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Newsletter No.16

Dear Parents,

Holy Week Assemblies

Holy Week- Well done to Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 for leading us through our Holy Week prayer journey following the footsteps of Jesus. We watched palms being waved to welcome Jesus on Palm Sunday by Year 4. Year 3 then led us through the events of Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper - we witnessed the first celebration of the Eucharist with the breaking of bread. This was such a thoughtful and moving presentation of events. Finally, Year 5 concluded our journey through the Stations of the Cross as we witnessed Jesus' love and compassion for us even as He was being put to death.

As we enter into our Holy Week journey, please try to continue your child's understanding and growth in their faith by taking them to Mass during this special week and every Sunday beyond. Well done to all of the children and staff for completing our journey through Lent in such a holy and reverent way.

Thank you to those children who participated and attended our family Mass at Holy Trinity on Sunday for the fifth Sunday of Lent.

Congratulations Assembly

Y1G are the overall winners of our class awards for the spring term! They have received the most awards during our congratulations assemblies, whether it be for wonderful lining up, excellent lunchtime behaviour, fantastic attendance or keeping themselves and their classroom smart and tidy. Y1G now have £50 to spend on items of their choice for their classroom – well done Y1G. Keep up the hard work!

Lent

Well done to all of the classes who have completed their Lenten sponsored fundraisers. We hope you enjoyed them. Please remember to collect the sponsor money and send it in to school as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support with this. We will let you know after Easter how much money we raised in total. So far we have raised £1200 !!

The Charities that we are supporting this year are:

- Father Hudson's Society- requested by Archbishop Bernard
- Cafod

Ask the children about these Charities, and how we have helped them previously.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for organising and running the Easter Egg Hunt for the children again this year. This has been a wonderful end to the term – we hope you enjoyed the ice-cream! Please remember to pay your pound via Parent Pay if you haven't already. Thank you to the PTA for organising the KS1 and KS2 movie nights last week. These were a great success.

Jewellery and school Uniform

Please can I remind all parents that **Earrings and Jewellery are not allowed in school**. We always ask that parents wishing to have their child's ears pierced do so at the start of the six weeks holidays, so that the healing process has completed ready for September. If your child is wearing earrings in school - please can this cease.

School Uniform- we have a winter and summer uniform as outlined in our prospectus. One is for during the warmer months, usually Easter to October, the other to keep them warm from November to April. Please have a look on our website if you are unsure.

Hand Gel

A small number of children have started to bring in their own hand gel bottles. These are not allowed, please check that your child isn't doing this. The premises team ensure that the soap dispensers are well stocked in all toilets.

Summer uniform



To follow Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.

Pale blue polo-shirt
Grey trousers or shorts

Blue/white dress
Sensible Black shoes

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.

Lost Property

Thank you to those parents and children who collected their lost property from the stall yesterday. As mentioned in our last newsletter, any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

We have also been thinking of ways to manage the amount of lost property we find in school. We have decided that we will complete regular uniform spot check inspections and if items are not labelled, staff will label the items with the child's name in marker pen. We hope this will alleviate so many unnamed items remaining unclaimed. The first uniform inspections will take place during the first week back after the Easter break.

Sports Updates

Netball - Miss Rudd and Miss Wood would like to say a huge thank you to all the Year 5 and 6 girls who have attended the training sessions and matches this year. The girls have given their all to the matches and worked really hard in training sessions. The girls have represented St Joseph's brilliantly and been excellent sports women. We are sure this will continue in our last couple of games. Thank you to all of our supporters and 'taxi' drivers.

Thank you to the staff for organising and supporting these events.

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!

Parking – Please Note

We have been informed of the following information by the Birmingham Transportation Team: "Our parking team have been in touch to say that in September/October of last year they carried out some enforcement regarding some newly installed traffic regulation orders around loading located on Bromwich Road. They are looking to carry out some further targeted enforcement on this road, please be aware that tickets will be issued where vehicles breach the regulations."



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*Mandi Slater, Senior Transportation Officer, Transportation Behaviour Change, Transport & Connectivity – Inclusive Growth Directorate,
Birmingham City Council*



St Joseph's staff wish you a happy, peaceful and joyful Easter and thank you for all of your support this term.

On a personal level I would like to thank all the staff for their exceptional hard work this term!

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

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Mrs N Hill
Head of School

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

Dates for your diary –April / May		
Monday 29th April		Start of a New Term – Welcome back
Wednesday 1 st May	9:00am	Mass for the Feast of St Joseph (led by Foundation Year)
Friday 3 rd May	9:00am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcome
Sunday 5 th May	9:00am	Family Mass at Holy Trinity Church
Monday 6 th May		Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 7 th May	All day	Y5 Visit to Conway School and their local mosque
Wednesday 8 th May	10:00am	Y5L and Y2E walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Friday 10 th May	9:00am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcome

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