



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 20

Thursday 8th February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy half term, we would like to thank the children and all our staff for their hard work. We would also like to thank the parents who have worked with us to support their child's learning and behaviour. Just a final reminder that school will be closed tomorrow due to a staff INSET day on Friday, we look forward to seeing you all when school reopens for the children on Monday 19th February.

We would also like to remind you that Lent begins on Wed 14th Feb during the half term break. Please speak to your child about the significance of this time in the church's liturgical calendar which we will be discussing with them further after half term. For times of Mass at Holy Trinity, including the Ash Wednesday Mass please visit [Weekly Parish Newsletter from Holy Trinity RC Church Sutton Coldfield \(htrc.org.uk\)](http://Weekly Parish Newsletter from Holy Trinity RC Church Sutton Coldfield (htrc.org.uk))

Dates for first week back- week beginning 19th February

Monday 19th February- Children return from Half term holiday

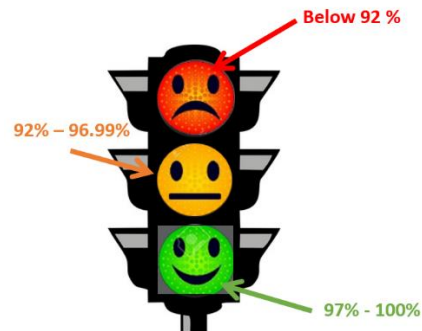
Tuesday 20th February- Year 5R to attend swimming lessons at White House Common baths

Thursday 22nd February 3pm - School Dinner food tasting by Miquill catering

Attendance

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| FYBS | 93.75% |
| FYM | 98.53% |
| 1S | 98.28% |
| 1L | 82.87% |
| 2E | 91.67% |
| 2K | 84.58% |
| 3J | 96.09% |
| 3G | 93.56% |
| 4L | 94.35% |
| 4R | 97.58% |
| 5W | 94.40% |
| 5R | 94.35% |
| 6J | 93.95% |
| 6H | 92.50% |

ATTENDANCE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM



Where we appreciate those parents that contact the school by 9.30am to let school know their child is going to be absent there are a small number of parents that don't make any contact. As per the school policy (and LA requirements), please could you let the school know either by telephone, email or parent mail by 9.30am if your child is going to be absent and a reason why. This will enable us to add the correct absence code to your child attendance record and avoid any unauthorised absences.

Tea and Cake with Mum

Another reminder that we are inviting mums to come and have tea and cake with their child in school. This will take place on Tuesday 12th March for FY and Y1 at 2pm.

Wednesday 13th March for Y2 & Y3 at 2pm

Thursday 14th March for Y4, Y5, Y6 at 2pm

Please see a separate letter regarding booking your tea and cake. We are asking for a £3 payment to be made via pay pal.

Indoor Athletics Competition

Well done to the children in Year 4 who represented St Joseph's at the Indoor Athletics competition yesterday. We are really proud of your achievements and how you conducted yourselves. Thank you to Mrs Lewis, Mrs Mahoney and Mr Lynch for taking the children to the event.

Miquill Food Tasting

On 22nd February, our school catering providers, Miquill, will be giving parents and their children the opportunity to taste the food on the school menu. The food tasting will take place from 3pm until 3:45pm on the school playground.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. To help ease the pressure of getting a costume for your child we are not specifying a particular theme per year group. We only ask that your child dresses as a character from a book- please no football shirts! There is no non-uniform cost for this either.

World Day of the Sick

The World Day of the Sick is observed on February 11th each year. This date holds special significance as it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, a day associated with healing and devotion to the Virgin Mary.

This year's theme is "It is not good that man should be alone". Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month is an invitation to everyone to pray for the terminally ill and their families.

Charity Fundraising

Tadhg (11) and Kaelon (8) have decided to take on the challenge of climbing the 2,507 feet of Croagh Patrick this Easter weekend in memory of their Uncle Christy. The boys have come up with the idea themselves to lead a climb up Ireland's Holy Mountain with the support of family. Tadhg and Kaelon had a very close bond with Christy who was like a big brother to them, they want to create awareness and a positive following their loss, they aim to raise awareness and a target of £500 for The Christy Lambe Foundation. The Christy Lambe Foundation was set up following the sad loss of Christy in 2022. The Foundation lies very close to the families' hearts, Christy was always full of love and compassion and was always helping other people, even if he was struggling himself. The foundation is committed to raising funds and creating awareness for charities that focus on providing people with mental health support, accommodation, and jobs when in need, presently the Foundation is supporting Tabor Living, Standing Tall, and the Lighthouse Club. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tadhgandkaelon-thechristylambefoundation>



This Sunday is the 6th Sunday of Ordinary time
Today's prayer is offered to those who are sick and the families that care for them



"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." –Isaiah 40:29

| Dates for your diary Spring 2024 | | |
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| Thurs 8 th February | Last day of half term for the children | |
| Friday 9 th February | All day | School closed for staff INSET |
| 12 th February – 16 th February school will be closed for the half term holiday | | |
| Mon 19 th February | 8:35am | Children return from half term holiday |
| Mon 19 th February | 9.00am | Fr Hudson's Assembly presentation to the children |
| Tues 20 th February | PM | Y5R to attend Swimming at Whitehouse Common until Easter holidays |
| Thurs 22 nd February | 3:00pm | Miquill School Dinner food tasting |
| Wed 28 th February | 3.30-5.50pm | Parents Evening (night 1) - Parent mail sign up will go live on Monday 19 th at 2pm |
| Thurs 29 th February | 3.30-5.50pm | Parents Evening (night 2) - Parent mail sign up will go live on Monday 19 th at 2pm |
| Thurs 29 th February | 9.00am | Phonics information talk for Year 1 parents |
| Thurs 7 th March | 9.00am | SATS information talk for Year 6 parents |
| Thurs 7 th March | | World Book Day- children dress as their favourite book character |
| Thurs 7 th March | 3:30pm- 4:30pm | PTA Meeting |
| 12 th - 14 th March | 2.00pm | Afternoon Tea with Mums |
| Thurs 14 th March | 9.00am | Multiplication Times table Check information talk for Year 4 parents |
| Friday 15 th March | 11.00am Y3G 1.45pm Y3J | Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church |
| Friday 22 nd March | | PTA Non-Uniform Day |
| Wed 27 th March | | KS1 Easter Egg hunt & KS2 Easter Egg Design Competition |

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

Mrs L Chambers Mr J P Lynch
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