



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 23

Friday 8th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been having a big focus on reading with children reading to each other across the school. We were all very impressed with the World Book Day costumes that the children had on yesterday. It was a great way to open up a discussion about which book characters children love and to promote a love of reading. Thank you also to our PTA team who met yesterday to discuss ways in which we can raise valuable funds for the children of the school.

Dates for next week

Tuesday 12th 2:15pm- Tea with mum FY & Yr1 (pre-booking required)

Wednesday 13th 2:15pm Tea with mum Year 2 & Yr3 (pre-booking required)

Thurs 14th 2:15pm Tea with mum Years 4,5 & 6 (pre-booking required)

Friday Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church- Y3G (11am) & Y3J (1:45pm)

Year 6 SATs Talk

Thank you to the parents that were able to attend Thursday's talk regarding the End of Key Stage Two SATs assessments. If you were unable to make the talk we have added the PowerPoint that was discussed to our Year 6 page of our school website- [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Year 6 Key Information, Homework, PE Kits \(stjosutton.net\)](http://stjosutton.net)

Drop off & Pick up arrangements

As a school we do our best to help parents and carers who are dropping off and picking up with staff taking time out of their busy day to be on the gate at 8:35am. This is one of the earliest drop off times in any school across Sutton Coldfield. We kindly ask that parents do not leave their child on the school site before this time. We have had children being asked to walk down the drive before this time and left unattended on the playground. This is a big safeguarding concern. We also ask that parents park their cars considerately and pay particular attention to the road markings and signs. It is unacceptable for parents to stop on the yellow zig zag lines as their car causes a hazard to those crossing. We appreciate your support with the matter.

Tea with Mum

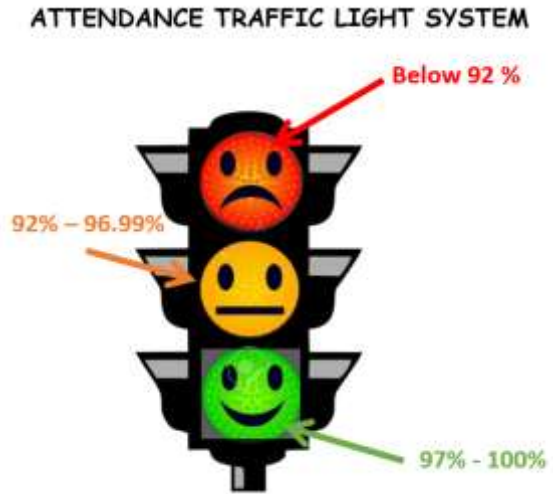
We are really looking forward to welcoming those of you that have booked to reserve a place at the 'Tea with Mum' session, we thank you for your support with this. Please note that in order to make it an enjoyable experience for all and to ensure we are able to cater for everyone we will on be letting those that have booked attend the sessions.

Healthy Snacks

Please ensure that you provide your child with a healthy snack. We have unfortunately had children coming into school with crisps, sweets and chocolate bars for their break time snack. Staff have been asked to stop children from eating any unhealthy snacks so that we can promote healthy eating across the school.

Attendance

FYBS	94.12%
FYM	97.06%
Y1S	95.26%
Y1L	96.2%
Y2E	95%
Y2K	94.17%
Y3J	99.22%
Y3G	96.97%
Y4L	93.55%
Y4R	98.39%
Y5W	97.41%
Y5R	94.76%
Y6J	98.79%
Y6H	98.33%



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 or home calls / visits.



This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Lent



Dear Lord,

I know how much you love me.
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes,
but I know your love is always with me.

Help me to use your love as a way
to persevere in my Lenten intentions.
I am weak, but I know with your help,
I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you.

Amen

Dates for your diary Spring 2024		
12 th - 14 th March	2.15-3pm	Afternoon Tea with Mum
Thurs 14 th March	9.00am	Multiplication Times table Check information talk for Year 4 parents
Friday 15 th March	Y3G- 11.00am Y3J- 1.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church
Friday 22 nd March		PTA Non-Uniform Day
Mon 25 th March	9am	Year 4 Palm Sunday Assembly
Tues 26 th March	9am	Year 3 Last Supper Assembly

Wed 27 th March	9am	Year 5 Stations of the Cross Assembly
Wed 27 th March		KS1 Easter Egg hunt & KS2 Easter Egg Design Competition
Fri 29 th March		Good Friday and School closed for Easter Holidays
Mon 15 th April		Children return from Easter Holiday

Yours sincerely,

Mr G M O'Hara
Principal

Mrs L Chambers
Vice Principal

Mr J P Lynch
Assistant Principal