



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 6

Friday 13th October 2023



Dear Parents,

We have had a really busy week with lots going on in school. We have been really pleased with how well the children have listened. We'd like to say a big thank you to our new Foundation children for leading our harvest mass today and to Year 2 for supporting them.

ARISE project (Anti-Racism In Schools and Education) Staff training and Assemblies

This week we have all been learning about the effects that racism in many forms can have on members of our community and the wider world. Mpula, from the ARISE project led our weekly staff meeting on Monday offering useful insight into the effects of racism and also strategies on how we can continue to promote respect for others as part of the British Values that we advocate. On Wednesday the children enjoyed interactive assemblies which gave them time to recognise acts of racism, how these affect people and what can be done to educate each other and make the change.

Netball Club

We are pleased to announce that Netball club will be starting up after Christmas to coincide with our entry into the Sutton Schools' Netball League. The club will be led by Mrs Lewis and our parent governor Mrs Dettmar who have very kindly agreed to give up their spare time so that the club can take place. We will be sending out letters to the girls in Years 5 and 6 to sign up for the club nearer the time.

Harvest Mass and donations

Thank you for your generous donations of food for our harvest mass collection which we will be donating to those in need within our local community. Thank you also for the £1 donations for CAFOD for the non-uniform day. If you have not already done so and are able to donate, please do so via parent mail- this money will go directly to the less fortunate children around the world who miss out on all the essentials that our children take for granted.

Open Day

Another reminder that our open day for parents of pre-school children, looking for school places in FY for the next academic year, will be held on Wednesday 8th November. There will be two sessions, one in the morning 9.00-10.00 am and then again at 2.00-3.00 pm. This will be an opportunity to view the school, meet the Principal and the staffing team. All are very welcome. If you are unable to make this date please call the school office, who will be able to assist further.

Due to low birth years, we currently have spaces in Foundation Year and Year One. If you know anybody who needs a school place in these year groups, please ask them to contact the office.

Y6 Confirmation

We are looking forward to the Sacrament of Confirmation with Year 6. There are some important dates to note:

- Wednesday 18th October at 5:30pm there is a Parents' meeting with Fr Ryan about Confirmation- held in school
- Sunday 12th November at 6pm - Mass of Commitment for Y6 Confirmandi at Holy Trinity Church
- Monday 13th November all day -Year 6 retreat preparation day at Alton Castle
- Saturday 18th November 6.00pm Mass- Year 6H Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Bernard Longley
- Sunday 19th November 11.00am Mass Year 6J Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Bernard Longley

Book Fair

Our Book Fair is now open from today until Friday 20th October. We welcome you to come and have a look around at some amazing books, our fair will be available for pupils and parents in the studio after school from 3:20pm until 4pm each day. You can either pay cash or contactless. If paying cash, please ensure you bring exact money as we do not have any change in school.

Attendance

We have been really pleased with the attendance across the school this week. Well done to Year 4R for 100% attendance!



*Father in heaven I give you today,
all that I think, and do, and say.
Fill me with grace and make me strong,
with you at my side I won't go wrong*



Dates for your diary Autumn 2023

Monday 16 th October	9.05-9.45am	Reading Workshop- Parents welcomed into lessons
Tuesday 17 th October	Pm	Y6J Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 18 th October	9.00am	Year 5W Class Assembly (Parents invited)
Wednesday 18 th October	Now 5:30pm	Year 6 Parents' meeting with Fr Ryan about Confirmation- in school
Friday 20 th October	10.00am	Y2 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required
Tuesday 24 th October	Pm	Y6J Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 25 th October	2.30pm	Coffee & Chat with Cherished - all welcome
Thursday 26 th October	All day	Year 4 trip to Cadbury World
Friday 27 th October	10.00am	Y4 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required
October Half Term- School closed- 30 th October to 3 rd November		
Monday 6 th Nov		INSET Day- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 th November		First day of the term
6 th -12 th November		Parliament Week
Tuesday 7 th November	Pm	Y6H Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 8 th November	9-10am 2-3pm	2 OPEN DAY sessions for prospective new parents FY 2024
Friday 10 th November	9:30	Year 1 Trip to Sutton Park
Friday 10 th November	12:00pm	Foundation trip to Theatre
Friday 10 th November	10.00am	Y5 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required
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
Tuesday 14 th November	9.00am	Year 5R Class Assembly (Parents invited)
Tuesday 14 th November	Pm	Y6H Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 15 th November	3.40-	Parents' Evening – more to follow
Thursday 16 th November	3.40-	Parents' Evening – more to follow

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 Archbishop Bernard Longley
Sunday 19 th November	Now 6pm	Year 6J Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Bernard Longley
Tuesday 21 st November	Pm	Y6H Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 22 nd November	9.00am	Year 4R Class assembly
Thursday 23 rd November	All day	Year 3 Stone Age Man visit
Friday 24 th November	9.00am	Y6 Mass of Thanksgiving in School
Monday 27 th November	9am	D & T Parent Workshop- Christmas crafts
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 15 th December	3:30-5.30pm	PTA Christmas Disco
Thursday 21 st December	9am	Key Stage Two Carol Service at Holy Trinity

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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