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10th May 2019

Newsletter No.17

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter break. The staff and I hope you have all had a wonderful rest and are back ready to learn.

Lenten Charities- Thank you to all who have sent in their Lenten Charitable donations (late donations can still be added). We are extremely proud of the amount of money we have raised for charity this Lent. Thank you for all of your support with this:

Cafod- our support for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ overseas raised £1,267

Fr Hudsons- our support for families within our own Diocese of Birmingham as advocated by Archbishop Bernard raised £1,267

May Procession

Our Parish May Procession is always a lovely opportunity to honour Our Lady. This year's May Procession will take place at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 19th May at 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Please could children bring a small posy of flowers to place around the statue of Mary.

We look forward to seeing a good attendance –uniforms not required.

Goodbye

On Friday 24th May, we say goodbye to Miss Green in the office. We will miss her very much and wish her good luck in her new role as part of a central team working within St John Paul II MAC. On 4th June, we welcome Helen Pritchard as she starts at St Joseph's in the office administrator role. Mrs Pritchard has a wealth of experience in a school office and is currently working at St Peter and Paul School. I am sure you will make her feel very welcome.

Summer Weather

Now we have entered into the summer term, and had a brief glimpse of summer weather, we will be allowing the children to use the fields more at lunch and playtimes.

Sun Cream / Protection

For the benefit of our FY and new parents to the school, under no circumstances should Sun Protection Cream be sent into school. If the weather requires sun protection this should be applied **at home before** coming to school. P20 and other similar products offer ALL DAY cover. Similarly, any hay fever and summer allergy over the counter medication should be taken prior to coming to school. Obviously hats, sunglasses (not toy ones) maybe worn as required. Staff as always will ensure that children have access to their water bottles throughout the day.

School Uniform- May I remind you that the children should be wearing our summer uniform as described below and in the prospectus on our website:

Summer uniform

- Pale blue polo-shirt, Grey trousers or shorts- no open toe shoes/sandals
- Blue/white dress, Sensible Black shoes- no open toe shoes/sandals

Illness/ absence from school- If your child is absent through illness, please do not send them back to school until they have fully recovered. The majority of children who return when they are not 100% usually get sent back home again as they cannot cope with the school day. We also do not wish to pass on problems to others; children and staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. The summer term is an ideal way to earn a little money, help support the children at the school and enjoy the wonderful fresh air and sunshine. Please enquire with Ms Green in the office if you or someone you know is interested in applying.



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Dogs are not allowed on School Sites – please can all dogs remain off the school site please.

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.

Bikes and Scooters

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

E-Safety Workshop for Parents

O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces on a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online. Together, they're offering useful tools, support and guidance to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about their online lives.

As part of this, NSPCC and O2 are running online safety workshops for parents and will be hosting one here at school on Monday 20th May from 9am until 10am. We would like to invite all parents to join the hour workshop. Please reply to the letter sent out separately if you are able to attend.

Summer Term Curriculum Planners

This afternoon, the office will be sending out each year group's curriculum planners for parents so that you can see which skills and topics the children will be learning about this term. We hope you find them informative.

Year Six SATs Week Timetable 13th-16th May

Date	Test(s)	Duration
Monday 13 th May	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	Short Answer Questions (Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation Test – 45 minutes) Spelling Test (20 minutes)
Tuesday 14 th May	Reading Test	1 hour
Wednesday 15 th May	Maths Paper 1 – Arithmetic Maths Paper 2 – Reasoning	30 minutes 40 minutes
Thursday 16 th May	Maths Paper 3 – Reasoning	40 minutes

Writing is based on a teacher assessment of children's work across Year Six

Good luck Year Six! You have worked incredibly hard. Remember to get an early night and try your best!

Year Two SATs

Our SATs tests for Y2 will take place during the week beginning 20th May. The children have been told that the SATs stand for Secret Agent Training Service and they will take part in a number of quizzes and challenges in English and maths to prepare them to become secret agents. The children have ID badges to wear and will gain a certificate at the end of completing the challenges.

Rosary As we are in the month of May, children from all classes have the opportunity to join together at certain playtimes to pray a decade of the Rosary in Honour of Mary. Please encourage your children to bring their own rosary beads to school to make it extra special



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May is the Month for honouring Mary the mother of God in a special way. We build altars and shrines in her honour and say prayers to her more so than at other times.

Memorare

**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.**

**Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto thee,**

**O Virgin of virgins, my mother;
to thee do I come before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful,
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.**

Amen,



Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs N Hill
Head of School

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

A big thank you to all parents and families who have taken time to respond to our Parental Questionnaire.

I have listed the responses below and the responses from April 2017 as a comparison- we are pleased to note that we have been addressing some issues that a few parents have had in the past.

	April 2019 (200 family responses)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at this school.	66%	32%	2%	1%	1%
2	My child feels safe at this school.	75%	22%	15	0%	3%
3	My child makes good progress at this school.	58%	37%	3%	0%	3%
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	69%	28%	1%	1%	2%
5	My child is taught well at this school.	62%	34%	3%	1%	1%
6	My child receives appropriate homework at this school.	49%	44%	6%	1%	1%
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	62%	45%	2%	1%	2%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying.	46%	27%	6%	2%	19%



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9	This school is well led and managed.	60%	34%	4%	0%	2%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	49%	37%	4%	2%	9%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	46%	38%	13%	1%	3%
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes: 98%			No: 2%	

Compared to:

	April 2017 (156 family responses)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at this school.	68%	29%	1%	1%	1%
2	My child feels safe at this school.	64%	32%	3%	1%	1%
3	My child makes good progress at this school.	50%	47%	4%	0	0
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	61%	36%	2%	0	2%
5	My child is taught well at this school.	59%	38%	2%	0	0
6	My child receives appropriate homework at this school.	42%	47%	7%	1%	3%
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	52%	45%	3%	0	1%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying.	26%	31%	3%	2%	38%
9	This school is well led and managed.	50%	41%	6%	0	2%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	40%	38%	10%	1%	11%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	35%	53%	5%	1%	5%
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes: 93%			No: 5%	

Dates for your Diary –May

Monday 13th -16th May	All week	Y6 will be taking their SATs- good luck
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Wednesday 15th May	10:00am	Y4I and Y3B walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Thursday 16th May	pm	Y5 Cricket taster session- PE kit required
Friday 17th May	All day	Y5 trip to Dovedale – Geography focus
Friday 17th May	9.00am	Y1G class lead Assembly – all welcome
Monday 20th May	All week	Y2 will be taking their SATs - good luck
Monday 20th May	9-10am	NSPCC PARENT workshop in the Hall
Wednesday 22nd May	9.00-10am	FYR and FYP Parents 'Stay and Learn' session – all FY parents welcome
Wednesday 22nd May	10:00am	Y4L and Y3T walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Wednesday 22nd May	1.15-2.15pm	Whole School Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by Deacon Daniel
Thursday 23rd May	All day	Y4I and Y4L trip to Twycross Zoo
Friday 24th May	9.00am	Congratulations Assembly - All welcome
Friday 24th May	Am	Y3T and Y3B tour of Holy Trinity Church with Deacon Daniel
End of Term		
Monday 3rd June	SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF INSET DAY	
Tuesday 4th June	8.45am	School reopens for the Summer Term

Please note the remaining staff **inset** days when the school will be closed to the children:

Monday 3rd June – staff CPD

Tuesday 4th June- School opens for pupils

Year ends – Friday 19th July

Other diary dates to note:

Sports Day Tuesday 9th July at 9.30-11.30am KS1, 1pm-3pm KS2

Year 6 End of Year production - Wednesday 17th July 6:30pm

Year 6 Leavers Mass and Memories Assembly - Friday 19th July 9.00am