

10th November 2017

Newsletter No.6

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to This week's award winners. The awards are as follows:

The Tidiness Award	Y4B	Lining Up award	Y6H
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y3L	The Attendance Award	Y5L with 99.35%

We have 309 children on register with an attendance above 90%, 213 of these 99%+ this is fantastic. However, we have 24 pupils with an attendance that is below 90% at this stage of the school year. 90% attendance is the equivalent to missing ½ a day every week. The office will be writing to those in this group shortly. However, please try to encourage your child to attend school whenever possible, as missing ½ a day each week can create gaps in their learning and be harmful in the long run. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parents Evening thank you to Year 4 parents who were able to rearrange parents evening at short notice. I hope you found the evening useful in helping your children.

Young Writers Competition

We have received a letter from young writers to let us know that some of our year 1 children will have their stories published from last year. Congratulations to: **Kobim O, Joshua F, Ruoxi M, Jasper H, Eva Z, Lois S, Alexander Z, Nathaniel M-P, Liana K, Sofia U, Joshua B, Niamh M, Jonny O'S, Lauren R, Nancy V, Sophia W.**

PTA News

Friday 17th November – parents only QUIZ NIGHT and Fish n Chip Supper- tickets £7.50.

Quiz Night tickets are selling fast – please book and pay on Parent pay by Wednesday to guarantee entry. (*Fish n Chips order numbers have to be placed with the shop by Friday*)

PTA –Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre takes place at school on Saturday 9th December 12-2pm, in an effort to generate quality items for the stalls the PTA have arranged Non uniform days in exchange for donations:

Thank you for the first donations today , the next is

Thurs 16th Nov	- Bottles for tombola -	Theme- Mad Hair and Odd Sock day
Thursday 23 rd Nov	- Toys/teddies/ books(as new)-	Theme- Red and Green
Friday 1 st Dec	- Filled Paper Bags -	Theme- Christmas Jumper
Fri 8 th /Sat 9 th Dec	- Homemade cakes-	Theme- Christmas Hats

OR A SMALL DONATION OF £1.

Please note that I do not wish to place undue expense or stress on any family, therefore, only give as much or as little as you feel able- any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Y3L Assembly

Well done Y3 L for a wonderful assembly reminding us of the need to remember our loved ones who have died and of why we wear the Poppy. Thank you Mrs Leahy for your work in preparing the assembly.

Y6 Confirmation –Good luck tomorrow evening at the 6pm Mass- remember that you have been taught well and prepared, pray to the Holy Spirit to aid you.

Nativity dates and Carol performances

We have arranged the dates for these Christmas performances:

FYR and FYP will perform a number of **Carols and Hymns with a Nativity tableau on Wednesday 13th December at 9.15am**
Y1G&T and Y2R&M will perform their **Nativity on Tuesday 19th December 9.15am and Wednesday 20th December 9.15pm.**
KS2 will perform their **Carol Concert** on the final day, **Friday 22nd December at 2pm.**

Please put these dates in your diary, more information will follow nearer the time.



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On 11th November we remember all the departed, especially family members and friends. It is also a time of national remembrance, when we recall those who have died for our country in wars.



They shall not grow old,
as we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.



Please encourage the children to complete the remembrance slip for family members who you would like remembering in our school prayers throughout November and place them in the boxes in the main school entrance or classrooms

Some of the bloodiest fighting of World War One took place in the Flanders and Picardy regions of Belgium and Northern France. The poppy was the only thing which grew in the aftermath of the complete devastation. McCrae, a doctor serving there with the Canadian Armed Forces, deeply inspired and moved by what he saw, wrote these verses:

In Flanders' Fields
John McCrae, 1915

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe;*

*To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.*

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the First World War ended. Civilians wanted to remember the people who had given their lives for peace and freedom. An American War Secretary, Miss Moina Belle Michael, inspired by John McCrae's poem, began selling poppies to friends to raise money for the ex-Service community. And so the tradition began.

Yours sincerely,
G.M. O'Hara

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Dates for diary – Nov 2017		
Saturday 11 th	6pm	Yr 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Trinity Church
Mon13-Fri 17 th	All week	Focus: Kindness Week
Tues 14 th	Am	Y6 NHS weights and Measure check
Wed 15 th	10.00am	Year 5 walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Thurs 16 th	2.45pm	FY Parents Phonics talk in the School Hall
Fri 17 th	9.00am	Mass of Thanksgiving led by Year 6 - all welcome



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Fri 17 th	7.00pm	PTA Quiz night
Mon 20 th	All day	School Photographer in school for Individual and family group pictures
Wed 22 nd	10.00am	Year 2M walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Fri 24 th	School Closed to Children for Staff Inset	
Wed 29 th	10.00am	Year 3L walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Fri 1 st Dec	9.00am	Class Assembly led by Year 5L- All welcomed

Principal

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

Other dates to note:

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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