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Newsletter No.7

Friday 4th December 2020

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 a final white candle in the centre of the wreath, this will be lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. This Sunday, we light the second candle.

The Advent wreath is made of evergreens which symbolises everlasting life, 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 themselves prepare for the coming of Jesus.

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

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award

Y3B

Lining Up award

Y3B

Lunchtime Behaviour Award

Y5Gi

The Attendance Award

Y4I

St Joseph's Video Prospectus 2020

We have a very exciting addition on the home page of our school website! Please take a moment to view our online school prospectus and share it with anybody who you know is looking for a school place for September 2021. We have a fantastic school that we are so proud of, unfortunately due to the current circumstances we are unable to welcome prospective parents into the building but we hope you find the video useful and informative. If you do have any questions regarding school places for September 2021 please contact the school office. Website : www.stjosutton.net

Children's Christmas Lunch

The Children will be having their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 8th December, a separate message has been sent via Parent Mail.

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 H&S 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 as it can be quite difficult to get through to the local radio stations. If you haven't been receiving a text or email messages from school in the past few weeks, 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.

UK Parliament Y4-6

Y4, Y5 and Y6 were really sensible joining in with an online workshop which taught them all about how Parliament works. They found out lots of interesting facts, like why the seats in the House of Commons and House of Lords are certain colours and who makes new laws. Quotes from the children include: "I found it interesting because I didn't know about the 'ping pong' between the House of Lords and the House of Commons before a law is agreed." "I learnt a lot from the workshop! It made me really want to visit the Houses of Parliament to learn more about it." "At first, I was a bit confused about what the Houses of Parliament are but now I understand and would love to visit." "I really enjoyed the parliament workshop: it was very informative and interesting." Well done, children, for your participation. We are glad you enjoyed it and want to find out more!

Year 6 Confirmation

We would like to say 'Good luck' to the Y6 children who are taking part in their Confirmation tomorrow at 6.00pm. You have worked very hard to prepare for the very special occasion and we are so proud of you all! Holy Trinity continue to live stream Masses so you can also watch the service from home and support our Y6 children. Please visit <http://www.htrc.org.uk/> Only those named on each child's 'Track and Trace' sheet will be allowed into the Church due to number restrictions.





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Year Group Emails

Please can we advise parents that the year group emails are only to be used when a year group bubble is having to isolate and remote learning is taking place. When the children are back at school as normal ALL enquiries must go through the enquiry@stjosutton.net email. The enquiry email is checked regularly throughout the day/ evening and the office pass on messages to the relevant staff. Year group emails are only to be used when remote learning is taking place, teachers do not have time to regularly check this email daily as they are in class teaching. Thank you.

Sunshine Collection and the Parking of Cars on Site

We have had a few parents enquire about parking on the school site, for collection of children who attend the Sunshine club. It has been decided that since the darker nights are now here and the Sunshine club have specific pick up times, cars will be allowed on site for the 5.10pm and 5.30pm collection times only. For any collections before this time, parking is strictly not allowed on the site. The morning situation remains the same – no cars on site. Thank you for your support in this matter.

MAC Foodbank Initiative

As a multi-Academy, we are aware that this year we have all found ourselves in strange and unprecedented times. Due to the impact of COVID 19 and through no fault of their own, some of the parents from our school and our MAC school communities have been furloughed, are working on reduced hours or have unfortunately lost their jobs. Many hardworking parents are struggling to make ends meet. Due to this, we have put a MAC foodbank in place to benefit and support our own families. The idea is that families will be able to contact school in confidence to request support. If you would like to support this initiative, please could you send in dried food, tins, packets of rice, pasta, etc. with your child during the week beginning 7th December. If you are in need of food supplies or any toiletries, please contact the confidential school email address family@stjosutton.net
Thank you for your generosity and support.

Parish Christmas Masses

Christmas Masses at Holy Trinity and Sacred Heart Church will be at the following times:

HOLY TRINITY (Sutton)

Christmas Eve Masses at 5.00pm, 7.00pm and 10.30pm

Christmas Day Masses at 9.00am & 11.00am

SACRED HEART (Four Oaks)

Christmas Eve Mass at 8.00pm

Christmas Day Mass at 10.00am

As there is limited capacity, all Holy Trinity Masses will be by ticket only – free of course. Booking will be via dedicated email address and phone number which will be available on the website. Guidance will be given when making the booking so that family 'bubbles' can be accommodated and the rule of six applied. Based on last year's numbers there should be no need to use a booking system at Sacred Heart. Please see the website for more details on booking your ticket. <http://www.htrc.org.uk/>

Cultural Capital for December

Musician of the Month – George Walker (Composer)

Artist of the Month - Jackson Pollock

Word of the Month – Everlasting

Inspirational Person of the Month - Albert Einstein





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Key Dates for your Diary

Dates for your diary December		
Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 8 th December	11.45am-1.20pm	Children's Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December	8.35 am-3.20pm	Non-Uniform Day- CHRISTMAS JUMPERS or something RED/ GREEN £1 or a donation – ALL money will go to Good Hope Hospital
Wednesday 16 th December	8.35 am-3.20pm	Virtual Pantomime and Christmas Parties in Classrooms

*This Sunday is the 2nd 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*

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Principal

Mrs N Hill
Acting Head of School

Mrs L Chambers
Acting Vice Principal

