

St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 9

Friday 10th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to welcome back the children after the half term break and really pleased with how they have returned back to their learning. The children received a visit from the Dogs' Trust who taught the children all about appropriate behaviour around guide dogs. Foundation enjoyed their visit to the Theatre to see the Gruffalo and Year 1 had a great time using their Geography skills in Sutton Park. We would also like to thank the perspective parents who came to visit us on Wednesday and were really pleased with the positive feedback we had from them and were proud of our year 6 who showed the parents around- we hope to see their children attending St Joseph's in September.

Dates for next week- Monday 13th November- Odd Socks Day and Year 6 Alton Castle Trip
Monday 13th November - Siblings and Individual photos.
9am Tuesday 14th November Year 5R Class Assembly- parents welcome
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th November Parents' Evening
10am Friday 17th Year 1 to attend mass at Holy Trinity
Year 6 and their sibling will be photographed on Friday 17th November (as they have a school trip).

Attendance

Well done to Y3J who have achieved the best attendance for this this week. Please see the attached document called 'Traffic Light Letter' which explains the schools approach to improving school attendance.

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| FYBS | 96.88% |
| FYM | 86.27% |
| Y1L | 96.3% |
| Y1S | 98.21% |
| Y2E | 97.22% |
| Y2K | 97.78% |
| Y3G | 86.67% |
| Y3J | 98.89% |
| Y4L | 94.44% |
| Y4R | 96.67% |
| Y5W | 97.7% |
| Y5R | 96.7% |
| Y6H | 97.7% |
| Y6J | 96.77% |

Year 6 Mass of Commitment

Tomorrow the children in Year 6 will be celebrating a Mass of commitment in preparation for their sacrament of Confirmation the following weekend. We hope that you enjoy these occasions and look forward to celebrating these with you.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week with the children having discussions about what bullying is and how we can all play our part in stopping it from happening. On Monday we are asking the children to wear odd socks to school (rest of uniform as normal) to celebrate the differences that we all have yet are all made in the likeness of God. If you are able, we are asking that you donate £1 via parent mail or by paying cash with proceeds going to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

PTA

Just another reminder that our PTA AGM meeting will now take place on Thursday 23rd November- 3:30-4:30pm at St Joseph's where the draft constitution (see attached) being proposed will be discussed. Everyone is very welcome.

Individual School Photographs

Monday 13th November - Siblings and Individual photos.

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The Last Post

Today we gathered at 11am for a minutes silence with a few readings and Bugle playing the last post to remember those who have died for our country in wars. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those that have fought and died in wars and also their families to. Thank you to our school choir who also sung for us.

Coffee & Chat with Cherish- see attached letter- all are welcome

After School Clubs this Half Term

| Day | Club | Information on Booking |
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| Mondays | Yoga Jo | Please email joasiafletcher@gmail.com |
| Wednesdays | Leap Frog for Years 1 & 2 | please visit www.leapfrogsports-suttonandlichfield.co.uk and scroll down to the timetable – After school club, click on St Joseph's and you can book. |
| Wednesdays | Musical Ensemble | Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Mr E Smith from Services for Education |
| Wednesdays | Chess Club | Same children on the register as before |
| Thursdays | Football Club for Years 3-6 | This club will be starting from January. To book a place for your child, please visit https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/3706-805111/ |
| Thursdays | Choir Years 5 & 6 | Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Miss James |
| Thursdays | Homework Club | Bookings via Parent mail or School Office. Club organised by Mrs Chambers & Mr Lynch |
| Fridays | Rugby Tots Y1 & 2 | https://www.rugbytots.co.uk/Sutton-Coldfield/Class/Details/79743 |



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

Dates for your diary Autumn 2023

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| Sunday 12 th November | 9.00am | Mass of Commitment for Y6 Confirmandi at Holy Trinity Church |
| Monday 13 th November | All day | Y6 Alton Castle Retreat day |
| 13 th -17 th November | | Anti-Bullying Week- Monday Odd Socks Day |
| Tuesday 14 th November | 9.00am | Year 5R Class Assembly (Parents invited) |
| Tuesday 14 th November | Pm | Y6H Swimming at WHC school |

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| Wednesday 15 th November | 3.40- | Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 16 th November | 3.40- | Parents' Evening |
| Friday 17 th November | 10.00am | Y1 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required |
| Saturday 18 th November | 6.00pm | Year 6H Confirmation Mass with Bishop David Evans |
| Sunday 19 th November | 11.00am | Year 6J Confirmation Mass with Bishop David Evans |
| Tuesday 21 st November | Pm | Y6H Swimming at WHC school |
| Wednesday 22 nd November | 9.00am | Year 4R Class assembly |
| Wednesday 22 nd December | All day | 'Kids Town' Role play visit for FY, Year 1 and Year 2 |
| Thursday 23 rd November | All day | Year 3 Stone Age Man visit |
| Thursday 23 rd November | 3.30-4.30pm | PTA AGM meeting in school |
| Friday 24 th November | 9.00am | Y6 Mass of Thanksgiving in School |
| Tuesday 28 th November | 3:30- 4:45pm | PTA Film Night for KS1 |
| Friday 29 th November | 2:30pm | Coffee & Chat Morning with Cherish |
| Thursday 30 th November | 3:30pm- 5pm | PTA Film Night for KS2 |
| Friday 1 st December | 10:00am | Y3 at Holy Trinity Church- parent helpers required |
| Tuesday 5 th December | 9am | FY & Year 1 Carols in the school hall |
| Thursday 7 th December | 9am | Year 2 Nativity in the school hall |
| Friday 8 th December | 10:00am | Y2 at Holy Trinity Church- parent helpers required |
| Thursday 14 th December | 9:00-10am | D & T Christmas Parent Workshop- Christmas crafts |
| Thursday 14 th December | 3:30-5.30pm | PTA Christmas Disco |
| Friday 15 th December | 10:00am | Y5 & Y6 at Holy Trinity Church- parent helpers required |
| Monday 18 th December | 10am | Peripatetic Music Concert for parents |
| Monday 18 th December | 2pm | Carol Concert for Grandparents |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Time tbc | Rudolf Charity Run- more details to follow |
| Thursday 21 st December | Time tbc | Key Stage 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church |
| Friday 22 nd December | 3:20pm | School Break up for Christmas Holidays |
| Monday 8 th January | 8:45am | Spring Term Starts- Children return from Christmas Holidays |

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

L Chambers
Vice Principal

J Lynch
Assistant Principal