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## Newsletter No.1

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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. The children have made a fantastic start to the new school year over the last two days. The children participated in a welcome back assembly (via zoom!) where we acknowledged the challenges we have all faced throughout the year, however, as part of God's community we can all try our best to be living examples of the gospels through; helping each other, being respectful, having manners, using our gifts through hard work and effort, sharing and putting the thoughts of others first. The children have really responded to this and school has had a wonderful atmosphere. The children have embraced the new procedures around school, including lunchtime systems - Well done children!

### **New Staff-**

We welcome the following staff to our school community:

Miss A Fraser – Year 4 Class Teacher

Miss O Shiels – Year 1 Class Teacher

Mrs D Smith – Y2 Maternity Cover for Miss R Miller (Returning in October)

We are sure you will introduce yourselves and make them feel even more 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 we will try to ensure that all newsletters are electronically sent every other Friday. 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 updated mobile phone number or email, please call the school office to update these details.

### **Social Distancing Communication with parents**

NO parents are allowed into the school building, unless staff have organised a prearranged meeting. All communication with school must be through the enquiry email : **enquiry@stjosutton.net** or **telephone 0121 3546270**

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### **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 email the school via the enquiry email, FAO your child's class 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.

### **Jewellery in School**

For children's safety and to prevent the loss of valued items, jewellery is not allowed in school, including earrings for health and safety reasons. The only exception to this rule is regarding watches which may be worn; however, watches should not be worn on P.E., Games or Swimming days to reduce the possibility of them being lost. Make up is not permitted in school, e.g. nail varnish.

### **Uniform**

Please could you send your child in with a coat every day, we endeavour for the children to be outside as much as possible and often the weather can be unpredictable.

### **Votes for Schools**

We are excited this year to launch an exciting new initiative called Votes for Schools. Votes for Schools exists to give young people the knowledge they need & tools required to change the world around them. The programme helps teachers to address current affairs & sensitive topics while lighting up the classroom & sparking pupil interest in new areas. The voting platform gives pupils a respected & influential voice. Please see the parent poster attached at the end of the newsletter for more information.



### **St. John Paul II Multi Academy**

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### **Cultural Capital**

With a new school year, we are working hard to continue to develop our cultural capital in and around school. Cultural capital is embodied by an individual who is knowledgeable about a wide range of culture and is comfortable discussing its value and merits. It is characterised by the experience and skill to be able to deploy the appropriate knowledge in any given situation: a job interview, a conversation with a neighbour, building a work network and so on. Evidence suggests that the cultural capital passed on through families helps children do better in school. Each month will have a different focus on each of the themes below and will be shared with the children throughout assemblies, during lesson time and throughout school. Please use this as a time to talk to your children and help develop their knowledge of the world around them.

**Musician of the Month**— Johann Sebastian Bach

**Artist of the Month**— Barbara Hepworth

**Word of the Month**- Considerate

**Inspirational Person of the Month**— Muhammad Ali



### **School Crossing Patrol Cover -St Josephs, Tamworth Road**

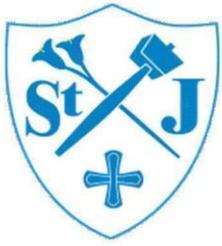
Please see the job advert at the end of this newsletter regarding the School Crossing Patrol Warden, if you know anybody who may be interested in this post, please let them know!



Lord our God,  
in your wisdom and love  
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.  
Send your spirit upon these pupils  
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.  
Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies  
and draw ever closer to you,  
the source of all knowledge.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Yours sincerely,





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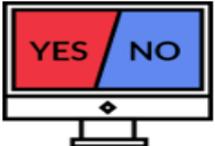
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Inspiring Pupil Voice

Parent and Carer information



VotesforSchools is a weekly current affairs voting platform designed to engage children in political and social issues. Through weekly debating and voting, not only are children learning about the world around them, they are becoming prepared for participating in our democratic processes.

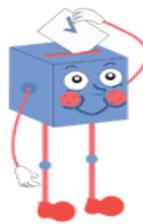



**How does it work?**

Our staff use the resources to deliver a session on the VoteTopic of the week e.g. **Is fake news always bad?**



In the session, pupils take part in debates and activities to give them a better understand on the topic.



Our pupils then vote 'yes' or 'no' on the VoteTopic question.



We get our own results back, VotesforSchools use the national result to let people know what pupils think across the country!

**Top Tips for Parents and Carers:**

- ✓ At 4 pm every Friday the VoteTopic goes live, check out [www.votesforschools.com](http://www.votesforschools.com) to see what the question is
- ✓ Ask your children to give arguments for each side of the debate, encourage critical thinking (the parent information sheet can help you with this).
- ✓ When the new VoteTopic is available the last week's result will also be on the website, look at what it is and discuss it.



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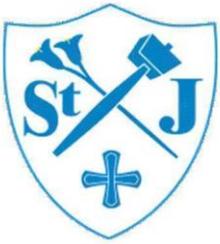
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## School Crossings Patrol Warden needed

**Pro Rata** £18,065 - £19,945 (*Part time*)

*8hrs per week - St Josephs RC Primary, Tamworth Road*

You will assist at places where children/adults cross roads on their way to and from school (or on their way from one part of a school to another) during the prescribed hours, ensuring their safe passage, and will also be responsible for reporting any problems encountered to supervisors.

- You will need to be caring, reliable and must have good verbal communication skills to enable you to communicate effectively with a range of people in differing situations.
- You will need to be available term time mornings and afternoons during the school run.
- All leave must be taken in school holidays.
- Successful applicants will be provided with a uniform and training.
- A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be undertaken.

Application Forms can be completed online: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs)

Any Questions Call School Crossings on 0121 303 7777

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