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## Newsletter No.10

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> Newsletter of this academic year, we hope that you are all well and staying safe. We would like to thank all parents for the support that you have given us and for those of you persevering with the remote learning at home. This Sunday is the fourth Sunday in ordinary time and also the feast day of St John Bosco. St. John Bosco was canonized on Easter Sunday, 1934 and he was given the title, "Father and Teacher of Youth." He is the patron saint of school children and we offer our prayers to him and ask him to support our children in these challenging times.

### Ms Gibbons

Last weekend we had some fantastic news! Congratulations to Ms Gibbons and her family on the birth of their son Harry. We are pleased to tell you that both mother and baby are doing really well.

### Home Learning

Many thanks to all who are sending in work to the year group email addresses (shown on your child's weekly Home learning pack which is sent every Monday morning), the staff really appreciate seeing all the fantastic work that is going on at home. Please can you encourage your child to complete the daily reflection tasks, in Years 1 to 6 this will be via Purple Mash and for EYFS through email. We would also appreciate it if you could make sure your contact details are up to date so that we can keep the home and school correspondence running smoothly.

As well as the remote learning that we are sending out, each year group will be sending out recorded books / chapters of books read by staff. We are doing this to continue to promote the children's love of and importance of reading. Please discuss and enjoy them with your family.

### Important Reminder

As you are aware, a member of staff is present at both of our school gates each morning from 8:35am until 8:45am. **If you arrive after this time and there is no member of staff there, please can you take your child to the school office.** We did have an incident recently where a child had been dropped off after this time and was left by a parent alone struggling to open the school gate. This parent has been spoken to. Thank you to all of you that are working with us to ensure children are safe on the school site.

Another Snippet of a lovely email- well received by the staff:

To all at St Jo's,

We wanted to say a huge thank you for the continued work that you are doing to educate our children at St Jo's in these very difficult times.

From our own experience, the learning packs and videos have been superb and we recognise how hard our year group Teachers and TA's are working and adapting to the challenges these times present.

Each week we see little tweaks and improvements to content and delivery. It is clear how much thought and effort your staff are putting into maintaining the children's interest and keeping that personal connection with their class. Story time with TA's is a great idea and (N) has been genuinely overjoyed to see and hear a story from someone she knows on screen.

We really do feel that you are doing everything you can to support our child and us as a family in home schooling (N). We appreciate all of you and just wanted to let you know.

With best wishes,

Thank you!!



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### **Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church**

The children in school have been enjoying taking part in the live stream of mass from Holy Trinity each Friday. All are welcome to watch mass each weekday at 10am, Saturdays 10am and 6pm and Sundays 9am, 11am and 6pm by visiting <http://www.htrc.org.uk>

### **Children's Mental Health week**

As a school we subscribe to an RE resource called TenTen who have put together a collective worship video for Children's Mental Health Week next week. Please watch this with your child as it will open up discussion regarding faith and mental health that can be accessed at home <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/children-mental-health-week/>

### **Further support for our School**

Just to make you aware that you can still help our PTA raise money for our school by signing up to 'Easy Fundraising'. Once you have signed up, every time you shop online with a range of retailers (including John Lewis, M&S, Amazon and Argos to name but a few) a percentage of the money you spend is donated to our PTA. Please visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephsrcschoolptasc/> to sign up for our cause. Once you have signed up, the easiest way is to download the easy fundraising app.

### **BBC Laptop appeal**

The BBC last summer launched an appeal for laptops that were no longer needed to be donated. This appeal has now been relaunched. If you are able to donate a laptop then please visit [BBC - Give a laptop](#) for more information. As we have mentioned previously, if you are having issues accessing home learning information online then please get in touch.

### **SVP FOOD**

Our parish Church is always in need of food donations, as well as toiletries and clothing providing they are in good condition and clean. No other items e.g.: toys, home ware can be taken at the moment. If you would like to donate but are not out and about shopping yourself or unsure what to buy, then donations can be made by Bank Transfer or cash. Please contact [joclembini@me.com](mailto:joclembini@me.com) if you think you can help. SVP can also help with: Telephone befriending or Shopping for those in isolation.

### **DFE Extended internet data allowance/4 G router for remote learning**

Another reminder that for families who are entitled to pupil premium funding and would benefit from extra internet data, there is help available via the Department for Education. This is available to those that have no broadband connection at home or cannot afford additional mobile data. Please contact Mrs Hill or Mr Lynch via the enquiry desk for further details.

### **Parking Issues**

Traffic wardens have been patrolling the area outside of the school gates. Please ensure your vehicle is not blocking a drive or in a 'no loading' area.

### **Crossing Warden Advert**

Please see the advert attached at the end of this newsletter.



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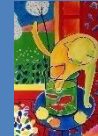
**Cultural Capital for January**

**Musician of the Month – Aretha Franklin**

**Artist of the Month – Henri Matisse**

**Word of the Month – Accumulation**

**Inspirational Person of the Month - St Joan of Arc**

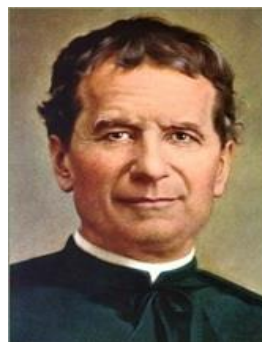


Please remember Mrs Terry and her family in your prayers, Mrs Terry's mother was taken ill with the Corona virus and passed away last week in hospital

**Eternal rest grant unto her,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon her. May she rest in peace.  
Amen**

Mrs Terry has asked if I could say thank you to the Y3 parents for their thoughtful bouquet of flowers – thank you!

*This Sunday is the 4th Sunday in Ordinary time and the feast day of St John Bosco*



**Prayer to  
Saint John Bosco**

Saint John Bosco,  
Patron of the Youth,  
you reached out to children  
whom no one cared for.

Please obtain for us from God  
a holy love for the youth

that we may keep them safe  
from the dangers of the world  
and guide them to the  
holy path that leads to God.  
Amen.

Yours sincerely,

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## **School Crossing Patrol Warden needed**

**Pro Rata** £18,562 - £20,493 (*Part time £9.75 per hour*)

*8hrs per week – St Joseph's RC School Tamworth Road*

You will assist at places where children/adults cross roads on their way to and from school (or on their way from one part of a school to another) during the prescribed hours, ensuring their safe passage, and will also be responsible for reporting any problems encountered to supervisors.

- You will need to be caring, reliable and must have good verbal communication skills to enable you to communicate effectively with a range of people in differing situations.
- You will need to be available term time mornings and afternoons during the school run.
- All leave must be taken in school holidays.
- Successful applicants will be provided with a uniform and training.
- A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be undertaken.

**Application Forms can be completed online:** <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/68417/school-crossings-patrol-warden/>

Vacancies can be found on 'View all Birmingham City Council Vacancies on WM Jobs Website'.

**Any Questions Call School Crossings on 0121 303 7777**

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