

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Newsletter No.1**

*(NB newsletters will be emailed fortnightly; the next newsletter will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September)*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. A special extended welcome to the new families and staff to our school community.

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

<b>The Tidiness Award</b>	<b>Y3T</b>	<b>Lining Up award</b>	<b>Y4I</b>
<b>Lunchtime Behaviour Award</b>	<b>Y3B</b>	<b>The Attendance Award</b>	<b>Y6H with 98.60%</b>

**New Staff-** We welcome the following staff to our school community:

- **Miss Wood Y1W** teacher
- **Mrs. Evans Y2E** teacher
- **Miss Birch Y3B** teacher
- **Mrs. Ives Y4I** teacher
- **Mrs. Bowkett and Mr. Lloyd** Teaching Assistant support

I am sure you will introduce yourselves to them and make them welcome when you see them.

**Request for an update of details**

For the school to run effectively communications in both directions between home and school is vital, therefore I will try to ensure that all newsletters are electronically sent on a Friday. *(Please note that may not be one every week, as some weeks are merely a duplication of information and therefore unnecessary wasted time and effort.)*

It is vital that we have your updated details-

If you were receiving texts and newsletters last year and your details are the same then you do not need to do anything as we still have them in our system. If you have not given us your mobile phone and email details, please see the office for the appropriate form to complete.

All new Foundation parents were issued with the appropriate 'parent mail' form – please ensure this has been returned.

Staff are always available for you to pass on any information that you feel they need to be aware of, before and after school. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the office and make an appointment.

**Clarification regarding collection of children-** If you have arranged for a different family member, friend or other parent to those who usually collect your child at the end of the day **you MUST inform school**. Please send in a letter to your child's teacher; alternatively you can ring and let the office know if it is at short notice. Staff will not release children to other parents if notification has not been received.

**Medical forms-** Mrs Halliday has been updating our records for pupils with medical issues, please book an appointment with the Office to arrange to see her if this applies to you.

**Dress Code-** Just a quick reminder that school does not allow children to wear ear-rings or have transfers / tattoos. Please ensure these are removed on school days.

Hair should be tied back with plain bobbles / Alice Bands- No bows or ears etc.. these interfere with teaching in the classroom.

**Entry into the school building before and after the school day-** Could I remind parents that if you need to enter the school building to check lost property, find a reading book, check the cloakroom or speak to a member of staff...or whatever reason, you must only do so via the main entrance and by speaking to the office staff who will check whether it is convenient. Staff will only meet with parents who have made an appointment, 'popping in' can often be very disruptive. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

**Dinner Money** – Payable by 'Parent pay' only, this term is £85.50 (£2.25 per day)

**Universal Free School Meals** - All children in FY, Yr1 and Yr2 are entitled to a FREE SCHOOL MEAL every day.



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### Parking Cars

Although the school, Academy Committee or Directors have no jurisdiction beyond the school gates, please could I remind parents to park legally and with due care and consideration towards our local neighbours, residents and other road users. Unlawful behaviour not only upsets and causes anxiety; it can also put the safety of all, especially your children at risk.

PLEASE NOTE – there are enforceable changes to parking on the local roads especially Bromwich Drive, Knightswood Close and Tamworth Road. Please check the signs and act accordingly.

As a school we have been advocating parking a little further away from the school entrances and walking for 5 minutes with your child. Please have a look on the website under the section 'Newsletters' here you will find a document titled 'PARK AND STRIDE' it has many feasible and safe parking options that will allow you free and easy pick up and drop off options avoiding all the new restrictions.

### THANK YOU

As you will see we have had new fencing and safety barriers installed as well as a new entrance system at the Bromwich Drive entrance this is thanks to an EFA Government grant of £47,000.

We have also received £38,000 from Sutton Charities to help us update and maintain our IT provision for the children.

Thank you to the EFA and Sutton Charities for supporting our needs.

### Roald Dahl Week

Next week is Roald Dahl week, the children will be studying a book per class and creating work based around this. Please encourage them to read another Roald Dahl book for pleasure at home.

### Afterschool Clubs this term – run by an external Sports club provider

Monday – **Tag Rugby** for Years 5 & 6

Tuesday – **Girls Football** Years 4,5 & 6

Wednesday – **Boys Football** for Years 3 & 4

Thursday – **Gymnastics** for Years 1 & 2

Friday – **Basketball** for Years 3 & 4

All these clubs will commence week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> September – separate letters to follow

**Thursday Zumba** Y1,2,3 & Y4 3.20pm -4.20pm (separate letter, deal directly with Naomi not the Office) starts 13<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Boys Football** afterschool on a Thursday with Mr Lynch – separate letter to follow for Years 5 & 6 starts 13<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Cross Country** Tuesday lunchtime with Miss Gavin Years 5 & 6 starts 11<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Tennis** Monday Years 2 & 3 3.30pm – 4.30pm (separate letter, deal directly with Paul Robinson not the Office) starts 10<sup>th</sup> Sept

### Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Vaccination to take place in school on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Consent forms for this event are being sent out today to the classes of FY- Y5. Replies must be returned to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### Virtues

The children have made a wonderful start to the new year this week, a couple of years ago the Diocese introduced the Virtues into all schools and asked that we focus on teaching the children 'virtues' taken from the Jesuit Pupil Profiles. Our whole school virtues this term are '**Compassionate and Loving**':

Pupils are growing to be:

**COMPASSIONATE** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **LOVING** by their just actions and forgiving words  
**Eloquence** is the ability to articulate clearly what we believe and feel and to do so in a way that, with integrity, engages and persuades others.

The Children at St. Joseph's School are growing to be ... **Compassionate and Loving** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

We have been talking about building God's community at school and home by being living examples of the gospels through; helping each other, being respectful, having manners, using our gifts to through hard work and effort, sharing and putting the thoughts of others first because we want to, not because we need to. Well done Children!!!



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**Tomorrow, the Church celebrates the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
'Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you'**



*May the Lord bless us as we begin this new school year together.  
May his loving presence surround us.*

*May we find peace and happiness as we follow our school Mission Statement  
"To follow in Jesus' footsteps caring for each other when we work, play and pray."*

Amen

Yours sincerely,

*G.M. O'Hara*

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Principal

### Dates for your diary – September

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All week	Roald Dahl Week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	KS2 Live Link with Arch Bishop Bernard across the Diocese for Adoration
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Y5 and Y6 walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.55am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcome
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Y4I and Y4L walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Friday 21 <sup>th</sup>	8.55am	Y6 Class led Assembly– All welcome
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	PTA AGM welcome to all chat over Tea and Coffee
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Y3B and Y3T walk to Holy Trinity Church for Mass
Friday 28 <sup>nd</sup>	8.55am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcome

Previous newsletters and other information can be found on our School website: [www.stjosutton.net](http://www.stjosutton.net)

#### Other dates to note:

**Y6 Confirmation** will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6pm Mass at Holy Trinity Church (this is for both parishes)

**Parents Evening** –takes place on the evening of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30-7.00pm

**Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4** - Nasal flu Vaccinations 10<sup>th</sup> October in School- NHS letters will be sent out soon for consent.



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