



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

8th November 2019

Newsletter No.5

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome everyone back to school and hope that you all had a good half-term break with your families. We look forward to another busy and productive half-term, especially as it is the lead up to Christmas when we have a lot of enjoyable events planned for the children. Please remember our PTA Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 7th December 2019 from 12.00pm to 2.00pm and we hope you will all be able to join us. There will be a number of non-uniform days, dates for these will be sent out soon.

Open days

Thank you to the parents who attended our 2019 Open Day sessions on Tuesday and Thursday this week. If you were unable to attend and would like to speak to someone, please contact the school office. A special thank you to Y5, who took their time to show parents around the school. The feedback was great, well done!

Y4L Class Assembly

Y4L led a very moving and thoughtful assembly, this morning, all about Remembrance. Many families and friends came along to watch and to support. Well done Y4L and thank you to Mrs Leahy and Mrs Pritchard for all of your hard work too.

We will be holding a two-minute silence on Monday 11th November at 11am to remember those who lost their lives fighting for their country. 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.

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

Key Stage One

The Tidiness Award	Y2E	Lining Up award	FYP
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	FYR	The Attendance Award	FYR

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

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award	Y4L	Lining Up award	Y5G
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y3B	The Attendance Award	Y5G

Sunshine Superhero

Well done to Foundation Year who have been exceptionally behaved at Sunshine club this week. A special well done to Amelie in Y1 who has been given the Sunshine Superhero award!

Kindness Week

At St Joseph's we are celebrating Kindness week (Anti Bullying week) from 11th – 15 November. Encouraging kind behaviour in schools is essential and we promote this through our Catholic Education. Evidence shows that promoting kindness among young people directly reduces bullying and disruptive behaviour and helps to increase social and emotional wellbeing. Please talk to your child about what they have done in celebration of 'World Kindness Day' on Wednesday 13th November.

School Photographs

On Monday 18th November Academy photographers will be in school for family, sibling and individual photographs. For those wanting siblings of children not already in school please come to the school office between 8.15am - 8.35am. In school sibling photographs will be taken during the day. Thank you.

Pantomime

This year we will be going to see the production of Aladdin at Sutton Town Hall on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December. A letter





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will be sent out shortly.

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 10th December at 9.15am.**

Y1A&W and **Y2G&E** will perform their **Nativity** on **Tuesday 17th December 9.20am** and **Wednesday 18th December 9.20pm.**

KS2 will perform their **Carol Concert** on the final day of term, **Friday 20th December at 1.45pm in Church.**

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

Y6 Confirmation

Will take place on Saturday 9th November, 6pm, at Holy Trinity Church. Cannon Evans will be Confirming all 31 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:

The car park at Holy Trinity will be reserved for the elderly and those with a disability attending and also parishioners. Could all others i.e. parents please use the car park at Bishop Vesey's School which is situated on the right hand side at the bottom of Boswell Road (opposite the church). Arrangements have been made with the school for the use of this car park. Parking is not permitted in Boswell Road – residents only and on Lichfield Road and also on the pavement at the side of Holy Trinity towards Tamworth Road outside the apartments. Enforcement Officers are active in these areas and penalty tickets will be issued.

Many Thanks.

Free School Meals

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

Even if your child receives a meal in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 it does help the school if we can claim the Free School Meal funding your child is entitled to. If we do not access all funding available this may impact on the additional support that we as a school are able to offer in classrooms and also learning resources and Teaching Assistant support. Even if you do not think that you are eligible please can you log in and apply so that we can check, every bit of funding helps your child and their school. You can log in online on the following link <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk> and follow the instructions. Alternatively, you can provide the following information to the school and they can apply on your behalf:

Parents full name

Parents date of birth

Parents National Insurance number

Full name of child

If you have any queries, please contact the school.

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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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
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.*

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

Dates for your diary – November		
Saturday 9 th November	6.00 pm	Y6 Confirmation Mass of Commitment
Wednesday 13 th November	10.00 am	Y5L, Y4L, Y3B & Y2E to walk to Holy Trinity for Mass
Wednesday 13 th November	4.00-5.15 pm	Y5/6 Indoor Athletics at Bishop Vesey (separate letter to be sent)
Friday 15 th November	8.55 am	KS1- Gifts from God Assembly- all welcome
Monday 18 th November		Academy photographers in school
Thursday 21 st November	4.00-5.30 pm	Girls Indoor Football (separate letter to be sent)
Friday 22 nd November	8.55am	Y4K Class Led Assembly and KS2 Gifts from God Assembly- all welcome

Other dates to note:

PTA Movie Night Wednesday 27th November KS2 3.30pm-5.30pm

PTA Movie Night Thursday 28th November KS1 3.30pm-5.30pm



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