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Newsletter No.03

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our third newsletter for this academic year. We have been really pleased with the work that is going on in school and the attitudes children have in class. As always we have high expectations of behaviour and have been reinforcing manners and respect for others around school, thank you for encouraging this with your child at home.

Congratulations to last week's award winners. The awards were as follows:

Key Stage One

The Tidiness Award	FYT	Lining Up award	FYT
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	FYW	The Attendance Award	Y2G
Travel Tracker Award	Y2M		

Black History Month

Throughout this month the whole school will be celebrating Black History month and looking in more detail at a range of inspirational people from African and Caribbean communities. Our Cultural capital section this month also reflects this. Please speak to your child about the work that is going on in class around this topic.

National Travel Award

It is with great pride to announce we have been awarded the National STARS Travel 'Local Authority School of the Year'. Thank you to those who have made the effort to walk or park a distance from the school. The data collected from our Travel tracker has contributed to this as well as the work promoting active travel from the children. Thank you to Mr Lynch for promoting this initiative in school.



Local Authority Primary
School of the Year
2020/21

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

has been recognised as the Local Authority Primary School of the Year for their efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable transport for the journey to school.

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Year 6H assembly

Well done to Year 6H for putting on a fantastic assembly last week. The children did a fantastic job showing off what they had learnt so far in their History topic and explaining the importance of working together to help others. Special thanks to Miss Harris and Mrs Bowkett for all the hard work they put in to preparing the children for the assembly and also to the parents for all their support too.

CAFOD Non-Uniform day

Thank you to everyone for your donations in support of CAFOD's 'Go Green' initiative. As a school we have raised £313 which will go towards supporting communities in developing countries who have been affected by climate change. Thanks again to all those who donated, there is still chance to donate via parent mail if you have not done so already.

St Joseph's PTA

A huge thank you to our PTA for all their support in what has been a challenging couple of years with national lockdowns and COVID restrictions in place. Now that things are slowly getting back to normal the PTA will be organising further events in the future and really need your support. Thank you to the parents that are already involved and it was great to see some new faces at the PTA meeting last week. If you are interested in helping to organise future events, please get in touch with the school office or by emailing the PTA chair Vince Tierney- vincetierney@blueyonder.co.uk

Taking part in the PTA and the events that they organise is really rewarding and a great way of giving something back to your school community. It's also great fun too!

Harvest Mass

Well done to the Foundation classes for their contributions to today's Harvest Mass at Holy Trinity Church. A special thanks to Year 6 for all their help and for taking part in the readings- you were fantastic! A huge thank you to all the parents that helped with walking the children up to church for the practice on Thursday and the mass today, without your support it would not have been possible. We would also like to thank everyone who brought in food for today's harvest mass. The donations will be sent to a local food bank for those in desperate need.

Parking Issues

Sadly, again we have had reports of inconsiderate parking from some parents during pick up and drop off times. Please ensure your vehicle is not blocking a drive or in a 'no loading' area at the stipulated times. All residents have been instructed to report incidents directly to the Highways department and Police.

First Holy Communion for Year 3

Please be aware that First Holy Communion masses for Y3B will take place on 11th and 12th June 2022 and for Y3G it will take place on 18th and 19th June 2022. All masses will take place at Holy Trinity Church. A separate letter will go out to confirm which children will be invited to attend on the dates given for their class.

Foundation Year Phonics workshop

Please be aware that on Wednesday 13th October at 3:30pm parents of children in FYW and FYT have been invited to a phonics workshop at school- a separate letter with full details has already been sent out. We look forward to seeing you there. There are also other parent workshops planned for other year groups in the months to come.



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Transfer to Secondary School

The closing date for applications to be submitted to the Local Authority for those children transferring to secondary school in September 2022 is 31st October 2021. If you are unsure how to apply, please contact the school office.

Parents' evening

Another reminder that now COVID restrictions are lifting but still remain when deemed appropriate, we will be able to hold face to face meetings with you at parents' evening. However, these will be over 2 nights to limit numbers in building at any given time. **Please can we ask that all adults wear a face mask on the evening.**

You will be able to book a 5-minute appointment via parent mail with your child's class teacher for either Monday 18th October 2021 or Wednesday 20th October 2021 between 3:30pm and 5:15pm.

Nut Free School

Please can we politely remind all families that school is a **nut free zone**, we have a number of children with severe nut allergies so it is vital nuts are not brought onto the school site. Products such as Nutella, peanut butter or any cereal/snack bars containing nuts are strictly not allowed. Thank you for your support on this matter.

End of school Day

Please can you ensure that once you have collected your child that they stay next to you to ensure they are safe and accounted for. Please make sure that they are not using the playground apparatus or on the football fields after school. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Crossing Warden Advert

Please see the advert attached at the end of this newsletter.

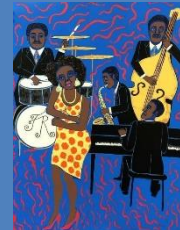
Cultural Capital for October

Musician of the Month – Fats Domino

Artist of the Month – Faith Ringgold

Word of the Month – Integrity

Inspirational Person of the Month – Maya Angelou





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This Sunday is the 28th Sunday in Ordinary time.

The 9th October will be the feast day of Saint John Henry Newman. We offer our prayers to him



Dear Lord, help me to spread your fragrance wherever I go.
Flood my soul with your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly
that all my life may only be a radiance of yours.
Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with
may feel your presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me, but only you, O Lord!
Stay with me and then I will begin to shine as you do;
so to shine as to be a light to others.
The light, O Lord, will be all from you; none of it will be mine.
It will be you shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise you in the way which you love best,
by shining on those around me.
Let me preach you without preaching,
not by words but by example, by the catching force,
the sympathetic influence of what I do,
the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you. Amen.

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs N Hill
Acting Head of School

Acting Assistant Principal

Dates for your diary October 2021		
Wednesday 13 th October	3:30pm	Foundation Year Phonics Workshop
Thursday 14 th October	2:40pm	Year 6L's Class assembly
Monday 18 th & Wednesday 20 th October	3:30pm until 5:15pm	Parents' evenings- all must wear masks please unless there is a medical reason stopping you from doing so.
Tuesday 19 th October	All day	Year 6 trip to Alton Castle
Friday 22 nd October	All day	School closed due to staff INSET
Monday 1 st November	All day	INSET day school closed. Children due back on 2/11/21

Previous newsletters and other information can be found on our School website: www.stjosutton.net



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School Crossing Patrol Warden needed

Pro Rata £18,562 - £20,493 (*Part time £9.75 per hour*)

8hrs per week – St Joseph's RC Primary- Tamworth Road

You will assist at places where children/adults cross roads on their way to and from school (or on their way from one part of a school to another) during the prescribed hours, ensuring their safe passage, and will also be responsible for reporting any problems encountered to supervisors.

- You will need to be caring, reliable and must have good verbal communication skills to enable you to communicate effectively with a range of people in differing situations.
- You will need to be available term time mornings and afternoons during the school run.
- All leave must be taken in school holidays.
- Successful applicants will be provided with a uniform and training.
- A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be undertaken.

Application Forms can be completed online: <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/68417/school-crossings-patrol-warden/>

Vacancies can be found on 'View all Birmingham City Council Vacancies on WM Jobs Website'.

Any Questions Call School Crossings on 0121 303 7777

or email: schoolcrossings@birmingham.gov.uk