

21<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Newsletter No.2**

Dear Parents,

We are well and truly back in the swing of things now with the summer break seeming like a distant memory. Hopefully the children (and yourselves) have settled into the new routines of their new year group. All families should have received the 'termly planner' from their teacher. If you have not seen this, please log onto the school website and have a look at it in the year group section.

**HMI Section 8 Inspection**

We had an unexpected Section 8 HMI/Ofsted Inspection on Tuesday this week. The official report will not be received for another few weeks, as soon it is released I will pass it on.

However, I will say that the teachers and children in all lessons from FY (2 week's experience!!) through to Y6, were fabulous, as always. Both the HMI and Ofsted inspectors were very complimentary of the children they spoke to and of the high quality work scrutinised. They were able to see how wonderful St Joseph's School is and as a result did not need to extend their visit!

Well done to all staff who have 'hit the ground running' after the summer break – I am still (*after 10 years*) so proud to be the Principal of a school where all staff work together, tirelessly, striving to achieve the best for every single child.

Thank you to the governors and parents who took the time to speak with, email, write a note to or logged onto parent view to pass their thoughts to the inspectors.

Together we really are a fantastic team to enable the children to flourish. Well done to all

Congratulations to Last week's award winner. The awards were as follows:

<b>The Tidiness Award</b>	<b>Y4L</b>	<b>Lining Up award</b>	<b>Y2M</b>
<b>Lunchtime Behaviour Award</b>	<b>Y1G</b>	<b>The Attendance Award</b>	<b>Y6H with 98.10%</b>

This week's award winner. The awards are as follows:

<b>The Tidiness Award</b>	<b>FYR</b>	<b>Lining Up award</b>	<b>Y4I</b>
<b>Lunchtime Behaviour Award</b>	<b>Y4I</b>	<b>The Attendance Award</b>	<b>Y6H with 100%</b>

**Medical forms-** Mrs Halliday has been updating our records for pupils with medical issues, if you have not made an appointment please contact the Office.

**Dress Code-** Thank you to all who are adhering our dress code – the children look really smart and are a credit to you. Just a quick reminder that we do not allow children to wear ear-rings or have transfers / tattoos. Please ensure these are removed on school days. Hair should be tied back with plain bobbles / Alice Bands- No bows or ears etc... these interfere with teaching in the classroom.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Archbishop Bernard Longley**

Last week the Junior children sat for 20 minutes in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in a Live 'link up' to the Chapel at St Chads. This link up was shared with every Catholic School in the Archdiocese. It was a very reflect moment and a wonderful opportunity for the children to 'be at one' in the presence of the Lord.

Ask them about it!

**Afterschool Clubs this term – run by an external Sports club provider**

Monday – **Tag Rugby** for Years 5 & 6  
Tuesday – **Girls Football** Years 4,5 & 6  
Wednesday – **Boys Football** for Years 3 & 4  
Thursday – **Gymnastics** for Years 1 & 2  
Friday – **Basketball** for Years 3 & 4

All these clubs began this week

**Thursday Zumba** Y1,2,3 & Y4 3.20pm -4.20pm (separate letter, deal directly with Naomi not the Office)  
**Boys Football** after school on a Thursday with Mr Lynch – separate letter for Years 5 & 6  
**Girls Netball** after school on a Thursday with Miss Rudd/ Miss Wood – separate letter for Years 5 & 6 to follow  
**Cross Country** Tuesday lunchtime with Miss Gavin Years 5 & 6  
**Tennis** Monday Years 2 & 3 3.30pm – 4.30pm (separate letter, deal directly with Paul Robinson not the Office)



**ST JOHN PAUL II**

Multi-Academy Company

Bishop Walsh Catholic School | Holy Cross Catholic Primary School | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School | St Nicholas Catholic Primary School



### Cross Country

Well done to the Cross Country team who competed at the first meet of the season this week at Bishop Vesey School. Thank you to Miss Gavin and parents for your time making our entry possible.

### Parking

Unfortunately, there are still some parents who are ignoring the road restrictions and no parking areas in Bromwich Drive (see photos), it is unlawful to park across residents drives, it is also dangerous to stop in the middle of a road and unload children- this is against the road safety teaching that we are trying to impart to the children, it is also bringing the good name of the school into disrepute among our neighbours.

When spoken to, I have asked the neighbours to contact the Enforcement Agencies to take action when future incidents occur. Please take a few extra minutes to park and stride. No job, no appointment and the stress levels caused is more important than providing safety for your children. We should be living out this terms Virtues- being 'Loving and Compassionate' to others. As members of our Catholic community and as parents (whether Catholic or not) on admission everyone agreed to uphold our Catholic Ethos. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.



### Football

Good Luck to the Football team against Holy Cross tonight, and next week against New Hall- thanks Mr Lynch for organizing the matches.

**Lunchtime** a few parents have contacted school with concerns that children are not being given enough time to eat. I have spoken with the lunchtime staff regarding this. Yes we need to try to encourage the children to eat their lunch and leave the Hall so other classes can come in, but rest assured children will not be given 'time ultimatums ie 2 mins to eat!'.

Whilst the new FY children are settling into the school lunchtime system, the lunch hour will be tight in order to finish ready for the afternoon sessions.

**CAFOD** in order to support our children globally, we are going to *Brighten Up this Harvest* by fundraising 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. To do this we are going to see which classroom has the brightest dressed children on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. The children are encouraged to wear as many colours as they can on this day and donate some of their small change to help children like themselves globally.

### 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 UNCRRC).



ST JOHN PAUL II

Multi-Academy Company

Bishop Walsh Catholic School | Holy Cross Catholic Primary School | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School | St Nicholas Catholic Primary School



Registered Office: Bishop Walsh Catholic School, Wylde Green Road, Sutton Coldfield B76 1QT  
T:0121 351 3215 [enquiry@bishopwalsh.net](mailto:enquiry@bishopwalsh.net) Company No.08706247



We are having our Harvest Mass **on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. Foundation Year will take part by processing in with items of food to create our harvest display. Any groceries in packets, tins and jars donated in would be used to support the Food Bank in our local area. This organisation ensures that families have an emergency supply of food for three days. It would be wonderful if every child could donate one item of dried food as we recognise how fortunate we are to have food on our tables every mealtime.

### Today is the feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

He was born in Capernaum, and was working as a tax-collector when Jesus called him.

He wrote his gospel in Aramaic, and is said to have preached in the East.

*...As he passed further on his way, Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at work in the customs-house, and said to him, follow me; and Matthew rose from his place and followed him. And afterwards, when he was taking a meal in the house, many publicans and sinners were to be found at table with him and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this, and asked his disciples, how comes it that your master eats with publicans and sinners? Jesus heard it, and said, it is not those who are in health that have need of the physician, it is those who are sick. Go home and find out what the words mean, it is mercy that wins favour with me, not sacrifice. I have come to call sinners, not the just....*

### Our virtues this term are Compassionate and Loving,

**Jesus thank you for showing us how to be compassionate and loving to our neighbour by your example**

**Amen**

Yours sincerely,

*G.M. O'Hara*

G M O'Hara  
Principal

Previous newsletters and other information can be found on our School website: [www.stjosutton.net](http://www.stjosutton.net)

Dates for your diary – September		
Friday 21 <sup>th</sup>	8.55am	Y6 Class led Assembly– All welcome
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	3.45pm	Football v Holy Cross School
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	PTA AGM welcome to all chat over Tea and Coffee
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Y3B and Y3T walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Friday 28 <sup>nd</sup>	8.55am	Congratulations Assembly – Pupil of the Month Award, all welcome
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	3.45pm	Football v Holy Cross School
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Y2M and Y2E walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Y5 Class trip to St Chad's Cathedral
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	All day	CAFOD non uniform day £1 donation for Cafod's 'Brighten up the Harvest'
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.55am	Congratulations Assembly– All welcome
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	All day	FY –Y5 Nasal Flu vaccinations
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Harvest Mass in the Hall
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Y6 walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.55am	Y5 Class led Assembly and Pupil of the Month Award– All welcome
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Y4L and Y4I walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-7.00pm	Parents Evening
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	3.20pm	Last day of the half term
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>		Staff Inset day – School closed for pupils
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.45am	New Term begins

### Other dates to note:

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

**Parents Evening** –takes place on the evening of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30-7.00pm

**FY, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5-** Nasal flu Vaccinations 10<sup>th</sup> October in School- NHS letters will be sent out soon for consent.



**ST JOHN PAUL II**

Multi-Academy Company

Bishop Walsh Catholic School | Holy Cross Catholic Primary School | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School | St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

