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14th June 2019

Newsletter No.19

Dear Parents,

First Holy Communion

Good luck to the Y3 children making their First Holy Communion over the next two weeks (both 12.30pm on Sunday). A separate letter has been sent out with the final arrangements and details and we are sure it will be a reverent and enjoyable day to remember. We would encourage as many children from KS2 as possible to join with the choir during the First Holy Communion Masses. If your child is interested, there is a taster session, led by Christine Sheldon, at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 15th June at 11am.

Y1 Trip to Cannock Toy Museum

This was a really enjoyable day for the children and their behaviour was excellent. Thank you to the staff for organising the visit and for the parent volunteers who were able to attend the event.

Y1W Assembly

Well done Y1W for your fantastic assembly this morning all about the celebration of Father's Day. Well done also to Y1 for completing your phonics screening check this week - you have had a busy week!

Welcome

This week we welcome the newest addition to our office team – Mrs Patricia Mitchell. Patricia will be working part time in our school office alongside Mrs Helen Pritchard. I am sure you will make her feel very welcome.

Summer Weather

Now that 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.

Outdoor Learning

On Thursday 23rd May the whole school took part in 'Outdoor Classroom Day'. This is a global campaign to inspire and celebrate outdoor learning and play. On the day, we joined thousands of schools around the world who also took part in lessons outside. However, this campaign is about more than just one day; it is a catalyst to inspire more time every day outdoors, both at school and at home. Ask your child what they did in their classes to help celebrate the day!!

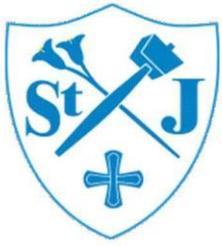
School Uniform- May I remind you that the children should be wearing our summer uniform as described below and in the prospectus on our website:

- 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.

Dogs are not allowed on School Sites – please can all dogs remain off the school site please. This request has been made a number of times now, anyone in breach of this in future may be prohibited from entering the site.





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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 at the office if you or someone you know is interested in applying.

Fun Run

Well done members of the PTA and children from St Joseph's who ran in the Sutton Fun Run on Sunday June 2nd. They are raising funds for the Laura Brook's and Simon Richard's charities. Please donate to the JustGiving Crowdfunding Page and help contribute:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jo-knight-gmfr?utm_id=2&utm_term=MMxWWdNqq

Many thanks for your support with this.

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, all 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 'life threatening' 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.

African School Project

An ex-pupil from St Joseph's has been working in a school in Ghana. Unfortunately, many of the children there do not have shoes to wear to school. We would be grateful if anyone has any second hand shoes (suitable for children aged between two and ten) which you could donate. Please could you bring them in to the school office. These will then be sent to the school in Frankadua.

E-Safety Workshop for Parents

Unfortunately, the staff at the NSPCC had to cancel our planned Online Safety Workshop that was due to take place in May. This has been re-arranged for Monday 21st October at 2-3pm and a letter confirming the details will be sent out in September.

School Website

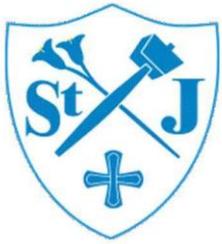
We are experiencing 'admin log on' difficulties and as such have been unable to update newsletters etc.. hopefully this will be rectified very soon.

Parent Questionnaire

A big thank you to all parents and families who have taken time to respond to our Parental Questionnaire. We printed the results on the last newsletter. We found from the results that parents would like more information on how as a school we would deal with any incidents of bullying. We have the following systems in place:

- Bullying is taught about through regular assemblies (Gospel values), PSHE lessons and anti-bullying workshops. We promote Kindness Week which takes place every November and refer back to this throughout the year.
- An anti-bullying newsletter for parents is sent out annually with a definition of what bullying is and how parents and children can deal with bullying.
- School keeps records of behaviour issues between children. Parents and phase leaders are informed of any incidents and these are kept on record so patterns can be analysed and issues can be followed up.
- Our school behaviour policy is promoted through the use of the traffic light system in every classroom and we have recently started a new 'time out' where children fill in a reflection sheet to consider the consequences of their actions, how they felt and how they made others feel in order to encourage them to take responsibility for their own actions.





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- We have an open door policy for parents to meet with the class teacher and follow the system of speaking to the phase leader and then other member of SLT if the issue needs escalating.
- We have systems in place to refer children to deal with friendship issues – friendship groups, mentoring, Secure Minds workshops, etc.

We also note that parents would like more information regarding their child's progress and how they can support at home. Our maths and RE workshops have proved popular and worthwhile in the past. Thank you to the parents who responded with further ideas of how we could involve you even more in your child's learning. A majority of parents have requested further information about supporting children's reading at home and reading is something we are working on making more high profile in school. As a result, we have planned a reading inspire workshop for parents on Tuesday 2nd July. Please see the separate invitation letter sent out earlier this week.

PTA Donation

We are extremely grateful to the PTA who have donated £4000 for us to spend on reading books this year. It has been of huge benefit to the children and has enabled the KS2 classes in particular to really focus on a novel in depth as children have access to their own copy or share a copy with a friend. Here are some of the titles the money has been spent on:

FY – Being Safe, Going Out, Festivals, Our Families and Here to Help book packs

Y1 – Toys and Seaside topic books and a range of new storybooks

Y2 – Class sets of Traction Man, The Day the Crayons Quit and a selection of story books

Y3 – Class sets of The Twits, How to Train Your Dragon and The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Y4 – Class sets of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, James and the Giant Peach and Roman topic books

Y5 – Class sets of The London Eye Mystery, The Girl of Ink and Stars and Letters from the Lighthouse

Y6 – Copies of The Explorer, Holes, Carrie's War, Goodnight Mr Tom, Room 13 and The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

We also managed to purchase some new books to top up our selection of Oxford Reading Tree titles as well as over one hundred new books for the school library!

PTA Non-Uniform Days

This year's summer fete will take place on Friday 5th July from 5pm-7pm.

In order to generate items for stalls, we will be having out usual non-uniform days. Thank you to all for the bedding plants and mug donations today.

Over the next few weeks, we have non-uniform days for the following donations:

Friday 21st June – toys

Thursday 27th June – wine bottles

Friday 5th July – filled decorated paper bags (bags will be sent home in advance)

The PTA have also organised the summer discos to take place on Wednesday 26th June (5-6pm for KS1 and 6:15-7:15pm for KS2).

Information regarding ticket sales will be sent out soon. Please see the latest PTA newsletter for further information.

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. Kate has been at the gate this week reminding many parents who have forgotten this rule. Any parents who are found repeatedly abusing this rule this role will have their membership of the Club rebuked.

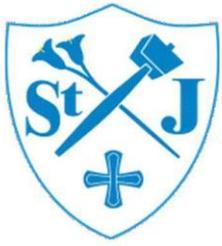
Bishop Walsh

Mr Koryl has asked me to contact you in order to inform you of the following two events that will be taking place at Bishop Walsh Catholic school in July:

1. An Induction Evening for parents of children joining Bishop Walsh School THIS SEPTEMBER 2019 will be held on Wednesday 3rd July in their School hall at 6:30pm

2. An Information Evening for parents of children, at present in Year 5, who would like to apply for a place at Bishop Walsh Catholic School for September 2020 will take place at Bishop Walsh on Monday 8th July at 6:30pm





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The Gospel reading on Sunday celebrates the Most Holy Trinity. Jesus says to the disciples that after he has gone, the Holy Spirit will guide them. The Holy Spirit will be their teacher and will speak to them just as Jesus did when he was alive and with them. The Holy Spirit will show the disciples what they must do and what they must say in Jesus' name.

Loving God, Send us your Spirit to teach and guide us to live in peace with each other every day. Amen.

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 – June		
Sunday 16 th June	12:30pm	Y3B First Holy Communion
Monday 17 th June	PM	Catholic Schools' Athletics
Wednesday 19 th June- Friday 21 st June	3 days	Y6 Residential
Thursday 20 th June	10:00am	Y3, Y4 and Y5 walk to Holy Trinity Church for Corpus Christi Mass
Friday 21 st June	All Day	Non uniform – toy donations please
Friday 21 st June	9:00am	FYR Class Assembly – All Welcome
Sunday 23 rd June	12:30pm	Y3T First Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd June	2:30pm	Footherley Hall Procession
Monday 24 th June	All Day	Y2 Visit Kingsbury Water Park
Wednesday 26 th June	10:00am	Y3T and Y1W walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Wednesday 26 th June		PTA Summer Discos (5-6pm KS1 and 6:15-7:15pm KS2)
Thursday 27 th June	All Day	Non-uniform – wine donations please
Thursday 27 th June	AM	Y1G Tour of Holy Trinity Church 9:30-10am Y1W Tour of Holy Trinity Church 10-10:30am
Friday 28 th June	9:00am	Y3 Thanksgiving Mass – All Welcome

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

Year ends – Friday 19th July



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