



To follow Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.

Newsletter No.11

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy two weeks and there are lots of exciting things going on in school. Unfortunately, due to the lead Stone Man Expert being poorly, Y3 had their Stone age day postponed yesterday, however, they are excited that it has been rescheduled for next Thursday. A message had been sent to all Y3 parents.

We would like to say Well done to Y4E for their amazing class assembly all about Love and Valentine's day. The children performed so well and spoke with such confidence. Thank you to Miss Evans, Mrs Mahoney, Miss Ford and Miss Robotham for helping prepare the children so well. The children's personalities shone through and we laughed lots.

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

Key Stage One

The Tidiness Award	FYW	Lining Up award	FYT
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	FYT	The Attendance Award	Y1G
The Travel Tracker	Y1G		

These week's award winners are:

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award	Y5R	Lining Up award	Y6L
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y4E	The Attendance Award	Y4F
The Travel Tracker	Y4F		

Y6 Trip to Matilda

Y6 were exceptionally lucky to visit Bishop Walsh this week to watch the production of Matilda. The children were very sensible and represented the school well. It was so nice to see past pupils performing too. Well done to all of the pupils at Bishop Walsh who took part in the production. It was a fantastic performance!

Children's Mental Health Week

This week, in and around school, the children have been talking about Children's Mental Health Week. Teachers have been working with the children to explore how to have positive mental health, and what to do when this dips. We have also introduced the children to a new initiative, launched throughout the whole school, called the zones of regulation. The zones of regulation help children express and understand how they are feeling and how their feelings can impact their behaviour. Please talk to your child about the zones of regulation in their class.

Netball Tournament

Thank you to Miss Wood who accompanied the Netball Team to play in a local Netball match at Nechells Wellbeing Centre. The team worked so hard and came third overall which was a huge achievement. Go Team! The girls are now practising for the upcoming Catholic Schools Tournament in April.



Safer Internet Day 2022

On Tuesday the whole school focused on the very important topic of E Safety and learnt how and why it is important to keep ourselves safe online. All classes started by watching a very informative assembly from the UK Safer Internet Centre and then carried on with activities in class throughout the day. Thank you to Miss Evans for leading the school on this. For more information on how to keep safe online please visit www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022. Please talk to your child about this.





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Home School Funding

The Household Support Fund is now available to families in Birmingham facing hardship (£150.00 emergency payment for food, fuel and essential items). This includes all Birmingham Schools. If you would like to try and access this fund, please contact the school. All requests will be dealt with confidentially. If you would benefit from this, please contact Mrs Hill.

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!

Dates:

Please note, Friday 18th February will be a staff training day. The school will be closed to all pupils.

Pre loved Uniform



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.

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 my final day as Executive Principal at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School after 3 years, how time flies! However, as from Monday I will be back here full time to continue to push St Josephs from strength to strength.

Sadly, however, today we say goodbye to **Mrs L Chambers**, our Assistant Vice Principal, who leaves us to become the Acting Head of School at Holy Cross (covering the HOS whilst on maternity leave). There will be a big void here at St Joseph's school in her absence but we wish her all the very best of luck and know that Holy Cross are very fortunate to 'borrow' her. Good Luck Mrs Chambers.





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We pray for the intentions of all families of St Joseph's School.

Lord Jesus, open our ears to hear the Good News of God's love for each one of us. Increase our faith and love for you, we ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs N Hill
Acting Head of School

Mrs L Chambers
Acting Vice Principal

