Class Charter which includes the rights the child has, the promise they make to fulfil these rights and the importance of the adult entitling the children to these rights. As a school, we have explored the significance of children having rights and whether this is the case for all children worldwide; this has been through global sustainability lessons and charity events.

If you would like further information about the rights that every child has please visit: www.unicef.org.uk/crc



PTA Quiz Night - 31st March 2017

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start - payments can be made through parent pay.



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

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Tickets £7.50 to include a fish & chip supper
Maximum of 8 in a team - friends and family welcome (over 18's only)
Licensed bar and snacks available
If you would like any tickets please get in touch via the Facebook page or your class rep.
FY - Sharon Meanley / Georgette Foster-Bell
Y1 - Jo Knight / Nicola Kelly
Y2 - Carmel Coen / Anna Crowther
Y3 - Nikki Houghton-Thompson
Y4 - Clare Wiseman
Y5 - Karin Brady / Jo Knight
Y6 - Clare Shirley
Also available at Sunshine club- Hope to see u there

LENT

Lord, help me in my desire to enter this holy season with a new resolve to find time to pray, to give myself to fasting and to give generously to others in need



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 March 2017 | | |
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| Sat 4 th | 5.50pm meet | BCSSA Swimming Gala at Wyndley Baths – Good Luck Squad |
| Wed 8 th | 9.30am | Yr 2J /2S Walk to Mass at Holy Trinity Church |
| Wed 8 th | 9.15am | FY eye test NHS |
| Wed 8 th | 2pm-5pm | BCSSA Chess Competition held at St Josephs- Good Luck to the team |
| Thurs 9 th | From 3.30pm | Parents Evening – CARS CAN PARK ON SITE , ON THE PLAYGROUND , PLEASE DON'T BLOCK OTHERS - BE MINDFUL OF CHILDREN! |
| Fri 10 th | 9.00am | Year 1S Assembly- all welcomed |
| Friday 10 th | After School | Football match v Penns |
| Wed 15 | 9.30am | Yr 3 Walk to Mass at Holy Trinity Church |
| Tues 14 th | 7pm | PTA meeting – all welcomed |
| Wed 15 th –Fri 17 th | 3 days | Year 6 Residential at Culmington Manor , Shropshire- Good luck |
| Fri 17 th | 9.00am | Congratulations Assembly- all welcomed |
| Fri 17 th | 2pm | Year 3 Children Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Trinity Church |
| Mon 20 th | 9.30 KS1 , 10.15 KS2 | CHILDLINE Assemblies |
| Wed 22 nd | 9.30am | Yr 4 Walk to Mass at Holy Trinity Church |
| Fri 24 th | 9.00am | Year 1J Assembly- all welcomed |
| Friday 24 th | After School | Football match v Mere Green |
| Wed 29 th | 9.30am | CHILDLINE workshops Y5 and Y6 |
| Friday 31 st | After School | Football match v Maney Hill |
| Fri 31 st | 9.30am | FY eye test NHS |
| Fri 31 st | 7.30am | PTA QUIZ NIGHT |



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