



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

Friday 31st January 2020

Newsletter No.10

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Newsletter number 10, we can't believe how quickly this half term is going! The children have done a great job of settling back into school life, we have had many events going on in and around School and as always the children have completed all tasks diligently. We were amazed by Year 3I last week, they presented a very informative class assembly, which got us all thinking about the way in which we use plastic. The key message 'reduce, re use, recycle' has been remembered and spoken about by all KS2 children! We would like to thank Mrs Ives, Mrs Oldham and Miss Small for preparing the children so well for their assembly.

We have an exciting couple of weeks coming up at school with a number of different events. On Monday 3rd February the whole school will be meeting local poet, Andy Tooze, who will be working with children throughout the day, please see below for more details. Year 4 are welcoming West Midlands Fire Service for a workshop as part of their curriculum work, while Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in Anti Bullying workshops which links closely with their PSHE lessons. The whole school will take part in Internet Safety Day, which will be launched with an Assembly from our Y6 Digital leaders. Please talk to your child about the events as they take place over the next two weeks.

Congratulations to last week's award winner. The awards were as follows:

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award	Y3I	Lining Up award	Y6
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y3I	The Attendance Award	Y5G

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

Key Stage One

The Tidiness Award	Y2G	Lining Up award	FYR
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y1W	The Attendance Award	FYP

Sunshine Superhero

Well done to Avayah in Year 5 who has been a star in Sunshine, she is always helpful, polite and helps to take care of the younger children, an excellent role model for all. The Sunshine team have been impressed with Year 5 as a whole over the last two weeks, keep up the good work!

Maths Week

During Maths Week, the children were treated to lots of different fun and engaging activities, workshops and competitions, all planned in order to develop their love of maths. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged with their maths lessons. We would also like to say thank you to all of the parents and governors who took the time to come into school and work with the children, we hope you found the workshop useful!

We would also like to take this opportunity to share with you a letter from the Minister of State for School Standards, Nick Gibb. We are delighted to share with parents that our KS2 results for Maths put us in the top 2% of primary schools in the country!!! This is a fantastic achievement and is a testimony to the hard work of all staff and children at the school. Our relationship with parents is vital so we would also like to say well done and thank you for all the support you provide at home. Please see the letter attached at the bottom of this newsletter.

Faith and Belief Forum

Well done to Y3I who were so well behaved for their Faith and Belief day with Year 3 Children from Sacred Heart. When we spoke to the children they really enjoyed the day and getting to know pupils from a different school. We look forward to continuing this journey with Sacred Heart.





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Andy Tooze Poet Visit

We are very pleased and excited to announce that Andy Tooze, a specialist teacher of poetry and children's author will be visiting St Joseph's on Monday 3rd February. He will be working with all children in every year group delivering dynamic, interactive workshops on writing poems. The children will also have the opportunity to purchase signed copies of his poetry books on the day at a special price of £5. If your child would like a book please ensure they bring £5 on the day in an envelope with their name and class clearly marked. Andy will be available at the end of the day if you wish to purchase the books then. Books can be ordered after the event, please speak to the office. We are sure the children will have an amazing day.

Parking Concerns

Concerns have been raised with regards to parents parking or stopping on the double yellow lines on both sides of Tamworth Road and Bromwich Drive in both the mornings and afternoons. Please could parents refrain from doing this. The yellow line markings have been provided to keep the area of the carriageway clear of parked vehicles allowing parents and their children to cross the road in a safer environment. When a vehicle parks or drops off at such a location it reduces the effect of the markings and gives the impression to other parents that it is OK for them to park in a similar manner. Thank you to those who have highlighted these issues out of concern. It is imperative our children must be kept safe. The governors have been made aware of these issues and felt it necessary to write to the residents of Bromwich Drive. Please see the letter attached at the end of the newsletter.

We have attached an advert at the bottom of this newsletter from Birmingham City Council for a School Crossings Patrol Warden. Please share this with anybody who you think may be interested and has the time to spare.

NSPCC Parent Online Safety Workshop

We have managed to rebook the NSPCC parent online safety workshop which unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control had to be cancelled in the Autumn term. The new date is **Tuesday 11th February at 2.00-3.00pm**. All parents are welcome and a separate letter has been sent out with more details.

Bromwich Drive Gates

We have had a new timer added to the gates on Bromwich Drive. The new timers will automatically open at 7.15 am to allow access for sunshine users. The gates will then close at 9.00am, please note if you are dropping your child off after 9.00 am you will have to use the main gates off Little Sutton Lane. The gates will then automatically open again at 2.55 pm to allow access for the end of the day. Please note parents will not be allowed onto the playground before 2.55pm as PE lessons will still be taking place. Thank you for your co-operation.

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. As part of the fun and learning, everyone is invited to dress up as a character from any book on the Thursday. Last year, we had characters ranging from Harry Potter to Gangster Granny, The Cat in the Hat and Where's Wally, plus many more! We are looking forward to an activity packed week of fun book related activities.

Inset Day

Monday 24th February 2020, please make a note that school will be closed to pupils on this day.

Early May Bank Holiday

Please note that this year the Bank Holiday has been changed to Friday, 8 May 2020 to coincide with Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) which marks the 75th anniversary of the formal end of World War II. It will be the first day of a long weekend featuring numerous commemorative events across the country.





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Today is the Feast day of St John Bosco, he is the patron saint of School children.
Saint John Bosco



Friend of the young,

Teacher in the ways of God,

Your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still.

Help me to work for a better world,

where the young are given the chance to flourish,

where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and where God's compassion is shown to be real.

Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you

and to our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians.

Amen

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs L Chambers
Acting Head of School

Previous newsletters and other information can be found on our School website: www.stjosutton.net





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Please note the following important dates for this term:

26th February Whole School Mass at Holy Trinity Church

29th February Children's Mass at Holy Trinity Church

5TH March World Book Day

13th March Year 3B Class Assembly

14th March Swimming Gala

20th March Year 2G Class Assembly

26th March Parents Evening (All apart from Y2E- A separate letter has been sent)

3rd April Academy Photographers in for class and leavers pictures

4th April Children's Mass at Holy Trinity Church

6th April Year 4 Palm Sunday Assembly

8th April Year 3 Last Supper Assembly

9th April Year 5 Stations of the Cross Assembly

Dates for your diary – February 2020

Saturday 1 st February	6.00 pm	Children's Mass and Year 3 Mass of Commitment at Holy Trinity Church
Wednesday 5 th February	10.00 am	Y5G, Y1A, Y2E, Y4K to walk to Mass at Holy Trinity
Friday 7 th February	9.00 am	KS2 Gifts from God Assembly – all welcome
Wednesday 12 th February	10.00am	Y3I, Y3B, Y4L, Y2G to Mass at Holy Trinity
Tuesday 11 th February	2.00-3.00pm	NSPCC Parent Online Safety Workshop
Thursday 13 th February		School Nurse in for FY – height and weights
Thursday 13 th February	4.00-4.40pm 5.20-6.00pm	Girls Netball Match ST J v Boldmere ST J v Moor Hall
Friday 14 th February	9.00 am	Year 2E Class Assembly and KS1 Gifts from God- all welcome

Other important dates to note:

- **First holy Communion for Year 3I- Sunday 7th June at 12.30pm**
- **First holy Communion for Year 3B- Sunday 14th June at 12.30pm**





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School Crossings Patrol Warden needed locally

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

8hrs per week – Tamworth Road @ Bromwich Drive

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

Any Questions call School Crossings on 0121 303 7777

or email: schoolcrossings@birmingham.gov.uk





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30th January 2020

Dear Resident,

Bromwich Drive – Parents car parking

It has been brought to the attention of the St Joseph's Governing Body that you may have experienced inconsiderate and dangerous parking by some of the parents/guardians of the children at St Joseph's RC Primary School, putting the safety of children and others at risk. The Governing Body would like to sincerely apologise for this inconsiderate parking whether this is

- Blocking your driveway.
- Preventing access down the pavement for prams/wheelchairs.
- Making it difficult to turn out of Bromwich Drive onto the Tamworth Road.
- Preventing/restricting access for emergency vehicles, for example, fire engine or ambulance.

The school does not have any legal responsibility or jurisdiction over parking outside the school however, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 empowered Birmingham City Council to make Traffic Regulation Orders to restrict, regulate and control traffic including parking. Having said that the Governing Body would welcome any inconsiderate and dangerous parking to be reported to Birmingham City Council.

We would urge you to report any such parking that you experience to Birmingham City Council at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle

Once again please accept our apologies for the inconvenience and behaviour of a few of the inconsiderate parents/guardians of this school.

Thank you in advance

M. G. Stirrop

Mrs M Stirrop
Chair of Governors



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Letter from the Minister of State for School Standards



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

Minister of State for School Standards

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Mr Gerry O'Hara
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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27 January 2020

Dear Mr O'Hara,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2. This means that for achievement in mathematics, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is in the top 2 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The Government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

