



# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 5

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Dear Parents,

We'd like to thank Year 6J for their wonderful class assembly that took place on Wednesday showcasing what they have been learning in Maths and Science so far this year. You all spoke so clearly and sung with great enthusiasm which made the assembly so enjoyable. Thank you to Miss James, Mrs Shahrukh and Mrs Dhillon for supporting the children.

### PTA of St Joseph's

Thank you to our PTA volunteers who have been selling preowned uniform this afternoon. It is fantastic that not only are they raising money for our school from the proceeds but the uniforms are being given a new home! Thank you all those that helped organise the sale.

We'd like to also let you know that the PTA will be hosting their first meeting for this academic year on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. It would be great for anyone who has any ideas or can offer support for future PTA events, everyone is very welcome. If you wish to attend and require childcare for your school aged child, please let us know and we can arrange for them to go to our Walk and Talk club.

### Tag Rugby Competition

Well done to our Year 6 children who represented our school in the Sutton Coldfield primary Tag Rugby competition on Wednesday. You showed excellent sporting ability and fair play. We are really proud of you all.

We are proud of the numbers of children who have been embracing new opportunities this term since September, we have been hosting the following clubs: **Yoga, Cricket, Leapfrog, Chess, Choir, Rugby Tots, Football, Walk and Talk, Pudding and Pie cooking, Stem Science club.**

Some of these clubs will be continuing in Autumn 2 and maybe some new ones. Please note that when letters go out for registration once returned the register will close when numbers are reached their capacity. We unfortunately cannot admit children to clubs on an ad hoc basis.

### Harvest Mass and donations

A separate letter has been sent to all families asking for donations to the Harvest collection and where these will be distributed in our local community. The Harvest Mass is being led by FY and Y2 at 9.00am in School

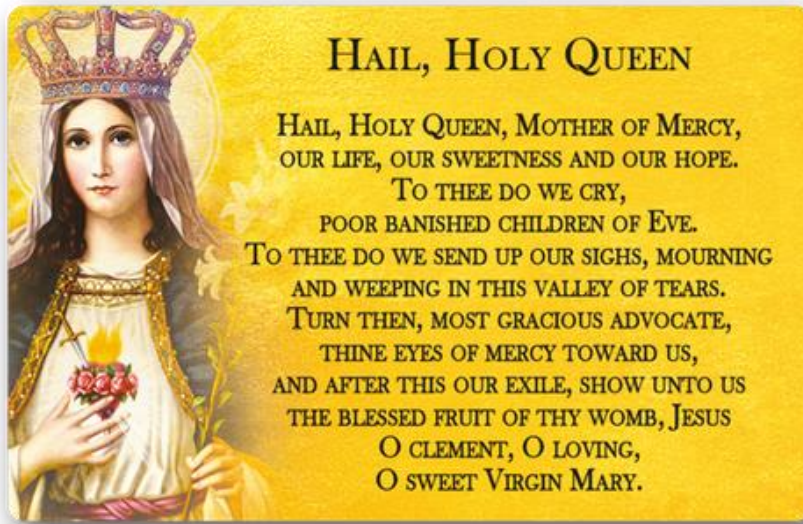
Non Uniform day – the children are also invited to wear 'Bright Non Uniform' and donate £1 for CAFOD – payment can be made via parent mail- this money will go directly to the less fortunate children around the world who miss out on all the essentials that our children take for granted. Please support both and give generously .

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

As we have now entered the month of October, we dedicate our prayers to Our Lady



### Dates for your diary Autumn 2023

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day Various	Arise Project Assemblies and class workshops (Anti-Racism)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30- 4.30pm	PTA (AGM) Meeting in school- all are welcome
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Harvest Mass in School Led by FY and Y2
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9.05- 9.45am	Reading Workshop- Parents welcomed into lessons
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Pm	Y6J Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Year 5W Class Assembly (Parents invited )
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00pm	Year 6 Parents' meeting with Fr Ryan about Confirmation- in school
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am	Y2 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Pm	Y6J Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30pm	Coffee & Chat with Cherished - all welcome
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	Year 4 trip to Cadbury World
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am	Y4 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required
October Half Term- School closed- 30 <sup>th</sup> October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> November		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov		INSET Day- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Pm	Y6H Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	9-10am 2-3pm	2 OPEN DAY sessions for prospective new parents FY 2024
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30	Year 1 Trip to Sutton Park
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	12:00pm	Foundation trip to Theatre
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am	Y5 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Y6 Alton Castle Retreat day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Year 5R Class Assembly (Parents invited )
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Pm	Y6H Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	3.40-	Parents' Evening – more to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	3.40-	Parents' Evening – more to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am	Y1 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	6.00pm	Year 6H Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Bernard Longley
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00am	Year 6J Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Bernard Longley
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Pm	Y6H Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.00am	Year 4R Class assembly

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	All day	Year 3 Stone Age Man visit
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Y6 Mass of Thanksgiving in School

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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