



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 11

Friday 24th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to congratulate our Year 6 children who took part in their Confirmation last weekend and who led today's Mass of Thanksgiving in school. We are very proud of you all and know that you will use the gifts that you have received to follow in Jesus' footsteps throughout your lives.

Thank you to those who attended the PTA AGM meeting yesterday. We appreciate the support given to our PTA who raise vital money for our school which is becoming ever more important with school budgets being tight.

Well done to Year 4R who performed a wonderful class assembly on Wednesday, it was fantastic to see the enthusiasm of what you have been learning coming through in your performance.

Dates for next week-

- **3:30-4:45pm Tuesday 28th November KS1 Film Night**
- **2:30pm Wednesday 29th November Coffee & Chat with Cherish support group all parents welcome**
- **3:30-4:45pm- Thursday 30th November KS2 Film Night**
- **Friday 1st December Non-Uniform- Red and Green Theme- please donate £1 on parent mail.**

Attendance

Well done to class 5R for having the best attendance this week!

FYBS	92.19%
FYM	97.06%
Y1S	91.96%
Y1L	91.67%
Y2E	94.58%
Y2K	90.83%
Y3J	94.92%
Y3G	95.67%
Y4L	97.92%
Y4R	95.97%
Y5W	98.71%
Y5R	99.19%
Y6J	97.58%
Y6H	97.48%

Park & Stride Options

We are still receiving a number of reports of dangerous parking by some of our parents. We are extremely concerned that this inconsiderate parking is putting your children and all families in danger. Please abide by the parking signs that are in place. We have informed West Midlands police of the situation.

Please also see attached to this newsletter safe parking options which are only a 5-minute walk away from school.

Rudolph Run

Another reminder that, along with other schools in our MAC family, we will be supporting the Birmingham Hospice (formerly John Taylor) by taking part in the Rudolph Run on Tuesday 19th December.

Hettie the Hedgehog has visited the children to introduce the fundraiser and explain how important the money that they raise is in supporting patients in their hospices. All of the children will receive some antlers when they take part in the run!

By raising £53 this December, the school could pay for a bereavement support session for someone who has lost a loved one; £157 would cover the cost of an OT home visit to help aid independence or even just £20 will pay for a teddy bear containing a voice recording of a terminally ill person which can be treasured by loved ones when they have died.

Let's take the reins and help local families living with a terminal diagnosis, by providing the support they need to have the best Christmas possible!

Every child will be taking part by running laps around the playground wearing their reindeer antlers and you can sponsor your child by using our Just Giving page [Lauren Chambers is fundraising for Birmingham Hospice \(formerly Birmingham St Mary's and John Taylor Hospices\) \(justgiving.com\)](#).

We understand the financial pressures that this time of year can bring but even a small donation can help make a huge difference. Many thanks for your support from everyone at St Joseph's

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.

Police Visit

PCSO Lindsay Brenton and PCSO Zoe Bishop from Sutton Coldfield Police station have been in school with us this week to meet our new St Joseph's Junior PCSOs.

The children have been learning what it's like to be a PCSO, and what kind of things the PCSOs get up to day to day. Our Junior PCSOs will be patrolling outside school on Bromwich Drive in the coming weeks with our local PCSOs, to ensure we are parking safely and legally.

PTA News

Just a reminder that the PTA film nights will be taking place next week. Key Stage 1 film night will be on Tuesday 28th November 3:20 until 4:45pm and Key Stage Two on Thursday 30th November 3:20-4:45pm. The parents of the PTA have chosen the film Klaus, please note that this is rated PG. If you have already signed up and have any objections to your child watching this film, please contact the office who will be able to refund you.

Having listened to Parent feedback about the Summer Fair, which due to bad weather was held indoors and the concerns about congestion in the hall, the PTA have decided to have a Christmas disco rather than Christmas Fair.

Thank you to the small number of parents that came to the PTA AGM last night who were able to discuss future events, we really appreciate your time and efforts. The date for the Children's Christmas Disco is Thursday 14th December with two separate discos for KS1 & KS2 on the same night- more details to follow.



Throughout the month of November, we remember those that have ascended into Heaven.

Almighty God, we rejoice in your promise of love, joy and peace. In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died, rose again and lives for evermore.

Amen

Dates for your diary Autumn 2023		
Tuesday 28 th November	3:30- 4:45pm	PTA Film Night for KS1
Wednesday 29 th November	2:30pm	Coffee & Chat Morning with Cherish
Thursday 30 th November	3:30pm- 4:45pm	PTA Film Night for KS2
Friday 1 st December		Non-Uniform- Red and/or Green Theme
Friday 1 st December	10:00am	Y3 at Holy Trinity Church- parent helpers required

Tuesday 5 th December	9am	FY & Year 1 Carols in the school hall
Thursday 7 th December	9am	Year 2 Nativity in the school hall
Friday 8 th December		Non-Uniform- Festive Outfits
Friday 8 th December	10:00am	Y2 at Holy Trinity Church- parent helpers required
Thursday 14 th December	9:00-10am	D & T Christmas Parent Workshop- Christmas crafts
Thursday 14 th December	3:30-5.15pm	PTA Christmas Disco
Friday 15 th December	10:00am	Y5 & Y6 at Holy Trinity Church- parent helpers required
Monday 18 th December	10am	Peripatetic Music Concert for parents
Monday 18 th December	2pm	Carol Concert for Grandparents
Tuesday 19 th December	Time tbc	Rudolf Charity Run
Wednesday 20 th December	lunchtime	Christmas Lunch for Children
Thursday 21 st December	Time tbc	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church
Friday 22 nd December	3:20pm	School Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 8 th January	8:45am	Spring Term Starts- Children return from Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 23 rd January	8:45am	Coffee & Chat- Home support advice

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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Vice Principal

Mr J P Lynch
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