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## Newsletter No.20

**Friday 16th July 2021**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our final newsletter of this academic year. We would like to thank you all for your support in what has been a difficult school year with the COVID 19 pandemic causing so much disruption. Amongst all the problems we have faced, it has brought out the very best in all of us especially our children who have persevered throughout. I am sure they have still been able to make so many great memories as well as make progress in their learning journey with us.

### **Goodbye to Year Six**

Next Wednesday we say goodbye to our Year Six children. We are so proud of how you have conducted yourselves as a year group throughout school - hardworking, enthusiastic and a wonderful example of behaviour to others. We will be very sad to see you go, but you are more than ready for the next stage of your journeys at secondary school. We wish you good luck and our best wishes for September.

The families who are leaving us next Wednesday after many years are:

Carroll, Cartwright, Collins, Ellis, Gupta, Hassani, Kelly, Kyefulumya, Lamperez-Beckett, Lane, Lycett, Manickam, Mitchell, Morton, O'Donnell, Pinder, Robertson, Rooney, Smith-Sheil, Sofoluwe, Sotgiu, Watkin, Willis and Wyszynski.

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

#### **Key Stage One**

The Tidiness Award	Y1G	Lining Up award	Y2M
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	FYW	The Attendance Award	Y1G
Active Travel Award	Y1S		

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

#### **Key Stage Two**

The Tidiness Award	Y5L	Lining Up award	Y6S
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y3T	The Attendance Award	Y6H
Active Travel Award	Y6S		

Congratulations to Y4I for winning the TT Rock Stars maths competition for this half term.

### **The Simon Richards' Award**

We are very pleased to announce the winner of the Simon Richards' Award this year is Frank Ives. Well done Frank for his perseverance and attitude towards his learning in such a calm and well-mannered way.

### **Annual Pupil Reports**

Today you will have received your child's annual report. Thank you to the office staff for sending over 400 out via parent mail! If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher about the report, then please contact the office who will be able to arrange an appoint with them next week.

### **Inset Day for September**

Please note as already sent our website **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** will be an INSET day with the children back in on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please check our website for further INSET days that are planned for next academic year.

Other INSET days planned for next academic year are:

- Thursday 2nd September 2021



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- Friday 22nd October 2021
- Monday 1st November 2021
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- Friday 1st July 2022

### End of School day pick up times.

Now that we have two classes in each year group, from September the end of school day pick up times will be 3:15pm for KS2 and 3:30pm for KS1. The 5-minute difference between the dismissal times will allow staff to walk children safely to the playground at home time. We do ask that parents continue to stay behind the blue line on the playground to allow staff to see that each child has gone to the correct adult.

### Travel Tracker

A big thank you to all parents for looking taking your children to school in an active way. We have come 5<sup>th</sup> across all the schools in Birmingham, which is a fantastic achievement.

Your school has made it into the top 10 schools in Birmingham - Well done to everyone for taking part and achieving such fantastic results!

The top ten schools in the Birmingham are:

Position	School Name	Local Authority
1st	Ark Kings Academy	Birmingham
2nd	Walmley Infant School	Birmingham
3rd	St John and Monica Catholic Primary School	Birmingham
4th	St Benedict's Primary School	Birmingham
5th	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Birmingham
6th	Woodthorpe Junior and Infant School	Birmingham
7th	St Brigid's Catholic Primary School	Birmingham
8th	Chad Vale Primary School	Birmingham
9th	Lea Forest Primary Academy	Birmingham
10th	Brownmead Primary Academy	Birmingham

### TT Rock Stars

Top Local Primary school! Thank you to all the children that have been taking part in Times Table Rock Stars and our half termly Top of the Rocks tournaments. As a school we have come second in the local league only behind a local secondary school. Well done to Holy Cross and St Nicholas who came 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Rank	Name	Mean Studio Speed (seconds / question)
1	Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School	2.79
2	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Sutton Coldfield	3.08
3	Mere Green Primary School	3.14
4	St Edmund Campion Catholic School, Erdington	3.23
5	St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Streetly, Birmingham	3.30



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### **Year 6 Bike ability**

Congratulations to all of the children in Year 6 who took part in Bike ability over the last fortnight. I am sure many of you will have gained new skills in cycling proficiency which you will always remember and will keep you safe when out on the roads.

### **Water Safety Talk**

On Monday, Year 5 will be enjoying a talk from the Canal and River Trust Charity about how to stay safe around water. Please visit their website where you will find helpful advice to discuss with your child about how to stay safe around water. It is also worth discussing with your child that even if they have had swimming lessons and they might consider themselves strong swimmers, the water conditions outside are very different and can include cold water and strong currents which pose a danger. Please click here to go to the [Canal and River Trust website](#).

### **Sports Day**

Best of luck to the children who will be taking part in sports day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have any parent spectators this year and the children will take part in the event within their class bubble. Please can we ask that your child comes to school in their House colours. Red for Nazareth, Blue for River Jordan, Green for Mount of Olives and Yellow for Bethlehem. Please also ensure that your child has their PE kit in school and a water bottle.

### **KS1 Uniform donations wanted**

If you have any unwanted uniforms such as dresses/skirts, shorts/trouser or jumpers please can you bring them into school labelled 'For the attention of Mrs Holmes'. Many thanks in advance.

### **Crossing Warden Advert**

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

### **Cultural Capital for July**

**Musician of the Month – Sir Paul McCartney**

**Artist of the Month – Salvador Dali**

**Word of the Month – Vibrant**

**Inspirational Person of the Month – Barack Obama**

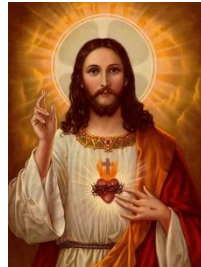




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***This Sunday is the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time.***

***We would*** like to offer our prayers of thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ who has kept us safe this academic year and who we pray will keep us all safe over the Summer Holidays.



Dear Lord Jesus,

Please wrap Your loving arms around our family and friends and keep us safe in you. Please watch over them always and let good health, happiness and your blessings be upon them. We are eternally grateful for that you have given us.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara  
Executive Principal

Mrs N Hill  
Acting Head of School

Mr J P Lynch  
Acting Assistant Principal

Dates for your diary July-September 2021

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Pupil School Reports out to Parents
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm	Year 5 Water Safety talk from the Canal & River Trust
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Various times	Sports Day- no parent spectators
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Year 6 Leavers mass- no parents in attendance.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Last day of academic year
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	All day	Staff INSET day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8:35am	Children return from Summer Holidays

Previous newsletters and other information can be found on our School website: [www.stjosutton.net](http://www.stjosutton.net)



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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**

**or email:** [schoolcrossings@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:schoolcrossings@birmingham.gov.uk)