



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

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Dear Parents,

Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation

We hope you found the parents meeting this week useful, please remember the Mass of Commitment at 9.00am on Sunday 3rd February at Holy Trinity Church

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

Lining Up award	Y4I
The Tidiness Award	Y6H
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y4I
The Attendance Award	Y2E with 98.3%

Parking Concerns

Concerns have been raised with regards to parents parking or stopping on the double yellow lines on both sides of Tamworth Road to drop or park and take children into school.

Please could parents refrain from doing this. The yellow line markings have been provided to keep the area of the carriageway clear of parked vehicles allowing parents and their children to cross the road in a safer environment. When a vehicle parks or drops off at such a location it reduces the effect of the markings and gives the impression to other parents that it is OK for them to park in a similar manner.

Our children must be kept safe.

For the Attention of Parents, Staff of St Joseph's School from **Sutton Coldfield Police Station**

We have recently had a really rare event outside one of our schools where a car has been taken from a parent waiting for her children.

At this time can we please ask for your assistance? Please be aware if you are waiting anywhere in your vehicle, particularly outside your school.

If you are waiting in the car please follow the following tips

Keep your car doors locked-Prevents numerous offences occurring- Thieves do not want to spend any longer than necessary anywhere near any vehicle.

If possible, park in well-lit parts of the street. Sounds strange, but the better lit the safer.

If anyone does approach your car that you do not know, DO NOT, open the door, open the window as slightly as possible if you think you do need to speak to them.

If you leave your car, keep valuables out of sight, remove incentives for a thief

Please refrain from leaving children in vehicles unattended.

Finally- Any suspicious behaviour, anything at all-Please Report it!!

Sutton Coldfield Police

Sutton Coldfield Police Station

Lichfield Road

B74 2NR

Thank you to those who have highlighted these issues out of concern.



St. John Paul II Multi Academy

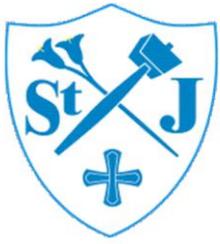
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School Closure due to bad weather information

Snow and bad weather closure: As we are now in winter we have to plan for what would happen if (for the health and safety of the schools' community) the school had to close due to bad weather. We have, in previous years, made decisions as early as possible using the website and Parent Mail and such decisions will apply to all schools within the Multi-Academy. We will continue to use these mediums of fast communication if it becomes necessary. It can be quite difficult to get through to the local radio stations in the absence of a city wide decision but please check these sources of information if you have difficulty accessing the internet or a message. If you haven't received a text/email message on other occasions this year but have a mobile phone, please contact the school with your mobile number and your e-mail address so that it can be added to our database - therefore ensuring fast communication when it becomes necessary in the future.

Mrs Dawn Knott

Mrs Dawn Knott is leaving Bishop Walsh Catholic School where she has been School Business Manager for 13 years and from her position working with the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy where she has worked in Finance since 2013. Directors, Governors and Principals sincerely thank Mrs Knott for her years of service and wish her well in pastures anew.

An Important Plea to all parents

We have found it extremely difficult to recruit Lunchtime Supervisors (12pm-1.10pm) each day, so much so that we have got to point where I have had to direct Teaching Assistants into this role for half an hour a day. However, it has now reached the point, where from January, Teaching Assistants will be carrying out a whole hour's duty at lunchtime followed by their own statutory 30 mins lunchbreak. This will mean 1 hour lost from support to the children. The impact of this means that classroom support to the children, assisting with lesson preparation, art work, changing reading books, working with intervention groups etc... will be severely affected. If you, or you know of anyone who would be interested in filling this role, please ask them to contact the office. Please don't let the children suffer.



Today, 25th January, we celebrate the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle.

Paul, or Saul as he was first called, was not always a saint. Earlier as a loyal and angry Jew he persecuted the Church, but Jesus loved him even so and brought about his conversion. He was then sent on a mission to tell people about Jesus.

This is the time that we pray for the conversion of sinners and for Christian unity.

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

Please note the following important dates next term:

Fri 1 st Feb	Y2M Class led Assembly
Sun 3 rd Feb	Y3 Mass of Commitment and family Mass 9.00am
Fri 15 th Feb	Y2E Class led Assembly
Mon 25 th Feb	School Closed for Staff inset
Sun 3 rd March	Family Mass 9.00am
Fri 8 th March	Y3B Class led Assembly
Fri 22 nd March	Sacrament of Reconciliation for Y3 1.15pm -2.45pm





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Dates for your diary –January / February		
Mon 28 th	Pm	Swimming Gala Trial
Wed 30 th	10.00am	Y4I and Y3T walk to Mass at Holy Trinity
Fri 1 st Feb	9.00am	Y2M Class led Assembly
Sun 3 rd	9.00am	Y3 Mass of Commitment and family Mass
Tues 5 th	Am	Yr6 leading Assembly on Digital Safer Internet Day
Tues 5 th	Am	NHS –Hearing and Growth checks for FY
Wed 6 th	Am	NHS –Hearing and Growth checks for FY
Wed 6 th	10.00am	Y2E and Y6H walk to Mass at Holy Trinity
Fri 8 th	All day	Tech Rex Day
Wed 13 th	10.00am	Y5L and Y2M walk to Mass at Holy Trinity
Thurs 14 th	4pm-	Netball matches v Holy Cross and Maney Hill at Sutton College
Fri 15 th	9.00am	Y2E Class led Assembly
Fri 15 th	3.20pm	End of ½ term
HALF TERM HOLIDAY		
Tuesday 26th	8.45am	School opens for Spring term 2

