

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term!

Please note the following diary events

Fri 15 th	8.55am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcomed
Fri 22 nd	8.55am	Y2 class led Assembly
Tues 26 th	7pm	PTA meeting in School
Wed 27 th	Am	FYJ and FYS Eye Tests
Thurs 28 th	3.30pm	Year 3 Parents First Holy Communion Meeting with Fr Michael and Deacon Daniel
Fri 29 th	8.55am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcomed
Saturday 30 th	5.30pm-	Sutton Schools Swimming Gala at Stechford Cascades
Sun 31 st	11.00am	Y3 Mass of Commitment Mass at Holy Trinity Church
Thurs 4 th Feb	All day	Year 2 to Year 6 Anti Bullying Workshops
Fri 5 th	8.55am	Y1J class led Assembly
Wed 10 th	8.55am	Ash Wednesday Mass in School
Fri 12 th	All day	Disability Awareness day (workshops)
Fri 12 th School Closes at 3.20 for the End of Half Term		
Monday 22 nd Feb School closed Staff Inset		
Tues 23 rd	School re opens for the children at 8.45am	
Tues 1 st March	3.30 -7.00pm	Parents Evening
Thurs 3 rd	3.30-5.00pm	Parents Evening
Fri 4 th	8.55am	FYJ class led Assembly
Fri 18 th	8.55am	Y1S class led Assembly
Fri 18 th	2pm	Y3 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Walk to School with Living Streets

The Walk to School initiative is encouraging children to walk to or home from school at least once a week. This is to promote healthy living, reduce pollution, ensure that children become more road safety aware and of course, to reduce the volume of traffic near school gates. If your child walks to or home from school at least once a week, this can include scooters, bikes or parking a few roads away and walking, they will earn a badge. There are 11 different badge designs to collect – one each month. Every class has the chance to earn the WOW trophy based on the number of children who have travelled to or from school by walking!



Congratulations to all who have taken part so far, below you can see the figures from Sept through to Jan 4th 2016.

Year Group	Total pupils	Engagement	Walk	Bike	Scooter	Park and stride	Hop off	Other sustainable	Bus	Rail	Car	Total trips	Badges awarded
<u>Reception/Preschool</u>	61	31.87%	46%	1%	1%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	43%	1672	128
<u>Year 1</u>	60	56.84%	42%	1%	3%	8%	0%	0%	3%	1%	43%	2933	165
<u>Year 5</u>	32	59.48%	25%	2%	3%	32%	0%	0%	0%	0%	38%	1637	102
<u>Year 3</u>	31	63.65%	39%	1%	1%	30%	0%	0%	0%	0%	29%	1697	106
<u>Year 6</u>	31	59.23%	39%	0%	3%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	47%	1579	79
<u>Year 2</u>	30	54.84%	34%	0%	1%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	54%	1415	65
<u>Year 4</u>	30	60.74%	24%	1%	2%	32%	0%	0%	0%	0%	41%	1567	82
<u>All year groups</u>	275	52.85%	36%	1%	2%	18%	0%	0%	1%	0%	42%	12500	727
Hands Up Baseline			29%	1%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	65%		

From the hands up baseline there has been a decrease in 23% of car travellers and an increase in the number of children who walk (29% - 36%), park and stride (4% - 18%)



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Parking with care near the school

Please could School request all road users to the school to avoid parking on pavements or grass verges of surrounding roads especially Hayward Road, Thorpe Close and Bromwich Drive. Parking on the pavement creates a health and safety risk to all pedestrians, but through the bad weather is also causing damage to the grass verges; the grass is being churned up and has created muddy areas, these are becoming unsightly but again could create a possible hazard if walked on.

Many thanks for your support in all our initiatives and efforts to maintain safer roads and healthier life styles for our children.

Sunshine Club

- Kate and staff would like to say thank you to parents for the lovely cards and presents received.
- A reminder to parents to inform the 'Sunshine Club' if their child is involved in an extra-curricular activity.
- A polite reminder that the club closes at 5.40pm (if parents are running late- they MUST inform the Sunshine staff)

School Closure

The Mr Dempsey works very hard in ensuring the school site is safe. We always endeavour to keep the school open, but obviously weather can deteriorate rapidly and therefore we have to make decisions on the grounds of the health, safety and wellbeing of all our school community.

A letter has been emailed to all today via parent mail regarding the school /Academy procedure.

Extra Curricular clubs this term- all commence next week, singing started this week.

Extra- Curricular Clubs- Spring 2016

Tennis Club Mondays for Y3 & Y4 run by Paul Robinson of Sutton Tennis Club 3.25pm-4.25pm	Chess club Monday lunch time for Y4, Y5 & Y6 (alternating weeks) run by Mr O'Hara 12.30pm-1.00pm	Netball Matches are being arranged for this term
Singing Club Wednesdays for Y3 & Y4 run by Mrs Terry 12pm-12-25pm	Football Tuesdays for Y5 & Y6 run by Mr Wynn 3.20pm-4.20pm	Cross Country Club Wednesdays for Y4 run by Mr Wynn 3.20-4.20pm
Cross Country Club Thursdays for Y5 & Y6 run by Mr Wynn 3.20-4.20pm	Aston Villa Club Thursdays for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 run by AVFC 'Jon' 3.30-4.30pm	Zumba Friday for Y 1& Y2 run by Naomi 3.20-4.20pm

Music fees are due for this term, individual letters have been sent out –paper copy!!- please check your child's bag.

Year 6 Residential

Earlier this week your child will have brought home an important letter requesting medical and contact details, please ensure this is completed and returned by Monday.

Before Christmas the office emailed a final payment request for the residential, please ensure this is sent into the office asap.

House Point Class Totals for the Autumn Term 2015

Our Lady- Yellow 27Bronze
St Rose of Lima – Red 30 Bronze
St Cecilia-Blue 26 Bronze
St Bernadette-Green 29 Bronze

Well done also to the RED house Group; ST ROSE OF LIMA achieving 30 Bronze during the Autumn Term
Congratulations to all children who have been working so hard and achieved one of the 'milestone' certificates

Curriculum Planners

Each class Curriculum Planner for the Spring Term will be sent out to all classes next Friday- they will also be placed on the website linked to the various classes.



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Mass

We had a lovely Mass this morning with Father Michael.

The children were very well behaved and sang and read beautifully, especially Y4 who led the mass, thanks to Mrs Prentice for the Music, Mrs Halliday for setting up the Altar, Mr Dempsey for laying out the Hall and Mrs Stephens for preparing the Mass and Power point.

There are many little jobs and preparatory activities taking place by many members of staff and volunteers, every day in school, to help create the wonderful school that your children enjoy and achieve at. Thank you

Rights Respecting School Award

The Unicef UK Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) supports schools across the UK to embed children's human rights in their ethos and culture. The award recognises achievement in putting the UN Convention on the Right of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart of a school's practice to improve well-being and help all children realise their potential.

As a school, we as duty bearers, are aiming to ensure that our children become rights holders and will recognise the importance of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. **We have already achieved our Level of Commitment recognition (the logo is displayed at the bottom of the newsletter) and are beginning to work towards Level 1.** Please read the additional letter that has been emailed and the 42 Articles that the children have the right to access.



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Year of Mercy

On 8th December 2015, we entered into the Year of Mercy, a Holy Year of Jubilee, declared by Pope Francis. This is a time for Christians to 'bear witness to their faith with greater enthusiasm and conviction.' Pope Francis wants us all to think about the mercy of God and to encourage every Christian to live by the Mercy of God by their relationship with God our Father through prayer and the way we live our lives. He is giving us a whole year to do this. Throughout this year the children will be given opportunities to learn about how Jesus showed His love and mercy for each of us, that God is always ready to forgive us when we say sorry for the things we have done and how we can show mercy in our lives.

Below is the famous prayer of St. Francis which Pope Francis wants us to pray during this Year of Mercy. I hope that by praying it regularly we can gain a sense of mercy and humility as we trust our future to God.

The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

AMEN

Yours sincerely,

G.M.O'Hara

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