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Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope that you all had a peaceful Easter break. We have been very impressed with the children's behaviour and attitude towards their work since coming back and we are looking forward to the rest of a busy summer term ahead.

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

Key Stage One

The Tidiness Award	FYB	Lining Up award	Y2G
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y2G	The Attendance Award	Y2M (98.9%)

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

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award	Y4I	Lining Up award	Y6S
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y4F	The Attendance Award	Y6H (100%)

Mrs Bates

We wish Mrs Bates good luck as her maternity leave commenced earlier this week. We are sure that the children and staff will miss her and look forward to hearing some exciting news soon.

Sacramental Masses

Sacramental masses for Years 3, 4 and 6 will continue next month with COVID restrictions in place. Congratulations to some of the children in Year 4 who received their First Holy Communion and the children in Year 6 who were confirmed last weekend. Many thanks to the parents for preparing them for this mass and to Miss Harris for all her hard work behind the scenes. The Three Masses were wonderfully reverent occasions.

Dressing Up Day

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we delayed our annual World Book Character Dressing Up Day due to the Lockdown because we wanted everyone to be able to join in. This half term, we will be having an increased focus on reading and the children will have chance to read some of the new books we have purchased this term. These include many new story books and a wide range of non-fiction for KS1 as well as class sets of books for KS2, including: The Creakers, Skellig, The Explorer, A Boy at the Back of the Class and A Boy Called Hope, to name but a few!

Our book character Dressing Up Day has been re-scheduled for **Friday 28th May** – we look forward to seeing your costumes!

PTA House Competition

Please see details below regarding the 2nd PTA competition that has started. Many thanks to our PTA for organising the competition to raise money for the children at St Joseph's.

Times Table Rock Stars Summer Term 1 Cup Competition

Today we launched our Times table competition which is taking place on Times Table Rockstars. The competition is open to all children in Key Stage Two and is designed to encourage them to become quicker at recalling their times table multiplication facts. Prizes will be given out to the top 3 individuals across the key stage and there is also a competition to see who will be the best class. Each time your child gets a question correct, on any game on Times Table Rock Stars, they will receive points which will go towards both the individual and class competitions. The competition ends on 7th June 2021 and we will announce the winners that week.



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Parking Issues & Park and Stride scheme

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters there have been a number of parking issues that have been reported. Traffic enforcement officers were deployed this week and a number of parents did receive parking tickets. Please may we ask that you show consideration for our local residents when parking. We have also sent out today a letter which shows other parking options which are no more than a 5-minute walk away from school.

WOW travel tracker

This week we have launched the WOW travel tracker in school. Through this initiative children that regularly travel to school for all or part of their journey in an active way, will receive a badge at the end of the month. Active ways in which they could travel to school for some or all of their journey include: walking, cycling or using their scooter. Again we would like to refer you to the alternative parking letter which you will receive today which shows ways in which you and your child can walk for some of your journey to school giving your child the opportunity to receive a Wow travel tracker badge.

Outside Nature Area

As some of you may have noticed, we have a new nature area (between the football field and playground) which has been a work in progress for a while but is now coming together. The children are very excited to take their learning into the area and use the resources. It would not have been possible to undertake the work in this area without the support of our school PTA, a grant from South Staffs Water, The Access Group giving a member of staff for a charity day, Venture Tree Services who have provided all the wood chip and EH Smiths Sutton Coldfield branch who have provided discounts and donations of compost, membrane and gravel. So a huge thank you to all of those companies and all of the children who painted a stone which is also in the area. A big thank you to Mr Murphy for his help too in the area. We can't wait for area to be in full use and provide lots of learning opportunities for all of the classes. We would also like to thank Mrs Bates for all her time in overseeing the project.

Home time

Unfortunately, we have had a few children playing on the field and on the outdoor apparatus recently. Please can you ensure that once you have collected your child at home time that they stay with you.

Crossing Warden Advert

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

Cultural Capital for April

Musician of the Month – Ray Charles



Artist of the Month – Leonardo Di Vinci



Word of the Month – Empathy

Inspirational Person of the Month – St Mother Teresa



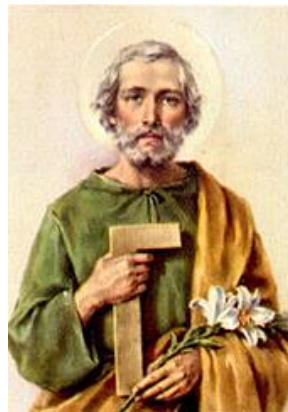


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Please remember Mrs Reilley and her family in your prayers as her father passed away recently.

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

*This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of Easter and tomorrow will be the feast day of St Joseph the worker. We offer this
prayer to him*



***St Joseph
Help me to learn, from the example of your Holy life.
That I must do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.***

Amen

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs N Hill
Acting Head of School

Mr J P Lynch
Acting Assistant Principal



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PTA House Competition - Get creative!

We will be running a competition for each of the next 3 half Terms, each entry will cost £1 and will get one entry point for each pupils house group, with the winner earning 20 points for their House plus a £25 voucher each half term. As the points get accumulated each half term, the overall winning house will receive a School Golden Ticket Prize before the Summer break

Second Competition (19th April - 24th May)

Do you like art, writing, model/ Lego building or crafts?



This competition lets you create something on a theme - each entry earns 1 entry point, please create an Art Work (painting, model or poem/story..)

Second Theme: The Life of St Joseph (celebrating the Holy Year of St Joseph)

There will be one winner in KS1 and one in KS2 who will receive £25 Voucher plus 20 entry points for their house group - please send in photos of your creations via your year group e-mail addresses - clearly stating PTA entry

Deadline for entries will be **Monday 24th May** - winners announced on last week of term before Easter

£1 per entry to support the PTA, payable via ParentMail, all pupils can enter more than once





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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 Primary- 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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