

3rd November 2017

Newsletter No.5

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half term of autumn, a lot darker and cooler now that the clocks have gone back an hour and that summer is a memory. However, in last weekend's Gospel we were reminded to focus our lives on the message that ; I have only one life, and shall not live this day again. I need to remember that everyone is my neighbour and that if I can do something good or show my kindness- I should.

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

The Tidiness Award **Y5L** **Lining Up award** **Y3L**
Lunchtime Behaviour Award **Y1T** **The Attendance Award** **Y2G with 99.14%**

Attendance this week						
FYR	94.04%		Y2M	94.58%	Y4B	97.58%
FYP	97.41%		Y2G	99.14%	Y5L	97.18%
Y1G	95.83%		Y3K	97.08%	Y6H	96.67%
Y1T	98.75%		Y3L	95.83%		

Parents Evening thank you for your attendance at the parents' evenings, I hope you found the evening useful in helping your children. The staff / Academy Committee will be following up any concerns you may have had and will be responding appropriately.

Year 4 Parents evening takes place next Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th 3.30-5pm both nights, all appointments should now have been made through parent mail.

Maths Workshops

Thank you to the hundreds of parents (203) who came to join in with the Maths workshops on Wed and Thurs this week. The children and staff were able to share their classroom practice and systems. Thank you for the many positive comments and thank you to Mrs Chambers who planned and led the 2 sessions.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found on our website (policies section *near the end*) along with photographs from the days.

Y6 Confirmation

Will take place on Saturday 11th 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.

After school playing on the School Grounds

As from Monday next week children are not allowed to play on the school field, in and around the stream, on the decking area or on the Adventure Trim trail. Many incidents among children (and parents) are arising from unsupervised access to these areas at the end of the day resulting in staff having to spend unnecessary time, instead of teaching, addressing issues.

The only way this can be enforced is with the full support of parents. Please can I ask for your 100% support in ensuring that children do not use these areas after school. More importantly, if a member of staff has to speak to a child who is abusing this rule, the school expects your full support.



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PTA News

Thank you to the PTA and new members who have been working hard to organise the first 3 events of this year, we look forward to good times ahead.

They have arranged:

Friday 17th November – parents only QUIZ NIGHT and Fish n Chip Supper- tickets £7.50.

Quiz Night tickets are selling fast – please book and pay on Parent pay by Wednesday to guarantee entry. (*Fish n Chips order numbers have to be placed with the shop by Friday*)

Saturday 9th December – Christmas Fayre 12-2pm

See below for non-uniform day information

Wednesday 20th December – Children's Christmas Discos- KS1 6-7pm, KS2 7.15-8.15pm

Please see the PTA Newsletters for more information.

PTA –Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre takes place at school on Saturday 9th 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 10 th Nov	- Chocolate Tombola -	Theme- Non Uniform
Thurs 16 th Nov	- Bottles for tombola -	Theme- Mad Hair and Odd Sock day
Thursday 23 rd Nov	- Toys/teddies/ books(as new)-	Theme- Red and Green
Friday 1 st Dec	- Filled Paper Bags -	Theme- Christmas Jumper
Fri 8 th /Sat 9 th Dec	- Homemade cakes-	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- any donation will be greatly appreciated.

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 **Wednesday 13th December at 9.15am**

Y1G&T and Y2R&M will perform their **Nativity** on **Tuesday 19th December 9.15am** and **Wednesday 20th December 9.15pm**.

KS2 will perform their **Carol Concert** on the final day, **Friday 22nd December at 2pm**.

Please put these dates in your diary, more information will follow nearer the time.

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.



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Next week the children will observe a minutes 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



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*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.*

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

Dates for diary – Nov 2017		
Tues 7 th	9.15am	Open day for prospective FY 2018 parents
Wed 8 th	9.15am	Open day for prospective FY 2018 parents
Wed 8 th	3.30-5pm	Y4 Parents Evening ptI
Thurs 9 th	All day	Music day with Dan Callow
Thurs 9 th	3.30-5pm	Y4 Parents Evening ptII
Fri 10 th	9.00am	Class Assembly led by Year 3L- All welcomed
Saturday 11 th	6pm	Yr 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Trinity Church
Mon13-Fri 17 th	All week	Focus: Kindness Week
Tues 14 th	Am	Y6 NHS weights and Measure check
Wed 15 th	10.00am	Year 5 walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Thurs 16 th	2.45pm	FY Parents Phonics talk in the School Hall
Fri 17 th	9.00am	Mass of Thanksgiving led by Year 6 - all welcome
Fri 17 th	7.00pm	PTA Quiz night
Mon 20 th	All day	School Photographer in school for Individual and family group pictures
Wed 22 nd	10.00am	Year 2M walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Fri 24 th	School Closed to Children for Staff Inset	
Wed 29 th	10.00am	Year 3L walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Fri 1 st Dec	9.00am	Class Assembly led by Year 5L- All welcomed

Other dates to note:

Y3 Holy Communion dates:

Sunday 10th June 2018 First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart
Sunday 17th June 2018 First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3K
Sunday 24th June 2018 First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3L
(Letters will be sent out separately)



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