



St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

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

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Newsletter No.8

Dear Parents,

This Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Advent

God sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of his son. The message he preached then, is just as important today, as we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



*Heavenly Father,
Help each of us to make a fresh start this Advent;
to put right what is wrong and to truly live as Jesus showed us.
Amen*

Please continue to keep Darcey Y1G and Fr Neil in your prayers, both are recovering well from surgery.

PTA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th December, this weekend- 12pm-2pm

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the non-uniform day donations over the past few weeks. Baked goods if not already sent in to school can be sent in at any time on Saturday morning-setting up stalls starts at 9.00am. Thank you.

Please note-

Both entrances will be open! - Cars may also park on the playground- but please be mindful of pedestrians. Parents must supervise children and not allow them to roam about outside.

This week's award winner. The awards are as follows:

The Tidiness Award

Y1W

Lining Up award

Y1W

Lunchtime Behaviour Award Y3T

The Attendance Award

Y2E &6H 97.8%

Lunch Box content

At St Joseph's School we try to promote healthy eating, especially at lunchtimes, unfortunately, the contents of the packed lunch boxes been provided from home has been slipping with: sweets, chocolate bars and crisps becoming the main meal and sandwiches (sometimes missing) being left uneaten or thrown away.

I have contacted the school nurse for advice and tips for healthy lunch boxes. Please click on the link below to the 'change 4 life' website <https://change4life.service.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

This is a fun site with lots of simple tips and ideas, you can even get the children involved.

Please can all packed lunches in future follow the suggestions from this website. Thank you.

Attendance

Letters have been sent to all parents with a child whose attendance is below 93% so far this year. We have had a possible 110 teaching sessions across 55 teaching days in school.

Evidence shows that attendance does affect a child's learning and attainment. Having an attendance record of 90% is the equivalent to missing just over one full week of teaching so far this year. If this pattern continued a child would miss nearly 4 weeks teaching across the year. A record nearer to 80% is the equivalent of missing one full day's teaching every week. All children should aspire to have an attendance as near to 100% as is possible. At St Joseph's School we currently have 8%, 30/360 pupils, with an attendance below 90% with 15%, 54/360 pupils, having an attendance below 93%. It is appreciated that some children may have been off school due to illness. This letter is to invite you to come and meet with the phase leader to discuss ways in which we may be able to assist in improving their attendance. Please arrange a mutually convenient time as indicated on your letter.

Christmas Dinner

This is a final reminder to book your child no the list for a school Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 19th. The deadline for payment is Monday 10th December. **NO ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE!**



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Carol performances

The Key Stage 2 Carol Concert will take place on the final day of term, **Friday 21st December at 1.30-2.30pm**. There is no charge for this special performance but we will have some buckets available for charitable donations. The children will be walked to and from the church, where they will be released to parents at the end of the day as usual at 3.20pm. No children will be allowed to go home from the church.

Year 3 Swimming lessons

Next term Year 3B and Year 3T will experience a week each of swimming Lessons at wyndley baths – good luck to all involved, please do not forget your kit on any of the days. A separate letter will follow shortly.

Admission Consultation (see the St Joseph's website front page for the link)

[Bishop Walsh Catholic School Proposed Admissions Arrangements 2020/2021](#)

[Bishop Walsh Catholic School Proposed SIF Form 2020/2021](#)

Please contact via email John Farrell the St John Paul II Catholic Senior Executive Leader with any comments or questions regarding the proposed Admissions Arrangements 2020/2021 @ j.farrell@sjp2.net

Polite Notice-Non Staff cars are only allowed on the school site in the morning provided they have left by 8am. Likewise they can only be brought onsite to collect from the sunshine club after 4.45pm

Dogs are not allowed on the sites of any School – I have had a number of reports of dogs being carried around on the site. Please can this practice cease. Failure to do so will result in a ban from the premises. Many thanks

Spare uniform request

If you have any spare 'pants, socks and tights' that you could donate to the medical room for when children have a mishap- please see Mrs Halliday.

School Closure due to bad weather information

Snow and bad weather closure: As we are now at the start of 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.

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
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 2019 - 12.30pm First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3B

Sunday 23rd June 2019 - 12.30pm First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3T

(Letters will be sent out separately)



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Dates for your diary –December

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| Saturday 8 th | 12PM-2PM | Christmas Fayre at School |
| Mon 10 th | Am | FY rehearsal of Nativity songs to the whole school |
| Tues 11 th | 9.15am | FY Nativity songs Performance- ticket only, no cars on site |
| Tues 11 th | Afterschool | KS1 Multi Sports competition at Bishop Vesey School. |
| Wed 12 th | Am | Y6, Y5, Y1 and FY – Pantomime at Sutton Town Hall |
| Thurs 13 th | Am | Y4, Y3, Y2 – Pantomime at Sutton Town Hall |
| Thurs 13 th | 6pm-8.15pm | PTA Christmas Discos KS1 6pm-7pm. KS2 7.15pm-8.15pm Tickets via parent pay |
| Fri 14 th | 9.00am | Congratulations Assembly- all welcome |
| Mon 17 th | Am | Y1 and Y2 Nativity rehearsal to the whole school |
| Tues 18 th | 9.20am | Y1 and Y2 Nativity Performance- ticket only, no cars on site |
| Wed 19 th | 9.20am | Y1 and Y2 Nativity Performance- ticket only, no cars on site |
| Wed 19 th | Lunchtime | School Christmas Dinner |
| Fri 21 st | 9.00am | Congratulations Assembly – all welcome |
| Fri 21 st | 1.30-2.30 | KS2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church |



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