



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 first fortnightly Newsletter for this academic year. We would like to thank the children for the excellent start they have made to the new academic year.



Following the sad news that our Queen, Elizabeth II, passed away yesterday afternoon, we should all take some time to reflect on her long service to the country and pray for the repose of her soul today. As our Head of State, she took her responsibilities seriously and lived her life with integrity, dedication and dignity and held firm to a moral code which was rooted in her faith. An example for us all and a source of inspiration to leaders. We enter a period of National Mourning today and we will hear more about this as guidance comes out for schools in the next few days. During this time, schools will remain open but we will be observing this period of time in an age appropriate way with our children.

***Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
Amen***

End of School day arrangements

Many thanks to all parents who have continued to stay behind the blue line on the playground, this has really helped staff to see more clearly who the children need to go to. Please remember that children should not play on the Adventure Trail or climb on the wall if their parent is not with them supervising. Please note that Year 3 and Year 6 have swapped sides of the playground due to the switch in classrooms.

Medication

If you have not already done so, please ensure that your child's medication is in school and that a medical form has been completed for this academic year. Medical forms are available via the school office and can be emailed out to you if needed. Please make sure that any medication is given to the school office and sent in. This is for Epipens, inhalers etc... not calpol.





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Drainage

With this week's sudden heavy rain fall some of the paths have been overrun with water. Our drainage system is maintained by the Multi Academy premises team and Birmingham City Council, the natural Stream that follows throughout grounds is dredged twice a year- but it still could not cope with the sudden deluge. We apologies for any inconvenience that the flooding may have caused and appreciate your understanding.

PTA Events

If you would like to get involved with our School's PTA please contact Vince on vtierney@rm.com

Year Group Email Addresses

We would like to remind you that year group email addresses that were used during the lockdowns have now ceased. If you wish to contact a member of staff, please email enquiry@stjosutton.net who will forward it on to the staff.

Parking Issues

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. I often get calls and emails from local neighbours about parking, the response is always 'as a school we have no jurisdiction beyond our gate- therefore take their registration number and report it to the Police and highways' Please make a huge effort to park safely for our children and sensibly for the reputation of the school.

Patrol Warden Advert

Please see the following link

<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/114019/school-crossings-patrol-warden/>

Curriculum Planners for Parents

These will be sent out to all via parent mail before the end of next week.

PE kits

Like we did in the summer term. We will ask that children come to school in their PE kits on the days when their class has PE. A message went out today via parent mail informing you of when these days are. We plan to continue with this throughout the year and encourage you to ensure your child has a tracksuit on to help keep them warm. We are happy for children to wear their school jumpers during PE lessons if they wish.

Yours sincerely,

Mr O'Hara
Principal

Mr Lynch
Acting Assistant Principal

