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Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No.5

Dear Parents,

We have finally reached the end of what seems to have been a very long half term. I hope that you found the parent's evening consultations this week informative as to how your child has settled into their new year group and how you can support us with their learning. When we return on Monday 5th November for the second half term of autumn, it will be a lot darker and cooler as the clocks have gone back an hour. Please could all children wear the winter uniform and ensure that they have a coat with them daily. Please label all items of clothing (including hats and gloves) as it is very easy to misplace things when we have 360 pupils.

Book Fair – Thank you to all who supported the book fair this week. All commission that we receive will be used on books for the library and classrooms.

Attendance

Well done everyone who has made a big effort to attend school, even when not feeling too happy (including the staff!!) The attendance figures this term have been excellent: **WELL DONE FYR!!!**

Attendance this term since 4 th Sept					
FYP	97.6%	Y2M	97.4%	Y4L	97.0%
FYR	99.4%	Y2E	98.3%	Y4I	98.4%
Y1G	95.1%	Y3B	96.8%	Y5L	97.6%
Y1W	96.0%	Y3T	96.2%	Y6H	97.6%

Y6 Mass of Commitment

Thank you for the wonderful support at the Y6 Mass of Commitment last weekend. *Father Michael was very pleased*

Y6 Confirmation

Will take place on Saturday 24th November, 6pm, at Holy Trinity Church. Bishop Robert Byrne will be Confirming all 30 Year 6 children. We wish them good luck and our prayers. If you intend joining with the Sacramental Celebration please note the following from Mike Gaffney, M.C- Holy Trinity:

Please convey this important message to all parents and relatives of those children making their confirmation.

*Could all parents and relatives attending the 6.00pm Confirmation Mass at Holy Trinity travelling by car please use Bishop Vesey Car Park which is situated in Boswell Road (opposite Holy Trinity). Holy Trinity Car park has limited spaces and driveways and exits must be kept clear for Emergencies. Car parking in the church car park will be for parishioners and those with disabilities only. Parking on the drive in front of the church is not permitted and is only for emergency vehicles. The Bishop Vesey car park is situated near to the bottom of Boswell Road on the right hand side. Please **do not** park in Boswell Road as this is residents parking only and also on any other part of the school site. Parking is not allowed on the Lichfield Road. Enforcement Officers are active. Also parking is not allowed on the pavement in front of the apartments adjacent to Holy Trinity Presbytery and also in the Presbytery car park.*

Many Thanks for your co-operation to make everything run smoothly.

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

Family Mass – Please try to support the family Mass at 9.00am on Sunday 4th November at Holy Trinity Church.

Prayer intentions – In your family prayers please remember Darcey Connelly Y1G who is recovering from Open Heart Surgery- she is doing well but will be off school for a several weeks, and Magnus Decosta-Taylor Y3T who is also recovering from surgery. The children will continue to remember Darcey and Magus and their families in their prayers at school too.

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.



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PTA News

Thank you to the PTA and new members who have been working hard to organise the first events of this year, we look forward to good times ahead. They have arranged:

Thursday 15th November – Ladies only Fashion Night – tickets available via parent pay £6.00
Doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7.00pm. Up to 75% off high street fashions!

Saturday 8th December – Christmas Fayre 12-2pm

PTA –Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre takes place at school on Saturday 8th December 12-2pm, in an effort to generate quality items for the stalls the PTA have arranged the following Non uniform days in exchange for donation dates:

Friday 9 th Nov	- Chocolate Tombola -	Theme- Non Uniform
Friday 16 th Nov	- Bottles for tombola -	Theme- Mad Hair and Odd Sock day
Friday 23 rd Nov	- DVDs/ good quality toys/books (as new)-	Theme- Red and Green
Thurs 29 th Nov	- Filled Paper Bags -	Theme- Christmas Jumper
Fri 7 th /Sat 8 th Dec	- Homemade cakes NO NUTS -	Theme- Christmas Hats

OR A SMALL DONATION OF £1.

Please note that I do not wish to place undue expense or stress on any family, therefore, only give as much or as little as you feel able- all donation will be greatly appreciated.

During November we remember all the departed, especially family members and friends. It is also a time of national remembrance, when we recall those who have died for our country in wars.



They shall not grow old,
as we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.



On Friday 9th the children will observe a minute's silence – please discuss the significance to them.

Please encourage the children to complete the remembrance slip for family members who you would like remembering in our school prayers throughout November and place them in the boxes in the main school entrance or classrooms

Some of the bloodiest fighting of World War One took place in the Flanders and Picardy regions of Belgium and Northern France. The poppy was the only thing which grew in the aftermath of the complete devastation. McCrae, a doctor serving there with the Canadian Armed Forces, deeply inspired and moved by what he saw, wrote these verses:

In Flanders' Fields
John McCrae, 1915

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe;*

*To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.*



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On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the First World War ended. Civilians wanted to remember the people who had given their lives for peace and freedom. An American War Secretary, Miss Moina Belle Michael, inspired by John McCrae's poem, began selling poppies to friends to raise money for the ex-Service community. And so the tradition began.

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:

Y3 Holy Communion dates:

Sunday 16th June 2018 - 12.30pm First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3B

Sunday 23rd June 2018 - 12.30pm First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3T

(Letters will be sent out separately)

Dates for your diary – 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
Fri 9 th	ALL DAY	Non uniform Day – Chocolate donations – theme own choice
Wed 14 th	10.00am	Y5 walk to Mass at Holy Trinity
Wed 14 th	6.30-8.00pm	Y6 Children and Parents – Sacrament of Confirmation Workshop with Fr Michael and Deacon Daniel
Thurs 15 th	9.00-10.20am	FY Parents 'stay and Play' Diwali Theme
Thurs 15 th	6.30pm	PTA Fashion Night
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