



To follow Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.

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Fortnightly News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our fourth newsletter of the academic year. We have been tremendously proud of the children and thank them for all their hard work this half term. We hope they (and you) have a well-earned rest next week and come back on 31st October fully refreshed.

Poppy Appeal

As in previous years, we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal. Poppies will go on sale during the first week back after half term. Please send your child in with a donation so that they can buy a poppy from one of our school council members.

Year 6F Class Assembly

Well done to Year 6F for a fantastic assembly yesterday afternoon. Thank you to Miss Fraser and Mrs Mahoney for all the support you have given the children in preparing for this assembly.

Year 1 & Year 2 Mass

We are proud of our Y1 /2 children for attending mass at Holy Trinity so reverently this morning- well done.

FY Class 2023 Open Days

Please be aware that we will be hosting open days on Wednesday 2nd November at 2pm and Thursday 3rd November at 9:30am. No need to book to attend, please arrive at our main school office.

Attendance

As you will know every day in school is vital for your child's learning, A huge thank you to the vast majority who have been visibly seen making an effort to ensure your child arrives for school before 8.45am this has really helped lessons start on time and enhance the learning of the children:

This half terms attendance figures are:

<i>FY</i>	96.35%
<i>Year 1</i>	96.24%
<i>Year 2</i>	96.31%
<i>Year 3</i>	95.92%
<i>Year 4</i>	96.63%
<i>Year 5</i>	96.77%- well done Y5
<i>Year 6</i>	95.87%

Whole School figures: **96.30%**. The DFE expected figure is 97%

NB- However, we have **44 children** across the school who have an attendance less than 90%. The DFE class these children as 'persistent Absentees'. The DFE, through our new attendance policy (see website), insist that schools tackle this issue with meetings with staff, governors and eventually 'fines'.

If the school office, SLT contact you about your child's attendance we ask that you make every effort to work with us and improve their chances of reaching their potential

Phonics and Reading Workshop

Many thanks to all of you that attended the parent workshop on reading and phonics. It was great to see such a large turn out, we hope that you gained understanding of how we teach this valuable skill at St Joseph's. A special thanks to all the staff for putting in their time and efforts to make the workshops run smoothly. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated. We have set up a survey form which can be accessed via: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DWZXZC6>

Unicef Rights Respecting Day

Thanks to everyone who supported our 'Rights Respecting Day- *Dressed to Express*' today. The children looked at article 8 of The rights of a child- the right to an identity. The children discussed the clothes that they wore today to express their



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Individuality e.g. sportswear of a team/club they belong to, bright colours, their favourite colour etc. It was great to hear their opinions.

After School Sports Clubs

We would like to remind you that we have a new range of afterschool clubs which we were not previously able to offer. All the new providers have either worked in the Mac or have links with our school staff which we hope will boost our school community further.

Monday - Tennis coaching from Sutton United

Tuesday- Irish dancing from Just Dance academy

Wednesday- Leap frog Multi skills club for Years 1 & 2,

Friday - Rugby Tots for Years 1 & 2.

We hope to announce other clubs in the next few weeks. Flyers have gone out already giving details of how to sign your child up to these clubs. We have also added these details to our school website.

Dates for Diary

NB- Holy Communion for Year 3 will take place in June 2023

12:30pm, Sunday 11th June 2023, at Holy Trinity Church for Year 3J

12:30pm, Sunday 18th June 2023, at Holy Trinity Church for Year 3G

1 st November at 9am	Solemnity of All Saints (Led by Year 4 in school, parents Welcome)
3 rd November at 2:40pm	Year 3G Class Assembly, parents welcome.
3 rd November 6.00pm via teams	PTA meeting via teams – all parents are welcome, link sent out via parent mail
6 th November at 9am	Year 6 Confirmandi Mass of Commitment at Church
9 th & 10 th November- 3:30pm to 6pm.	Parents evening
14 th November all day	School Photos- individual and siblings
17 th November at 2:40pm	Year 3J Class Assembly, parents welcome.
17 th November at 6:30pm	Year 6 Confirmandi Parents' Meeting
26th November at 6pm	Year 6H Confirmation Mass at church
27th November at 11am	Year 6F Confirmation Mass at church
21 st November	INSET day, school closed to children
5 th December 9.15am	FY and Y1 Christmas carols and songs
8 th December 9.15am	Y2 Nativity Tableau in the Hall
15 th December at 2pm	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at Church
Please also note we have the following INSET days. Monday 21 st November 2022 & Friday 17 th February 2023	



Salve Regina

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,

Our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,

To thee do we send up our sighs, Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us,

And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen.

Yours sincerely,

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