



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 24

Friday 18th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of the Mums who came to the 'Tea with Mum' sessions this week and also for the many thanks we received for hosting the events. A special thank you to Shane and the rest of the kitchen staff for all their extra hours of baking catering for **258** Mums and children over the three days!!

Yesterday we also welcomed Year 4 parents in for a talk regarding the Multiplication Check taking place in June, thank you to everyone who was able to attend, if you were unable to attend the slides will be added to the website under the Year 4 tab.

A huge well done to the Year 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time today. We are all very proud of you and look forward to celebrating your First Holy Communion in June later this year.

Dates for next week

Tuesday 19th March – KS1 Athletics at Bishop Vesey

Wednesday 20th March - School Based Ensembles Area Gala Concert

Friday 22nd March- PTA non-uniform day bring a £1 or donate on parent mail.

[Lenten Charity Appeal](#)

This year for lent, like all Catholic schools across the Diocese of Birmingham, we have pledged to give £400 to both CAFOD and the Father Hudson's Charity. So far on our Parent Mail we are quite far off this target. If you have not done so already, please donate via parent mail as soon as you can so that we are able to meet this pledge and support those who are far less fortunate than ourselves. All who make a donation will be put into a draw and could be win a £10 voucher.

On Thursday 28th March we will also be having a Non-Uniform day with proceeds going to these charities. We ask that you could donate £1 in exchange for a pass to wear their own clothes. Thank you in advance for your support.

[Netball Team News](#)

A huge well done to our Year 5 & 6 Netball team for a great performance in their two matches this week against Mere Green and New Oscott. **We had two fantastic wins of 30-0 against Mere Green and then 19-0 against New Oscott.** We are really proud of your efforts and would like to thank Mrs Lewis and Mrs Dettmar for your coaching skills.

[PTA Easter events](#)

This year we will be asking the KS2 children to get creative by creating an Easter Egg design at home. We will be looking for entries to be colourful, designed by the child themselves and on paper no bigger than an A4 sheet. The top 3 entries will win an Easter Egg donated by the PTA. For a chance to win this prize please ensure that your child brings their entry into school by Wednesday 27th March 2024. For our KS1 children only, there will be an Easter Egg hunt competition taking place on this day.

[Walk and Talk](#)

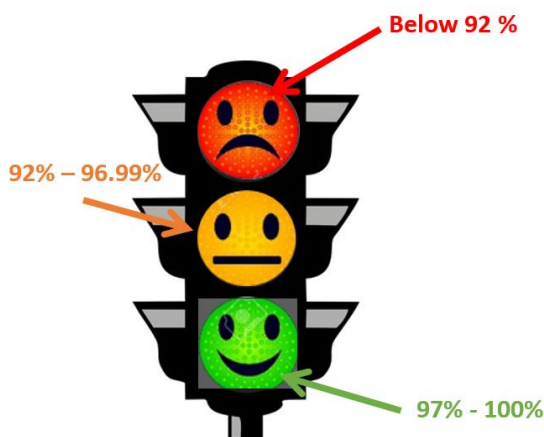
Now the lighter evenings are here, the 'Walk and Talk' club will be starting again after school during the Summer term. The club will be running on Thursdays until 4.00pm. Research shows that getting fresh air and exercising has many benefits and helps support children's positive mental health. If you would like to discuss the

benefits of walk and talk please see Mrs Chambers. A sign-up sheet will go out via ParentMail next week. Places will be limited.

Attendance

FYBS	100%
FYM	96.32%
Y1S	99.14%
Y1L	99.54%
Y2E	97.92%
Y2K	90.83%
Y3J	98.83%
Y3G	97.35%
Y4L	94.35%
Y4R	98.79%
Y5W	95.26%
Y5R	97.18%
Y6J	94.35%
Y6H	92.08%

ATTENDANCE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM



This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of Lent



Dear Lord,

God of wisdom,

Jesus revealed your truths to us.

Grant that we may grow in faith, believing and putting into action all he teaches us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Dates for your diary Spring 2024

Tuesday 19 th March	From 3.30	KS1 Athletics at Bishop Vesey (Separate letters sent to children involved)
Wednesday 30 th March	6.30pm - 8.15pm	School Based Ensemble Area Gala Concert (Separate letters for all involved have been sent)
Friday 22 nd March	All Day	PTA Non-Uniform Day- Bright colours
Mon 25 th March	9am	Year 4 Palm Sunday Assembly- parents of Y4 are welcome
Tues 26 th March	9am	Year 3 Last Supper Assembly- parents of Y3 are welcome
Wed 27 th March	9am	Year 5 Stations of the Cross Assembly- parents of Y5 are welcome
Wed 27 th March	Afternoon	KS1 Easter Egg hunt & KS2 Easter Egg Design Competition
Thurs 28 th March	All Day	Non-Uniform day for CAFOD & Father Hudson's Care
Fri 29 th March		Good Friday and School closed for Easter Holidays
Mon 15 th April		Children return from Easter Holiday
Thurs 18 th April	All Day	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle
Mon 22 nd April	All Day	Photographers in for Class photos
Tues 23 rd April	All Day	Year 3 trip to Think Thank
Thurs 25 th April	3:30-4:30pm	PTA Meeting
Thurs 4 th July	All Day	MAC INSET Day- School closed

Yours sincerely,

Mr G M O'Hara
Principal

Mrs L Chambers
Vice Principal

Mr J P Lynch
Assistant Principal