



# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 8

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, as you are aware, we had a Graded Inspection visit from OFSTED/ HMI. The process was intense and rigorous. We would like to thank everyone from children, parent, governors and staff who make St Joseph's such a wonderful place to work and learn. We are proud of our school, especially of the children and how they spoke with inspectors, worked and demonstrated how mature they are. We are immensely proud of the wonderful staff team you have here educating and developing your children at the school. Our Governors, all volunteers, who also had a big input into the process and we thank each one of them for their time and dedication to the school. Thank you especially to the parents who took the time to complete the parental survey at short notice, we really appreciate the wonderful feedback given from the vast majority of responses.

Although we are unable to share the outcome with you at this point as it is still undergoing ratification and checking by OFSTED, we are extremely pleased with the outcome and judgements indicated at this point.

### Attendance

Well done to Year 6J who have achieved the best attendance this week with 98.8% attendance.

FYBS	94%
FYM	97%
Y1L	90.7%
Y1S	94.6%
Y2E	88.3%
Y2K	98.3%
Y3G	91.7%
Y3J	96.7%
Y4L	98.3%
Y4R	95%
Y5W	98.3%
Y5R	98.4%
Y6H	93.1%
Y6J	98.8%

### Return after Half term

We would like to wish all our children a happy half term next week and a well-earned rest! Please note that the children will be due back in school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

### SVP help for families

The SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) would like to offer support and assistance where they can, to families finding it challenging in this current climate. Should you wish to contact them to seek assistance please contact Jo Clements on 07860197069 by text, call or what's app.

Please don't struggle in silence.

### Crossing the Road

It has been noticed by some parents that a few children are been let out of cars and expected to cross Little Sutton Lane unescorted. Please could all children be escorted safely across this busy road as we do not wish any harm to come to anyone.

## 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.

## New Lunchtime Menus

Our new lunchtime menus for after half term were attached to our last newsletter and can now also be found on our school website. Please note that the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November will be week 2. The new menus will also be on our website as a further reference.

## Local Rugby opportunities

Please see attached a flyer from Spartans RFC based in Streetly. They are offering coaching for primary aged children and this is a great way to get children into sport, particularly if they have enjoyed the Rugby Tots sessions we have at St Joseph's each Friday.

## Head Lice

It has been brought the schools attention there has been a recent outbreak of head lice. Head lice are spread by head-to-head contact, climbing from the hair of an infected person to the hair of someone else. A head lice infestation isn't the result of dirty hair or poor hygiene. All types of hair can be affected, regardless of its length and condition. We appreciate this is a sensitive subject; please can parents therefore check their children's hair regularly which will prevent head lice from spreading. Products can be purchased from any chemist to wash the lice away.

## Individual School Photographs

Monday 13th November - Siblings and Individual photos.

Year 6 and their sibling will be photographed on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November (as they have a school trip).

## Year 4 Cadbury World trip

Our Year 4 children had a wonderful time on their trip yesterday learning all about how chocolate is made and the history of the Cadbury factory. Well done to everyone (including teachers) for being so well behaved and not eating too much chocolate!



## After School Clubs Next Half Term

Day	Club	Information on Booking
Mondays	Yoga Jo	Please email <a href="mailto:joasiafletcher@gmail.com">joasiafletcher@gmail.com</a>
Wednesdays	Leap Frog for Years 1 & 2	please visit <a href="http://www.leapfrogsports-suttonandlichfield.co.uk">www.leapfrogsports-suttonandlichfield.co.uk</a> 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 continuing	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 <a href="https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/3706-805111/">https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/3706-805111/</a>
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 FY, Y1 & 2	<a href="https://www.rugbytots.co.uk/Sutton-Coldfield/Class/Details/79743">https://www.rugbytots.co.uk/Sutton-Coldfield/Class/Details/79743</a>

## The Last Post

During November we remember all the departed, especially family members and friends. It is also a time of national remembrance, when we recall those who have died for our country in wars. The children will be having a minute silence with a few readings and Bugle plying the last post on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am

*Thank you to all for your support towards the school this term.  
I know it has been a long term for everyone- have a lovely break.  
Please pray for all involved with our school and two parishes  
as we follow in Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.*

<b>Dates for your diary Autumn 2023</b>		
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		First day of the term
6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> November		Parliament Week
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
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Mass of Commitment for Y6 Confirmandi at Holy Trinity Church
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Y6 Alton Castle Retreat day
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> November		Anti-Bullying Week
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 Bishop David Evans
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00am	Year 6J Confirmation Mass with Bishop David Evans
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
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	3.30-4.30pm	PTA AGM meeting in school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Y6 Mass of Thanksgiving in School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	D & T Parent Workshop- Christmas crafts
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	3:30- 4:45pm	PTA Film Night for KS1
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	3:30pm- 5pm	PTA Film Night for KS2
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	FY & Year 1 Carols in the school hall
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9am	Year 2 Nativity in the school hall
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	3:30-5.30pm	PTA Christmas Disco
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9am	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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