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### Newsletter No.7

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Newsletter number 7. We are now in the Season of Advent which is a special time of the year when the Church waits and prepares for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. In our Gospel Assembly we have spoken to the children about the importance of Advent and we have looked at the different things we can do to prepare, including looking at the Advent wreath. Each candle represents a week leading up to Christmas and a candle is lit each Sunday. There are three purple candles, one pink and the final candle, to be lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, is white and is in the centre of the wreath. The first candle that was lit last Sunday, is the "Candle of Hope" and it symbolises faith in God keeping his promises to humanity. The Advent wreath is made of evergreens which symbolises everlasting life and the circle represents God's continuous love. Please continue to talk to your child about the importance of Advent and ask them what they have been doing in class to help them prepare for the coming of Jesus.

#### **Y6 Thanksgiving Mass**

Thank you to Year 6 who led KS2 through a beautiful Mass this morning at Holy Trinity Church. It was fantastic to see so many parents also show their support.

#### **Sunshine Superhero**

Well done to Finley in Y3I who has been chosen this week as the 'Sunshine Superstar'. Kate and the team have also said that FY have shown they are following our two virtues this half term by showing they are attentive and discerning. Well done!

#### **Children's Christmas Lunch**

The Children will be having their Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, a separate message has been sent via Parent Mail, please ensure you confirm if you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch so we can let the cooks know the exact numbers. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

#### **School Closure due to bad weather information**

Snow and bad weather closure: As we are now at the start of winter we have to plan for what would happen if (for the health and safety of the schools' community) the school had to close due to bad weather. We have in previous years made decisions as early as possible using the website and Parent Mail and such decisions will apply to all schools within the Multi-Academy. We will continue to use these mediums of fast communication if it becomes necessary. It can be quite difficult to get through to the local radio stations in the absence of a city wide decision but please check these sources of information if you have difficulty accessing the internet or a message. If you haven't received a text/email message on other occasions this year but have a mobile phone, please contact the school with your mobile number and your e-mail address so that it can be added to our database therefore ensuring fast communication when it becomes necessary in the future.

#### **Spare uniform request**

If you have any spare 'pants, socks and tights' that you could donate to the medical room or FY for when children have a mishap- please see Mrs Terry.

#### **Y2 Gifts from God Assembly – a slight change of date**

Please note that Year 2 originally had their Gifts from God Assembly with the rest of Year 1 and Foundation Year on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, however as they will be at the pantomime they will now be presented with awards and certificates with Years 3 through to Year 6 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Parents have been informed individually if their child was expecting a house point certificate.



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### **Chaplaincy Team**

On Thursday, the Chaplaincy Team led an assembly introducing the Year of the Word and shared lots of interesting facts about the Bible! From the Sunday just gone (the first Sunday of Advent) until the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the Catholic Church of England and Wales will be celebrating the Year of the Word thinking about how we can celebrate, live out and share the Word of God.

This half term, we have chosen to share words from the Gospel that remind us of what we are preparing for during the season of Advent – the coming of Christ: 'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us', (John 1:14).

To remind us of the importance of preparing for the coming of Christ, we would like to invite you to join in with the beautiful Advent Tradition, Baminelli Sunday, which was introduced by Saint Pope John Paul II. More information about how you can join in with the tradition is attached with this newsletter.

### **Play Leaders**

Congratulations to the 12 play leaders from Year 5 completing their play leader training at Bishop Vesey last Tuesday. They are now fully trained to play the games that they learnt with the KS1 children at lunchtimes on the playground on a rota basis. Thank you to Miss Gavin for helping to organise this.

### **Damage to cars on site**

As mentioned in previous newsletters we would like to remind parents dropping and collecting from the Sunshine Club, NO parents' cars should be onsite after 8am or before 4.45pm. Unfortunately, a member of staff had their car damaged by a parent's car which was parked on site after the times permitted. The Governing body and School have now given various reminders and spoken to parents who park on site after these times. In light of the damage which has now happened, with this sadly not being the first time, we feel we have no other option but to give a final warning. If anything else happens the Governing body will have no other option but to ban all parents' cars from the site permanently, unless for a pre discussed medical issue. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the majority of parents who work with us on these matters.

### **Foundation Year**

We would like to say thank you to all of the parents who were able to make it for the 'stay and learn' last week. It was lovely to see so many of you come and support the children in their learning and hopefully this gave you a better insight into how your child learns in their first year at school. It was great to read all of the fantastic feedback on the observation sheets; We know the children were very proud of themselves!

Well done to all of the children in FY who were so sensible on their first school trip, they really enjoyed the steam train and were very well behaved.

### **Year 3**

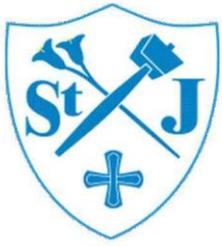
We wanted to take this opportunity to say what a fantastic job Year 3 have done this half term learning about the Stone Age. Last week they finished writing their non-chronological reports about the Stone Age, which were very impressive! Year 3 have really enjoyed this topic and it has been a pleasure to see them so engaged in their learning.

### **PTA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, this weekend- 12pm-2pm**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the non-uniform day donations over the past few weeks.

Please note that both entrances will be open. Cars may also park on the playground, but please be mindful of pedestrians. Parents must supervise children and not allow them to roam about outside.





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Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara  
Executive Principal

Mrs L Chambers  
Acting Head of School

***This Sunday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent***

***God sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of his son. The message he preached then, is just as important today, as we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.***



***Heavenly Father,***

***Help each of us to make a fresh start this Advent;  
to put right what is wrong and to truly live as Jesus showed us.***

***Amen***

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

Dates for your diary –December		
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	12.00-2.00PM	Christmas Fayre – all welcome
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15 AM	FY Carols and Hymns with a Nativity tableau
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00-5.15PM	Y1&2 Multi skills at Sutton Vesey (separate letter to be sent)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00AM	Y4K,Y3I & Y2G walking to Holy Trinity for Mass
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	12.00-1.20PM	The Children's Christmas lunch
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 AM	FY,Y1,Y5 & Y6 Pantomime at Sutton Town Hall
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00AM	Y2,Y3 & Y4 Pantomime at Sutton Town Hall
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 AM	KS1 Gifts from God Assembly FY & Y1 (Y2 at the Pantomime)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.20 AM	Y1 & 2 Nativity (day 1)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.20 AM	Y1 & 2 Nativity (day 2)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 AM	KS2 & Y2 Gifts from God Assembly – all welcome
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45 PM	KS2 Carol concert at Holy Trinity- all welcome (All children must be collected from school at the end of the day, for safeguarding we are unable to let children leave from the church)



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