



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 3

Friday 22nd September 2023



Dear Parents,

We have been really proud of how much progress our children are making in their new classes already. It was also fantastic to see so many parents able to come to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions that took place this week. We are really pleased with the feedback from parents about these sessions which have helped make a great start to the home-school working relationship which will benefit our children immensely. Please note that the PowerPoints for each session are now on the year group pages on our school website.

Reading Workshop

A love for reading and books is one of our big focuses this year, as you will have heard at the workshops this week. There will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and join the children in a modelled reading and Vipers lesson on Monday 16th October 9.05-9.45 – more information to follow

Coffee & Chat

Next week, Thursday 28th September we will be hosting the first Coffee & Chat session for this academic year. We are delighted that Pete Brindley from the Beacon Family Services will be joining us again to offer more incites to how we can develop our children resilience and get to understand anxieties they may have. We really hope that you are able to come. We will be welcoming parents in from 8:45am.

Twitter

Twitter is a wonderful platform for us to share news, photos and achievements with you. In order to ensure that we use Twitter as safely as possible, we vet all 'follower requests' and only allow trusted individuals or organisations to follow us. We currently have a few outstanding follower requests which we haven't confirmed because the Twitter handle doesn't tell us who the person is/which child they relate to. If you have requested to follow us and we haven't confirmed, please drop an email to enquiry@stjosutton.net telling us what your Twitter handle is. The school's twitter handle is @StJosephsCP

First aid skills for local primary school children – Midcounties Co-operative Fundraising Campaign

We are delighted to share the news that St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has been nominated by the Co-Op store on Rectory Road to be the beneficiary of fundraising which will be used to purchase a suite of educational first aid materials specifically for the children at your school.

Midcounties Coop works in partnership with Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) to facilitate and manage over 40 defibrillators across our trading estate and through this partnership an exciting opportunity has arisen to enable our colleagues, customers and members to fundraise to support the delivery of First Aid teaching resources in primary education; the campaign will run from September 2023 through to May 2024, with the educational materials being donated to the school in June 2024. You can visit the Midcounties Coop webpage to find our more about our partnership with Community Heartbeat Trust [here](#) Please support this fundraising campaign if you can.

Afterschool Clubs this term – run by an external Sports club providers and school staff

Monday –	Yoga Jo for Years 2 to 6
Tuesday –	Boys' Football Years 5 & 6 (Mr Rothwell & Mr Wigley) Stem Science Years 5 & 6 (Miss Harris)
Wednesday –	Leap Frog Multi-Skills Years 1 & 2 Chess Years 4, 5 & 6 (Mr O'Hara) Cricket Years 5 & 6 (Mr Lynch) Pudding & Pie Cookery (Lunchtime only)
Thursday –	Football by Premier Sports Key Stage 2 Walk and Talk Years 2 to 6 (Mrs Chambers) Choir Years 5 & 6 (Miss James)
Friday –	Rugby tots Years 1 & 2 Pudding & Pie Cookery (Lunchtime only)

Yesterday, the Church celebrated the feast day of St Matthew the Evangelist.



St Matthew is also one our House Point Patrons- (Happy Feast day Greens)

Through the intercession of St Matthew, the Evangelist, may we always put aside worldly distractions and follow You, O Lord, as quietly as St Matthew left his work and immediately became one of Your disciples.

By his example and prayers help us to follow You without counting the cost and remain faithful in Your service.

Amen

G M O'Hara

L Chambers

J Lynch

Principal

Vice Principal

Assistant Principal

Dates for your diary Autumn 2023

Tuesday 26 th Septemebr	Pm	Y6J Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 27 th September	9am	Year 6H Class Assembly (Parents invited)
Thursday 28 th September	8:45am	Coffee & Chat with Pete Brindley from Beacon Family Services - all welcome
Friday 29 th September	10am	Y1 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required
Sunday 1 st October	9am	Family Mass at Holy Trinity Church (1 st Sunday of the Month)
Monday 2 nd October	All day	Flu Immunisations FY-Y6- letters already sent out
Tuesday 3 rd October	Pm	Y6J Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 4 th October	9am	Year 6J Class Assembly (Parents invited)
Friday 6 th October	10am	Y3 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required
Tuesday 10 th October	Pm	Y6J Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 11 th October	All Day Various	Arise Project Assemblies and class workshops (Anti-Racism)
Friday 13 th Ocober	9.00am	Harvest Mass in School Led by FY and Y6
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	9am	Year 5W Class Assembly (Parents invited)
Wednesday 18 th October	6pm	Year 6 Parents' meeting with Fr Ryan about Confirmation- in school
Friday 20 th October	10am	Y2 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required
Tuesday 24 th October	Pm	Y6J Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 25 th Ocober	2.30pm	Coffee & Chat with Cherished - all welcome
Friday 27 th October	10am	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	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	10am	Y5 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required
Monday 13 th November	All day	Y6 Alton Castle Retreat day
Tuesday 14 th November	9am	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	10am	Y1 Mass at Holy Trinity Church – parent helpers required

Saturday 18 th November	6pm	Year 6H Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Bernard Longley
Sunday 19 th November	11am	Year 6J Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Bernard Longley
Tuesday 21 st November	Pm	Y6H Swimming at WHC school
Wednesday 22 nd November	9am	Year 4R Class assembly
Friday 24 th November	9am	Y6 Mass of Thanksgiving in School