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**Newsletter No.9**

Dear Parents,

**Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term!**

We had a beautiful Whole school Mass at Holy Trinity last Friday with Father Michael and Deacon Daniel. Well done to the Y4 children for leading us through the readings and to all of the children for their excellent behaviour and wonderful singing. Thank you to all of the staff who helped prepare the children, and the music. We would also like to say Thank you to all of the parents who helped us walk to the Church and back to School.

Earlier in the week the whole school enjoyed a production of 'Robin Hood'. The hall was transformed into a theatre and the children thoroughly enjoyed the performance which has many links to the PSHE curriculum, teachers will be exploring these further in class.

It has also been lovely to see the girls Netball team start back for practices with Miss Wood, the team are busy training for their upcoming math- good luck!

Today, we have celebrated World Religion Day by exploring the different religions of the world and thinking about how we can work together to make the world a better place for everyone. It is important that we have an understanding of different faiths as all children have the right to choose their own religion and beliefs (UNICEF Article 14) and no child should be treated unfairly on any basis (Article 2). Throughout the school year, KS1 are learning about different festivals celebrated by different religions while KS2 are learning about the beliefs of Hinduism (Y3), Judaism (Y4), Islam (Y5) and Sikhism (Y6).

We have been asking the children - What can we do to promote friendship, trust and kindness in our everyday lives to make sure that everyone is treated equally?

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

**Key Stage One**

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

**Sunshine Superhero**

The Sunshine team are pleased to announce that the Sunshine Superhero for this week is Charlie in Year 6. He has shown exemplary behaviour during his time at Sunshine and is always willing to help everybody!

**Sacramental Preparation Parents` Meeting**

A message was sent out via Parent mail to all Years 3 parents who have children preparing for their Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion during this school year. Father Michael and Deacon Daniel invite you to a Sacrament Preparation Meeting on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, tomorrow, after the 10.00am Mass at Holy Trinity Church. This will then be followed by a Mass of commitment at the next children's Mass on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 6pm.

**Lunch Box content**

At St Joseph's School, we try to promote healthy eating, especially at lunchtimes. Unfortunately, the contents of the packed lunch boxes being provided from home has been slipping with: sweets, chocolate bars and crisps becoming the main meal and sandwiches (sometimes missing) being left uneaten or thrown away.

We have contacted the school nurse for advice and tips for healthy lunch boxes. Please click on the link below to the 'change 4 life' website <https://change4life.service.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

This is a fun site with lots of simple tips and ideas, you can even get the children involved.



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### **Book Donations**

We are always looking for ways to encourage children to read, particularly boys. Mrs Terry is developing an outdoor reading area following discussions with children. This is something that the children feel they would use at lunchtimes and playtimes. We have been lucky to secure some funding which will go some way towards developing the new area and purchasing books. If you have had a new year clear out and have any books in good condition which you no longer require, please consider donating them to school. Any donations will be gratefully received at any time of the year, if you could send them in for the attention of Mrs Terry we would be very grateful. Thank you.

### **Maths Week – Parent workshop for Years 1-6**

We are having our yearly Maths week from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January. The week will be filled with lots of exciting and engaging Maths activities. On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> parents of children in Years 1-6 are invited into school (9.00am) for a short Maths presentation on times tables and the opportunity to work with children in classes. Please note that while the parent workshop is from Year 1-6, FY children are still encouraged to dress up as Rock stars for the day, as they will be completing maths activities with their teacher. There will be a prize for the best dressed in every class!

### **Faith and Belief Forum**

Following on the success from last year with Mr Lynch and current Y6, Y3I are taking part in an exciting experience with children from Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Aston. Both sets of children will be discussing their views on their faith and identity, the children will get a chance to get to know each other and develop a greater understanding of what makes them unique. We look forward to welcoming Y3 from Sacred Heart into school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

### **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.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Good Luck!**

We would like to wish Mrs Leahy well as she leaves us today to start her maternity leave. Miss Gibbons has already started teaching in Y4L this week to ensure a smooth transition for the children. We are sure that everybody will make Miss Gibbons feel welcome.



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***We pray for the intentions of all families of St Joseph's School.***

***Lord Jesus, open our ears to hear the Good News of God's love for each one of us. Increase our faith and love for you, we ask this through Christ our Lord.***

***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](http://www.stjosutton.net)

**Please note the following important dates next term:**

- 24<sup>th</sup> January Year 3I Class Assembly
- 1<sup>st</sup> February Children's Mass at Holy Trinity Church
- 13<sup>th</sup> February School nurse in for heights and weights in FY
- 14<sup>TH</sup> February Year 2E Class Assembly
- 26<sup>th</sup> February Whole School Mass at Holy Trinity Church
- 29<sup>th</sup> February Children's Mass at Holy Trinity Church
- 5<sup>TH</sup> March World Book Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> March Year 3B Class Assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> March Swimming Gala
- 20<sup>th</sup> March Year 2G Class Assembly
- 26<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening** (All apart from Y2E- A separate letter has been sent)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Academy Photographers in for class and leavers pictures
- 4<sup>th</sup> April Children's Mass at Holy Trinity Church
- 6<sup>th</sup> April Year 4 Palm Sunday Assembly
- 8<sup>th</sup> April Year 3 Last Supper Assembly
- 9<sup>th</sup> April Year 5 Stations of the Cross Assembly

**Dates for your diary – January 2020**

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 AM	Mass and Sacrament Preparation Meeting
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	4.00-	Year 3 & 4 Athletics at Bishop Vesey (A separate letter has been sent)



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	6.00PM	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.00-9.50AM	Dressing up as Rock stars (Times tables) Maths Parent Workshops Y1-6
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00AM	Gifts from God Assembly (Pupil of the Month) and Y3I Class Led Assembly
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 AM	Y6, Y5L, FYR and FYP to walk to Mass at Holy Trinity
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9.00AM	KS1 Gifts from God Assembly and Pupil of the Month – all welcome

### Other important dates to note:

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



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