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Newsletter No.1

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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 Hayley Andrews Y1A teacher

Mr Tom Kay Y4K teacher

Mrs Gill Pritchard Y4 Teaching Assistant

Miss Katie Gamlen Y5 teacher

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

Mass

Thank you to Y5 for leading us in our first Mass of the new school term. Well done to the readers and the choir. We had a lovely morning in Church. Thank you as well to all of our parent volunteers.

E-Safety Workshop for Parents

The staff at the NSPCC will be leading an Online Safety Workshop in school on Monday 21st October at 2-3pm. A letter confirming the details will be sent out separately today. We hope you can join us.

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 every other Friday. 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 Terry has been updating our records for pupils with medical needs, please book an appointment with the Office to arrange to see her if your child has any medication in school.

Jewellery in School

For children's safety and to prevent the loss of valued items, jewellery is not allowed in school, including earrings for health and safety reasons. The only exception to this rule is regarding watches which may be worn; however, watches should not be worn on P.E., Games or Swimming days to reduce the possibility of them being lost. Make up is not permitted in school, e.g. nail varnish.

Uniform

Please could you send your child in with a coat every day as we endeavour for the children to have time outside every day and often the weather can be unpredictable.



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Bikes and Scooters

Could I remind parents to ensure that children are not to be riding on bikes or scooters on school premises, Thank you for your cooperation.

Cars on site

May I politely remind parents dropping and collecting from the Sunshine Club, NO parents' cars should be onsite after 8am or before 4.45pm. Any parents who are found repeatedly abusing this rule this role will have their membership of the Club rebuked. If parents' cars are on site during the permitted times, these must be parked in the allocated bays. Cars being parked outside of the bays are causing a danger and a hazard.

Allergies

Please note that we have a number of children in school, across each year group with severe allergies. Many of these are allergies to nuts. As a result, any products containing nuts are banned from school, including days when the children may be going on a school trip. Such products include: cereal bars containing nuts and Nutella etc... Please do not send your child into school with any products containing nuts as a matter of safeguarding all children.

Roald Dahl

This month we are celebrating the work of Roald Dahl. The children will be studying a book per class and creating work based around this. Please encourage them to read another Roald Dahl book for pleasure at home.

Event - Bishop Walsh Catholic School Open Evening

Wednesday 11th September 18.30-20.30pm, Year 6 pupils and their families are welcome to visit Bishop Walsh Catholic School in preparation for the September 2020 intake.

Friday Assemblies

Our Friday 'Congratulation Assemblies' are now called '**Gifts from God**' Assemblies, in line with Diocesan requests. We have also had to split the children into KS2 and KS1 separate assemblies on alternate Fridays, this is due to increased pupil numbers and longer assembly times. Please see the diary below each time to know when the assembly is for your child's Key Stage.

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains what being a disciple means, and how we must also "carry our cross" which means accepting the things we find difficult in our lives and asking for God's help when we need to.



Guiding Lord, you are the way, the truth and the life - so may we follow you all the days of our lives. Amen.

PS – please remember Mrs Podraza and Mrs Halliday in your prayers, they have worked at the School for 30 years and 25 years respectively this September.

Also we wish Mrs Hill good luck as her maternity leave commences tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs L Chambers
Acting Head of School

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



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Dates for your Diary – September

Wednesday 11 th September	10:00am	Y6H, Y5L, Y2E, Y2G Walking to Holy Trinity for Mass
Friday 13 th September	9:00am	KS1 Gifts from God Assembly (Congratulations) - Parents Welcome
Wednesday 18 th September	10:00am	Y5G, Y4L, Y1A, Y1W Walking to Holy Trinity for Mass
Friday 20 th September	9:00am	KS2 Gifts from God Assembly (Congratulations) - Parents Welcome

School Term Dates for 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Term starts: Monday 2nd September 2019 - Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Term Ends: Friday 20th September 2019

Spring Term 2020

Term starts: Monday 6th January 2020 - Half Term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020

Term Ends: Thursday 9th April 2020 (Maundy Thursday)

Easter Sunday 12th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

Term starts: Monday 27th April 2020 - Half Term: Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020

Term Ends: Friday 17th July 2020

2019-20 Inset Days

Please note, our inset days for this academic year are as follows:

- Monday 2nd September 2019
- Monday 30th September 2019
- Friday 29th November 2019
- Monday 24th February 2020
- Monday 1st June 2020

