

Newsletter No.4

Dear Parents,

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

- The Tidiness Award – Y3T**
- Lunchtime Behaviour Award – Y2M**
- Lining Up award – Y6H**
- The Attendance Award- Y2E with 100%**

Parking

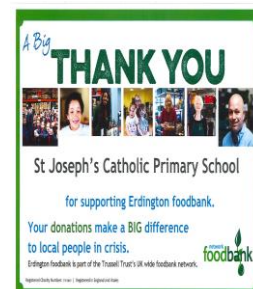
Thank you to those who are trying to assist with the parking issue, your support is much appreciated.

CAFOD to support our children globally, we held a '*Brighten Up this Harvest*' fundraising Non Uniform day to support communities in deprived parts of the world. Our money raised, will support CAFOD to provide seeds and training to farmers, teach people to build greenhouses to grow produce that isn't destroyed by the weather. The children's efforts raised £239.50 – we will send this off today.

Harvest Festival

During this Season, Pope Francis asks us to consider our corporal works of mercy, one of which is to feed the hungry. As part of our harvest celebrations, we will be remembering those within our local community and also those globally. This fully supports our need to recognise that every child has the right to nutritious food. (Article 24 UNCRC).

Last Friday's Harvest Mass was a lovely occasion led by Year 4 with the Foundation Year processing in with items of food to create our harvest display. Thank you to everyone who donated and a special thankyou to the parents who transported all donations to the Erdington Food Bank. The Mass was a wonderful reminder of how fortunate we are to have food on our tables every mealtime.



Parents Evening

This terms Parents Evening will take place next week on Wednesday 24th October from 3.30pm to 7.00pm. Signing up for an appointment will be via Parent Mail. Staff will meet with parents in the Hall, you are welcome to look at your children's work in the classrooms before or after your appointment. Please note, as the staff have to see 30 parents on the night could I ask that appointments are kept to the allotted time out of respect for everyone else waiting, least of all the staff who have to listen to the moans from parents who have been kept waiting. Many thanks – we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday. The staff will issue English and Maths targets for your child so you can support us to help their learning. The staff will also have individual copies of the Home School Agreement for you to sign. The staff and children will have already signed their sections.

Book Fair – the book fair is available in the Studio all of next week, 19th - 25th October, after school from 3.20-3.45pm and on parents evening.

Please have a look and spend if you can – school gets a good commission of books for our library!

Y6 Mass of Commitment

Fr Michael has arranged the Year 6 Mass of Commitment to the Confirmation Programme on Saturday 20th October at the 6pm Mass at Holy Trinity. School Uniform not required. *Don't forget to ensure Sponsors are available for the Mass of Confirmation on Saturday 24th November at 6pm Mass at Holy Trinity Church.*

School Photographs - On 19th November individual photographs for those wanting siblings of children not already in school please come to school office between 8.00am - 8.30am. In school sibling photographs will be taken during the day. Thank you

Free School Meals - If you feel you may be entitled to free school meals please notify the school office who can provide you with an application form.



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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 **Tuesday 11th December at 9.15am**

Y1G&W and **Y2M&E** will perform their **Nativity** on **Tuesday 18th December 9.20am** and **Wednesday 19th December 9.20pm**.

KS2 will perform their **Carol Concert** on the final day of term, **Friday 21st December at 1.30-2.30pm**.

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

School breaks up for Half term on Thursday 25th October, as Friday is a Staff Inset day.

Corporal Acts of Mercy:

Saying 'thank you' is such an easy thing and yet so hard!

The words 'sorry', 'excuse me' and 'thank you' are words that can help you be merciful or receive mercy from others.
In what areas of your life do you need to say these things to God?



Yours sincerely,

G.M. O'Hara

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Principal

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

Other dates to note:

Y6 Confirmation will take place on Saturday 24th Nov at 6pm Mass at Holy Trinity Church (this is for both parishes)

Dates for your diary – October		
Saturday 20 th	6.00pm	Y6 Mass of Commitment to the Confirmation Programme.
Wed 24 th	10.00am	Y4L and Y4I walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Wed 24 th	3.30-7.30pm	Parents Evening
Thurs 25 th	3.20pm	Last day of the half term
Fri 26 th	Staff Inset day – School closed for pupils	
November		
Mon 5 th Nov	8.45am	New Term begins
Tues 6 th	Am	FY Eye Tests
Wed 7 th	9.30-11.00am	Open Morning for FY 2019 ptI
Wed 7 th	6pm- 7pm	PTA Meeting – all welcome
Thurs 8 th	9.30-11.00am	Open Morning for FY 2019 ptII
Friday 9 th	All Day	Y6 Day retreat to Alton Castle
Friday 9 th	9.00am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcome



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