

Newsletter No.16

29th March 2018

Dear Parents and Children,

Holy Week- Well done to Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 for leading us through our Holy Week prayer journey following the footsteps of Jesus.

We watched Palms being waved to welcome Jesus on Palm Sunday by Year 4, Year 3 led us through the events of Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper, we witnessed the first celebration of the Eucharist with the breaking of bread.

Finally Year 5 concluded our journey through the stations of the cross as we witnessed Jesus' love and compassion for us even as He was been put to death.

Today we enter into the Easter Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil; please try to continue your child's understanding and growth in their faith by taking them to Mass on this special weekend and every Sunday beyond.

Well done to all the children and staff for completing our journey through Lent in such a holy and reverent way.

Lenten Charities- Thank you to all who have sent in their Lenten Charitable donations so far, we will let you know how much your efforts have raised when we return next term. Our Charities this year are:

Cafod- our support for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ overseas.

Fr Hudsons- our support for families within our own Diocese of Birmingham as advocated by Archbishop Bernard

Cancer Research- a cause close to many of our families at St Josephs as chosen by the School Council children

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.

PTA Easter Egg Hunt- Thank you to the PTA for organising and running the Hunt again this year for the children. We felt it was a great success- please remember to pay your £1 via parent pay if not done so! We hope they enjoyed it and the ice cream! A great way to end the term.

Summer Weather -When we return with the better weather we will be allowing the children to use the fields more at lunch and playtimes. If your child suffers from severe Hay fever and is feeling the effects of the pollen etc... please ensure that you give them the appropriate medicine before coming to school.

School Uniform -May I remind you that after the Easter break the children should be wearing our summer uniform as described below and in the prospectus on our website:

Boys Summer uniform

Pale blue polo-shirt

Grey trousers or shorts

Girls Summer uniform

Blue/white dress

Sensible Black shoes

Handbands/Alice bands -We have seen a huge increase in the number of elaborate headbands being worn, some with coloured bows and with ears attached to name but a few. These are not part of the uniform and do cause a distraction in lessons. If children have long hair that needs to be tied back off the face we only allow plain 'Alice bands' in the school colours.

Children wearing the incorrect type once we return from the break will be asked to remove them. Thank you for your cooperation.

Swimming Team- The swimming team took part in the Birmingham Catholic School's Swimming Gala on Saturday at Wyndley Leisure Centre. 22 Catholic schools from across Birmingham took part in the gala. The children participated in individual events and team relays. They all gave their best efforts and were a credit to our school.

Well done to the boy's relay team (Finn, Jacob, Max and Lorenzo), who finished 3rd in the relay final and Maria (Y6) who finished 3rd in the Girl's backstroke final. Thank you to Miss Gavin and Mrs Leahy for giving your time to the children.



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Football Round Up - It has been a busy, half term for our football team. On Friday 9th March, we played against New Hall Primary and won convincingly 4-0. On Wednesday 14th March the boys earned a hard fought 1-1 draw against Banners Gate. In our final game of the League season on the 23rd March we drew 1-1 to eventual league winners Mere Green. Unfortunately, our game this week against St Nicholas Primary was cancelled due the opposition not having enough players- this does mean that we are now through to the Semi-Finals of the SCSFA Cup.

The boys have done fantastically well and showed real character to keep working hard as a team. We would like to thank Mr Lynch and Mr Bannister for organising the team and also parents for their support.

Here is our final league position in the SCSFA Medium School 2 League.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Mere Green	5	4	1	0	11	4	7	14
2	Maney Hill	4	3	0	1	16	2	14	10
3	Bannersgate	4	2	1	1	12	6	6	9
4	St Joseph's	5	1	2	2	6	11	-5	9
5	Moor Hall	5	1	0	4	7	17	-10	7
6	New Hall	5	1	0	4	6	18	-12	7

Y6 SATs Week 14th -18th May 2018

Date:	Test(s):	Duration:
Monday 14 th	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test	20 minutes spelling 45 minutes– Short answer questions – Grammar, vocabulary and punctuation
Tuesday 15 th	Reading Test	1 hour
Wednesday 16 th	Mathematics Test I Mathematics Test II	15 minutes (approximately) 45 minutes
Thursday 17 th	Mathematics Test III	45 minutes
Writing Assessment -Writing is a teacher assessment of their work across Year Six.		

The staff and I wish you all a happy, peaceful and joyful Easter and thank you for your support this term.

Yours sincerely,



G M O'Hara
Principal



*My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?*

Please note the following diary events

Dates for April 2018		
Thurs 29 th	3.20pm	End of Term
Easter Holidays – school closed		
Mon 16 th April	8.45am	New Term starts
Wed 18 th	10.00am	Y2G walk to Holy Trinity Church to join the parish for Mass
Thurs 19 th	1.30-5.00pm	Chess team compete at The Abbey School
Fri 20 th	9.00am	Congratulations Assembly – All welcomed
Wed 25 th	10.00am	Y3L and Y4B walk to Holy Trinity Church to join the parish for Mass
Fri 27 th	9.00am	Y1T Class led Assembly – All welcomed
Wed 2 nd May	10.00am	Y2M and Y5L walk to Holy Trinity Church to join the parish for Mass
Fri 4 th	9.00am	Y1G Class led Assembly – All welcomed
Fri 4 th	All day	Y3L and Y3K trip to Alton Castle – Holy Communion Retreat.

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

Please note the remaining staff INSET days for this year when the school will be closed to the children:

Monday 4th June 2018- staff CPD

Year ends Friday 20th July 2018

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the Autumn term 1, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School had the FA Lidl Skills Programme to deliver PE football sessions whilst supporting teachers in their PE delivery. The classes that are involved, the children received a FA Lidl Skills booklet with various information. Our aim is to ensure every child enjoys participating in football by delivering within a fun, safe and learning environment. We also held a Girls only lunchtime club which had over 20 participants.

The FA Lidl Skills Team are delighted to announce that in the Easter half term they are running holiday sessions at:

Boldmere St. Michaels FC, Church Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5RY.

Date: Wednesday 11th April & Thursday 12th April.

Timings: 10am – 12pm & 12pm – 2pm.

Mixed sessions are £5 for 2 hours or £7 for 4 hours.

Girls Only sessions are FREE in order to increase the number of girls participating in football in the area.

To reserve your child's place or find out more information please head to www.thefa.com/skills <<http://www.thefa.com/skills>>. Alternatively, you can contact Carly Davies on 079 or Carly.Davies@thefa.com.



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