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20th December 2019

Newsletter No.8

Dear Parents,

This is the last letter of 2019, on behalf of all the staff, thank you for your kind Christmas wishes, cards and gifts-We are lucky to have such wonderful children and supportive families. We wish you a Happy, Holy and Peaceful Christmas break.

KS1 Nativities

We are sure you will agree that the Nativity productions for both FY and Y1/Y2 were a fabulous reminder of the True Christmas story, as well as a chance to celebrate in the wonderful work being undertaken by the FY and KS1 children and Staff- thank you to them for all their hard work and to all who were apart of the audience, we hope you enjoyed it!

KS2 Carol concert

Well done to KS2 for a wonderful Christmas Carol Concert, although it was not as planned in the Church but in the Hall due to rain, and our last event before Christmas. Thank you to the many who came to support them- a real Christmas lift. A special thanks to Miss Harris, all of the KS2 staff and parent volunteers who assisted in helping to walk the children up to Church for the rehearsals.

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

Key Stage One

The Tidiness Award	Y2E	Lining Up award	Y1A
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	FYP	The Attendance Award	Y1W

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

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award	Y5L	Lining Up award	Y6H
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y5G	The Attendance Award	Y3B

Sunshine Superhero

The last Superhero for this Autumn term is very well deserved and goes to Franki in Y4L! The Sunshine team also wanted us to mention they have been very happy with Y1 and how they have been so sensible in the lead up to Christmas, well done.

Late Children

If for any reason you drop your child off after the bell at 8.45 am please ensure you sign them in at the office. We have recently had a number of parents drop children off but not sign them in. Thank you to the vast majority of children and parents who are at school every day, on time.

MAC Vacancies

We currently have a number of vacancies for support staff within the central team at the MAC. To view the vacancies and to find details of how to apply, follow the link below;

<http://johnpaulii.co.uk/vacancies>

Illness

There are many sickness bugs around at this time of year; if your child is unwell please do not send them into school as this gets passed onto others. If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting, the medical advice from the 'Health Prevention Agency' states that children should be kept away from school for **48 hours after the last episode** of vomiting or Diarrhoea.

When children are ill please telephone the office on the first day of their absence only or via the parentmail app and then send them back with an explanatory letter on their return.





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Please also note - an increasing number of children are being sent in to school with the request for them to stay in at break times because of coughs, colds etc. The school will only act on this request if it is in writing from your GP. The school takes the view that the fresh air will be good for them, that they should have the appropriate clothing to wrap up warm and that if they are not well they shouldn't be in school in the first place.

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.

Y1 & Y2 Multiskills

Well done to the children in Year One and Two who took part in the multiskills' school games on the 10th December. You were great role models for the school. Certificates were presented in the Gifts from God Assembly.

PTA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the PTA Christmas Fayre. It was a fantastic event which helped to raise money which all goes back into the school for the children! We would like to thank ALL of the PTA for working tirelessly in the run up to the event, and all the staff who also helped at the event.

Congratulations

We would like to say Good luck to Miss Rudd who will be getting Married on December 30th! On her return she will be called 'Mrs Bates' but she would still like her class to be called FYR. All of us here at school wish you all the best for your very special day.

Have a very Happy Christmas, from all of the staff here at St Josephs.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Principal

Mrs L Chambers
Acting Head of School

This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Advent



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I will do what God asks

Mary loved God so much that she was ready to do whatever he asked of her.

Trusting him completely and always ready to please him she agreed to become the mother of his son, Jesus.

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

Dates for your diary – January 2020

Wednesday 8 th January	10.00AM	Y6, Y5L, Y2E, Y2G to walk to Mass at Holy Trinity
Friday 10 th January	10.00AM	Whole School Mass at Holy Trinity
Wednesday 15 th January	10.00 AM	Y5G, Y4L, Y1A, Y1W to walk to Mass at Holy Trinity
Friday 17 th January	9.00AM	KS1 Gifts from God Assembly – all welcome

Other dates to note:

- **Maths Week 22nd-24th January – Parents will be invited into school for a Maths workshop**
(A separate letter has been sent out)
- **First holy Communion for Year 3I- Sunday 7th June at 12.30pm**
- **First holy Communion for Year 3B- Sunday 14th June at 12.30pm**

