

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 third newsletter of the year. Today the children have looked brighter than normal in their colourful clothes in support awareness of CAFOD's 'Brighten Up your Harvest Campaign'. We hope to let you know in our next newsletter how much we have raised in total. As we are now in the month of October the children have also been dedicating their intentions to Mary. We would ask that parents spend some time teaching their children some of the tradition prayers dedicated to Mary; Hail Mary, Angelus, The Memorare, Regina Caeli... so that they are confident in reciting these. These, and more, can be found on our website in the Year group pages under the Prayer tab.

Reading Workshops

The children and staff are looking forward to welcoming you in to join their reading lesson next week- Wednesday 12th October 9.10-10.00am. We are sure you'll get some great ideas to help you with your child's learning.

Ear Piercing / studs

Ear Rings / Studs are **not allowed** in school- a number of children have started coming to school wearing these.

Please remove all jewellery and leave it at home for evenings and weekends.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Attendance

Your child's attendance at school is vital in them achieving success. As a school we have always taken episodes of poor attendance and punctuality of seriously. OFSTED, the DFE and Local Authority guidance asks every school to ensure that all children aim for an attendance that is at least 97%. This week, our Governors agreed to adopt a New Attendance Policy which can be viewed on the school website.

This Policy clearly sets out our focused approach to tackling absence, persistent absence and lateness. In the policy it is has a clearly defined set of procedures to be escalated involving meetings with staff, SLT and Governors, before proceeding to the Birmingham City Council 'Fast-track to Attendance' procedures which will result in a minimum £60 fine which will be payable to Birmingham City Council.

Please read the policy and please try to make every effort to ensure your children's learning is not hindered by absences.

Year 6H Class Assembly

Well done to Year 6H for a wonderful assembly on Thursday afternoon. We are very proud of you for learning your lines and parts so well. Thank you to Miss Harris and Mrs Mahoney for all the support you have given the children to be prepared for this assembly.

Fundraising

Well done to Áine who has been raising money for the Little Princess Trust.

With the help of her parents, Áine has donated her hair for this charity.

Well done to her for being so brave and showing love to others!



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.



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After School Sports Clubs

We would like to thank Micro-sports for the after school clubs they have provided over the last few years and I am sure we will work with them again in the future. We are expanding our portfolio of after school clubs from next half term. Tennis coaching from Sutton United will take place on Mondays, Tuesday football for Years 3 & 4, Wednesday Leap frog Multi skills club for Years 1 & 2, Wednesday football for Year 5 & 6 and Friday Rugby Tots for Years 1 & 2. We hope to announce other clubs in the next few weeks. Details about signing up and costs will follow soon.

Colgate toothbrushes resource pack

We have received some Colgate resources which will be sent out to FY and Year1 on Monday. We hope that these will help raise awareness to the children of the importance of looking after their teeth.

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.

CAFOD & Harvest Mass

Well done to the FY children for their contributions to today's Harvest Mass today. A special thanks to Year 6 for all their help and for taking part in the readings- you were fantastic too! The donations will be sent to a local food bank for those in desperate need.

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.



Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,

Implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,

I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O

Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me.

Amen.

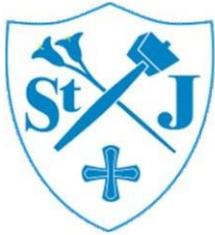
Yours sincerely,

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Mr Lynch
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PLEASE SEE BELOW OUR DIARY DATES.





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Dates for Diary

Please note the dates of the Y3 and Y6 Sacraments

Saturday 26th November, 6pm Year 6H Confirmation Mass at Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 27th November, 11am Year 6H Confirmation Mass at Holy Trinity Church

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

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

12 th October 9:10-10:00am	Reading Workshop
20 th October at 2:40pm	Year 6F Class assembly, parents welcome.
21 st October	UNICEF Non-Uniform day
3 rd November	Year 3G Class Assembly, parents welcome.
9 th & 10 th November- 3;30pm to 6pm.	Parents evening
17 th November	Year 3J Class Assembly, parents welcome.
26 th November at 6pm	Year 6H Confirmation Mass at church
27 th November at 11am	Year 6F Confirmation Mass at church
21 st November 2022	INSET day, school closed to children
17 th February 2023	INSET day, school closed to children
Sunday 11 th June 2023-12.30pm	Year 3J First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church
Sunday 18 th June 2023-12.30pm	Year 3G First Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church

Term Dates and Inset days 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 6 September 2022

Half Term: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022

Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 January 2023

Half Term: Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 24 February 2023

Term Ends: Thursday 6 April 2023 (Easter Sunday is 9 April)

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 24 April 2023

Half Term: Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

Term Ends: Tuesday 25 July 2023

INSET DAYS –STAFF ONLY

Monday 5 September 2022

Monday 21st November 2022

Friday 17th February 2023

We have 3 more dates to confirm- as soon as we know these we will put them on the website and inform you



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