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Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents,

As you will have seen from a letter sent previously in the week, we have had a challenging week with staffing due to Covid. We want to thank staff, pupils and parents for the support that has been shown this week. Everybody has worked as a team to keep the children in school learning. A real Team effort.

We also launched our new look Website this week, please have a look especially at our Twitter feed on the front page. Now that we have full control over our site and easy access to update things, there will be no stopping us! stjosutton.net

Congratulations to the Key Stage One award winners last week. The awards were as follows:

Key Stage One

The Tidiness Award	Y2G	Lining Up award	Y1S
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y2M	The Attendance Award	Y1G
The Travel Tracker	Y2M		

These week's award winners are:

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award	Y4E	Lining Up award	Y5R
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y3G	The Attendance Award	Y6L
The Travel Tracker	Y6H		

Y4E Class Assembly

Well done to Y4E who on Wednesday led their class assembly, all about the Victorians. With a particular focus on the book 'The Victorian Child'. The Assembly was a pleasure to watch, with amazing acting and wonderful performances. The children had worked really hard to prepare for this assembly and it really paid off- a huge well done! Thank you to Miss Fraser and Mrs Mahoney for helping the children prepare so well. We can't wait to see Y4E lead their class in a few weeks' time.

Y5L Collective Worship

Y5L have really impressed us last week with their thoughtful and very reverent planning for their class upcoming Collective Worship. The children have split into groups to plan for the next few weeks, including important Feast days of Saints and for Lent. Well done to all in Y5L for working so diligently.



Synodal Path

Pope Francis has announced that the Church of God is called together in Synod. The path entitled "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" was solemnly opened last year.





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With this process, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium."

In other words, the Pope wants to consult with us, the People of God, on the future of our Catholic Church and how we walk forward together.

And so there will be a series of meetings for everyone in Church on Wednesdays January 26, February 2 and February 9. Each meeting will commence at 7.30pm and last for about 90 minutes.

Your ideas and experiences matter and each one of us, whether we attend church or not, has an opportunity, guided by the Holy Spirit, for discussing and listening at a very local level. In this way we are making our ideas known to our diocese and thereafter to the Pope. Please come along.

As we embark on this walking and listening, we are asked to focus on 3 key areas:

January 26: Communion – those conversations that will help lead us to a deeper awareness of the life and mission given by Christ.

February 2: Participation – talking and listening to one another about questions that matter.

February 9: Mission – listening, discerning, proclaiming.

These are some, but not all, of the potential questions we might consider on 26 January: Communion

1. In what ways does the Catholic Church enhance your life?
2. Reflecting on 20 months of the pandemic, how has participation in your parish been affected? Were these issues and/or opportunities there before and how can participation be strengthened moving forward into the future?
3. What are the means by which different voices can be heard in your parish (particularly those on the periphery of parish life)? Which groups and individuals are least included in your parish?
4. How is the Church perceived by members of your family, your friends and work colleagues?
5. How might the Church improve its decision-making processes?
6. Which of your concerns does the Church fail or struggle to respond to?

Further information about Synodality can be found on:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/the-synod-2021-2023>

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Book Character Dressing Up Day

We are having an increased focus on reading, phonics and comprehension in school. The children are having a chance to read some of the new books we have purchased this year. Please encourage your child to read as much as they can at home as well. We are going to be celebrating World Book Week and will be having our annual book character dressing up day on **Friday 4th March**. We look forward to seeing your costumes!

We also have the **Scholastic Book Fayre** in school week beginning 7th March. More details to follow.

Polite reminder

Parents are reminded that they are allowed to queue down the drive way, off Little Sutton Lane, in the morning. This avoids parents having to wait on the main road which can get very busy.

Pre loved Uniform – New Initiative



Second hand uniform is available from the school office. We have 'logo' school jumpers, cardigans, dresses, skirts and trousers along with a few items of PE kit and coats. If there is anything that you need please call the office on 0121 3546270 or email enquiry@stjosutton.net

If you have any questions about this new initiative, please see Mrs Pritchard.





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Cultural Capital for the Month of February

Musician of the Month: Joseph Bologne

Artist of the Month: Jackson Pollock

Word of the Month: Dedication

Inspirational Person of the Month: Florence Nightingale



Today is the Feast day of Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas



Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you.

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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