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Dear Parents,

May Procession

Thank you to the staff, parents and children who attended our Parish May Procession on Sunday. This was a lovely opportunity to honour Our Lady. Thank you also to Deacon Daniel who took Y3 on a tour of Holy Trinity Church this morning. This was a wonderful experience for the children linking with their First Holy Communion preparations.

Whole School Adoration

Deacon Daniel led the whole school through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday. The children were very reverent and prayerful. Please congratulate them and ask them about what they learnt.

Goodbye / welcome

Today we said 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 Mrs 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.

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

Lunchtime Supervisor



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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.

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.

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.

Rights Respecting Steering Group

Congratulations to the following KS2 children who have been successful in becoming the new Rights Respecting Representatives as we work towards our next UNICEF award, raising the profile on the rights of the child around the globe. These children will be working with Miss Evans and Miss Crowley to plan and carry out ideas on how to improve children's knowledge of their rights..

Rights Respecting Representatives: Anna, Ruowei, Lois, Zara, Grace, Joshua, Anabel, Lydia, Avayah, Shirin, Mimi, Shaalu and Nicole.

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting yesterday to find out more.

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 on Monday. This will be re-arranged for next half term and we will let you know as soon as we have a date confirmed.

FY

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Foundation year 'Stay and Learn' on Wednesday. We hope you found this enjoyable and beneficial.

SATs

Well done to Y6 who completed their tests last week. Your behaviour was impeccable throughout and we are so proud of all of your hard work and effort. Well done, also to Y2 who have completed all of their SATs challenges this week – you will all receive a certificate for taking part in your Secret Agent Training Service challenges!

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.



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Bishop Walsh

Mr Koryl has asked me to contact you in order to inform you of the following 2 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 place at Bishop Walsh Catholic School for September 2020 will take place at Bishop Walsh on Monday 8th July at 6:30pm

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

N Hill

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%





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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%
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%



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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 – June		
Monday 3 rd June	All day	Staff Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
Wednesday 5 th June	10:00am	Y2M and Y5L walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Friday 7 th June	9:00am	Y3T Class Assembly – All Welcome
Monday 10 th June	All day	Y1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 11 th June	All day	Y1 Visit to Cannock Toy Museum
Wednesday 12 th June	10:00am	FYP, FYR, Y1G and Y6H walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Friday 14 th June	9:00am	Y1W Class Assembly – All Welcome
Sunday 16 th June	12:30pm	Y3B First Holy Communion
Wednesday 19 th June- Friday 21 st June	3 days	Y6 Residential
Wednesday 19 th June	10:00am	Y2E and Y4I walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Thursday 20 th June	10:00am	Y3, Y4 and Y5 walk to Holy Trinity Church for Corpus Christi Mass
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

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

Monday 3rd June – staff CPD



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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



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