



# St Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter No.6

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. In last weekend's Gospel we were reminded to focus our lives on two commandments: *One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."* We have only one life, and shall not live this day again. We need to remember that everyone is my neighbour and that if I can do something good or show my kindness- I should.

**Parents Evening** thank you for your attendance at the parents' evenings, I hope you found the evening useful in providing information to assist you in helping your children.

### Lost items

'A few cardigans/jumpers have been mislaid in FY recently. Could we please ask that all clothing is clearly named. Also could parents please check that your child has not picked up someone else's clothing by mistake and brought it home. If they have we would be grateful if it could be returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks from the EYFS staff'

### Code of Conduct Policy

The Governors have asked me to draw your attention to their new 'Code of Conduct Policy' this can be found on the school website under the parent's policy section.

### Y6 Confirmation

Will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**The Tidiness Award** Y2M

**Lining Up award**

Y2M

**Lunchtime Behaviour Award** Y2M

**The Attendance Award**

**Y4I with 98%**

**Safeguarding Newsletter** – our latest Safeguarding themed newsletter sent out with this newsletter is focused on 'Mental Health' – please have a look at the ideas, facts and tips for yourselves and your children.



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## 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 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am**

**Y1G&W and Y2M&E** will perform their **Nativity** on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.20am** and **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.20pm.**

**KS2** will perform their **Carol Concert** on the final day of term, **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30-2.30pm.**

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

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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!- Parking is available on the playground.

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre 12-2pm

### PTA –Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre takes place at school on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

~~Today Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov~~ – ~~Chocolate Tombola~~ – ~~Theme Non Uniform~~ – **thank you**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** - **Bottles for tombola** - **Theme- Non Uniform & Mad Hair and Odd Sock day**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - DVDs/ good quality toys/books (as new) Theme- Non Uniform & Red and Green

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Filled Paper Bags - Theme- Non Uniform & Christmas Jumper

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> /Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Homemade cakes NO NUTS - Theme- Non Uniform & 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.**



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**On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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*



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*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*  
G M O'Hara  
Principal

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

### Other dates to note:

#### Y3 Holy Communion dates:

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - 12.30pm First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3B

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 - 12.30pm First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Y3T

(Letters will be sent out separately)

| Dates for your diary – November |              |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>            | 10.00am      | Y5 walk to Mass at Holy Trinity  |
| Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>            | 6.30-8.00pm  | Y6 Children and Parents – Sacrament of Confirmation Workshop with Fr Michael and Deacon Daniel   |
| Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>          | 9.00-10.20am | FY Parents 'stay and Play' Diwali Theme  |
| Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>          | 6.30pm       | PTA Fashion Night  |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>            | 9.00am       | Congratulations Assembly – all welcome   |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>            | ALL DAY      | Non uniform Day – Bottle donations – Mad Hair and odd socks                                      |
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>            | 10.00am      | Y6 walk to Mass at Holy Trinity  |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>          | 2.45pm       | FY Phonics Workshop for parents  |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>            | ALL DAY      | Non uniform Day – DVDs/ good quality toys/books (as new) donations – Non Uniform & Red and Green |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>            | 9.00am       | Year 4I Class Led Assembly and Pupil of the Month Award  |
| Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>            | 6pm          | YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION MASS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  |
| Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>           | 9.00         | Children lead Advent House group Assemblies  |
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>            | 10.00am      | Y4L and 4I walk to Mass at Holy Trinity  |
| Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>          | ALL DAY      | Non uniform Day - Filled Paper Bags - Non Uniform & Christmas Jumper                             |
| Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>            | 9.00am       | Year 6 Mass of Thanksgiving  |



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