

Newsletter No.14

9th March 2018

Dear Parents

Well done Year 2M for a lovely informative assembly about all the learning that has taken place about your Science topic 'Animals including humans' Well done to you, Miss Miller and Mrs Reeves.

Lent

Please support the children during Lent with their sponsorship fundraising, fasting and of course through encouragement spiritually with extra prayers as we all try to bring ourselves even closer to the Lord.

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

	<u>Last week</u>	<u>This Week</u>
Lining Up award (wet plays)	Y6H	Y6H
The Tidiness Award	Y6H	Y2G
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y1G	Y1T
The Attendance Award	Y2G and Y6H with 98.89%	Y1G and Y3L with 100%

World Book Week

Well done to all of the children for your wonderful work during World Book Week! We hope you had fun dressing up as your favourite book characters today. Thank you very much to the PTA who purchased a £10 WH Smith voucher for the child with the most original costume in each class. Every child will bring a World Book Day token home with them today. This token can be exchanged for a free book in certain stores before 25th March. Let's hope this event will help to continue to encourage reading

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who came to the parents' evening last night, we hope you found your meeting useful. We will be sending home our annual Parents Questionnaire shortly (via Parent mail)- please take time to complete and return it. It is always good to hear your views, both constructive (in order to improve our provision for the children), and informing us of the things you appreciate so we can celebrate and praise those who deserve it!

Football Team

Well done to the Football team who played against Moor Hall this week, the 4-0 result didn't properly reflect our efforts – we were proud of you lads. Good look against New Hall tonight and against Banners Gate next week. Thank you to Mr Lynch (Steve Bruce) for your time and effort with the team.

Lunchtime Supervisors Vacancy

Finding people to fill this role is never easy; the role of a lunchtime supervisor being able to talk to the children, play with them and watch them flourish and interact from an early age is an extremely rewarding position. However, if we continue to face difficulties in recruiting, like so many schools we will have no option but to adjust the hours of Teaching Assistants away from vital classroom support to ensure the children are safe and catered for at lunchtime. This is a last resort and something that we do not wish to do. **Therefore, if you can spare just over an hour at lunchtime each day or know someone else who can please get in touch.**

Golf club

The Golf Club, run by Walmley Golf Club, starts this Friday (today) after school for years 3 to 6.

Communications through the school office

Our 'open' office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The School encourages communications with parents, through several options:

- Telephone 0121 354 6270 during 'open' hours.
- All other times or when all our lines are busy, you can leave a message via the answer machine, all messages will be picked up and any urgent messages will be dealt with immediately.*ie changes to collection arrangements...* For all other messages we aim to respond within 24 hours.
- The School's preferred method of notification of 'Child Absence' is via Parentmail.
- If you wish to email the school with an enquiry, please send it to enquiry@stjosutton.net, again we endeavour to address the issue or forward your enquiry to the relevant member of staff within 24 hours.
- Wherever possible all communications to Parents will be sent via Parentmail for efficiency, through text messages and email. Parents without an email address will be sent a paper copy on the same day the emails are sent out.

Many thanks for all of your continued support in working together.- Ms Coeulle and Ms Green

Attendance below 90%

During the Autumn Term we issued letters to parents to come and discuss their child's attendance. Thank you to all who responded and met with staff- we have seen a marked improvement in man children's figures.

Now that we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the Spring term, letters, again, are currently being issued to parents where a child's attendance has fallen below 90%. Please could I ask you to respond and meet with the various Phase Leader Staff; Ms Hill, Miss Harris, Mrs Prentice and Mr Lynch. These meetings prove to be very useful enabling us to understand fully how home and school can work closely together for your child. Thank you in anticipation.

School attendance advice for parents (taken from BCC website)

In order to do well in school, children must attend regularly and should be punctual. A score of 90% in a test would be a good result but 90% attendance means that a child will have missed around 100 lessons over a school year. 5 minutes late every day means around 3 ½ days of education are missed.

Term Time Leave

From 1st September 2013, amendments to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 made clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 apply to all maintained schools, academies, studio schools, free schools and Independent schools.

When parents request permission to take their children out of school during term time where there are exceptional circumstances, an application form should be completed and submitted to the school at least two weeks before they are due to leave. Parents must contact the school and allow the school to consider their application before booking flights or leaving the country, even when unforeseen events occur (e.g. family bereavement)

Family emergencies need careful consideration. It is not always in the best interests of the pupil nor appropriate for them to miss school for family emergencies that are being dealt with by adult family members. School and school relationships can provide pupils with stability and care during difficult times. If leave is granted, the Head Teacher is the person who determines the number of school days a child can be away from school.

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons



“Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those who knock.”

Matthew 7: 7-9

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Please note the following diary events

Dates for February/ March 2018		
Wed 14 th March	Am	FY Hearing Tests
Wed 14 th	10.00am	Year 3L and Year 5L walk to Holy Trinity to join the parish for Mass
Thurs 15 th	All day	FY Trip to Twycross Zoo
Fri 16 th	9.00am	Year 2G Class led Assembly – all welcomed
Fri 16 th	1.10-3.00pm	Year 3L and Year 3K Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Trinity Church
Wed 21 st	10.00am	Year 2G and Year 6H walk to Holy Trinity to join the parish for Mass
Fri 23 rd	9.00am	Congratulations Assembly – all welcomed
Sat 24 th	6pm-9pm	BCSSA Swimming Gala at Wyndley Baths
Mon 26 th	2.55pm	Palm Sunday Assembly led by Y4B
Wed 28 th	2.55pm	Last Supper Assembly led by Y3K/L
Thurs 29 th	9.00am	Stations of the Cross Assembly led by Y5L
Thurs 29 th	Pm	PTA led Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Thurs 29 th	3.20pm	End of Term
Easter Holidays – school closed		
Mon 16 th April	8.45am	New Term starts

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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Principal



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