

8th September 2017

Newsletter No.1

(NB newsletters will be emailed fortnightly, the next newsletter will be on Friday 22nd September)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. A special extended welcome to the new families and staff to our school community.

New Staff- We welcome the following staff to our school community:

- **Miss Keaveney Y3K** teacher
- **Mrs Holmes and Mrs Tinsley** Teaching Assistant support
- **Mrs Kennedy** teacher will be supporting one day a week

I am sure you will introduce yourselves to them and make them welcome when you see them.

Request for an update of details

For the school to run effectively communications in both directions between home and school is vital, therefore I will try to ensure that all newsletters are electronically sent on a Friday. *(Please note that may not be one every week, as some weeks are merely a duplication of information and therefore unnecessary wasted time and effort.)*

It is vital that we have your updated details-

If you were receiving texts and newsletters last year and your details are the same then you do not need to do anything as we still have them in our system. If you have not given us your mobile phone and email details, please see the office for the appropriate form to complete.

All new Foundation parents were issued with the appropriate 'parent mail' form – please ensure this has been returned.

Staff are always available for you to pass on any information that you feel they need to be aware of, before and after school. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the office and make an appointment.

Clarification regarding collection of children- If you have arranged for a different family member, friend or other parent to those who usually collect your child at the end of the day **you MUST inform school**. Please send in a letter to your child's teacher; alternatively you can ring and let the office know if it is at short notice. Staff will not release children to other parents if notification has not been received.

Medical forms- Mrs Halliday has been updating our records for pupils with medical issues, please book an appointment with the Office to arrange to see her if this applies to you.

Dress Code- Just a quick reminder that school does not allow children to wear ear-rings or have transfers / tattoos. Please ensure these are removed on school days.

Entry into the school building before and after the school day- Could I remind parents that if you need to enter the school building to check lost property, find a reading book, check the cloakroom or speak to a member of staff...or whatever reason, you must only do so via the main entrance and by speaking to the office staff who will check whether it is convenient. Staff will only meet with parents who have made an appointment, 'popping in' can often be very disruptive. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

School meals

There are also some changes at lunchtime this year as the Academy now have a contract with Caterlink to run our meals service. They have taken over from our previous providers, Cityserve who provided a traded service for Birmingham City Council for many years. There are no changes to staffing other than Mrs Doyle retiring during the summer term, with the other ladies stepping up! Our providers have introduced an exciting new menu based on an increased use of fresh produce. We are confident that the children will enjoy the food on offer and get a healthy, balanced meal every day. Some of the produce is new to the children, the staff will encourage them to 'try a little'. Please see the attached menu and welcome note from Caterlink. Arrangements for paying for dinners via Parentpay remain the same as last year.

Dinner Money – Payable by Parentpay only, this term is £74.25

Universal Free School Meals - All children in FY, Yr1 and Yr2 are entitled to a FREE SCHOOL MEAL every day.



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Parking Cars

Although the school, Academy Committee or Directors have no jurisdiction beyond the school gates, please could I remind parents to park legally and with due care and consideration towards our local neighbours, residents and other road users. Unlawful behaviour not only upsets and causes anxiety; it can also put the safety of all, especially your children at risk.

PLEASE NOTE – there have been some enforceable changes to parking on the local roads especially Bromwich Drive, Knightswood Close and Tamworth Road. Please check the new signs and act accordingly.

As a school we have been advocating parking a little further away from the school entrances and walking for 5 minutes with your child. Please have a look on the website under the section 'Newsletters' here you will find a document titled 'PARK AND STRIDE' it has many feasible and safe parking options that will allow you free and easy pick up and drop off options avoiding all the new restrictions.

Afterschool Clubs this term – run by Aspire or other agencies

Monday Athletics Y2- Y6 3.25-4.25pm (separate letter) starts 11th Sept

Tuesday Cricket Y2- Y6 3.25-4.25pm (separate letter) starts 12th Sept

Wednesday Bench ball Y2- Y6 3.25-4.25pm (separate letter) starts 13th Sept

Thursday Frisbee Y2- Y6 3.25-4.25pm (separate letter) starts 14th Sept

Thursday Zumba Y1 & Y2 3.20pm -4.20pm (separate letter, deal directly with Naomi not the Office) starts 14th Sept

Friday Football Y2- Y6 3.25-4.25pm (separate letter) starts 15th Sept

Clubs run by school staff

Girls Football training on a Tuesday Lunchtime- separate letters send out-see office if you missed this.

Boys Football afterschool on a Wednesday – separate letters send out-see office if you missed this.

Cross country trials will be next Wednesday lunchtime.

Netball afterschool on a Thursday– separate letters send out-see office if you missed this

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Consent forms for this Vaccination to take place in school on Wed 11th October 2017 has been sent out tonight for the classes of FY- Y4. Replies must be returned to school by Friday 22nd September.

Virtues

The children have made a wonderful start to the new year this week, a couple of years ago the Diocese introduced the Virtues into all schools and asked that we focus on teaching the children 'virtues' taken from the Jesuit Pupil Profiles. Our whole school virtues this term are '**Eloquent & Truthful**':

Eloquence is the ability to articulate clearly what we believe and feel and to do so in a way that, with integrity, engages and persuades others.

But eloquence must be used in a truthful way – to speak truth about myself, about others, about God and the world around us. Education is the search for truth and the eloquent articulation of what we discover. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'

The Children at St. Joseph's School are growing to be . . . eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

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!!!

Sad news

Please keep Mrs Prentice and her family in your prayers as they are coming to terms with the tragic loss of their daughter Rachel. The new FY intake of children will be taught by Mrs Chambers until Mrs Prentice returns.

During the summer we also lost Mrs Laura Brooks, please keep Marley and his family in your prayers.

'Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen'



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Today, the Church celebrates the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
'Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you'



May the Lord bless us as we begin this new school year together.
May his loving presence surround us.

May we find peace and happiness as we follow our school Mission Statement
"To follow in Jesus' footsteps caring for each other when we work, play and pray."
Amen

Yours sincerely,

G.M. O'Hara

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Principal

Dates for your diary – September

Wednesday 13 th	10.00am	Y6 walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Thurs 14 th	10-12am	'Sparks' Fire safety talk for Y4
Friday 15 th	8.55am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcome
Wednesday 20 th	10.00am	Y5 walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Thurs 21 st	7pm	PTA AGM welcome to all chat over Tea and Coffee
Friday 22 nd	8.55am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcome
Friday 29 th	8.55am	Y4 Class led Assembly– All welcome
Wednesday 27 th	10.00am	Y4 walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Friday 6 th Oct	9.00am	Harvest Mass led by Y5
Sunday 8 th Oct	11.00am	Y6 Mass of Commitment for Confirmation at Mass at Holy Trinity Church

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

Other dates to note:

Y6 Residential week of the 25th September

Y6 Mass of Commitment for Confirmation will take place on Sunday 8th Oct at 11.00am Mass at Holy Trinity Church (this is for both parishes)

Y6 Confirmation will take place on Saturday 11th Nov at 6pm Mass at Holy Trinity Church (this is for both parishes)

Parents Evening –takes place on the evening of Thursday 19th Oct 3.30-7.00pm

Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 - Nasal flu Vaccinations 11th October in School- NHS letters will be sent out soon for consent.

Y3 Holy Communion dates:

Sunday 10th June 2018 First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart

Sunday 17th June 2018 First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3K

Sunday 24th June 2018 First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3L

(Letters will be sent out separately)



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