



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

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Fortnightly News

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the second half of the Spring Term. We hope you all had a relaxing break with your children and families; it has been great to see the children settle so quickly and sensibly back into school.

This Wednesday the children attended our whole school Mass for Ash Wednesday to mark the start of Lent. We would like to say a huge well done to Year 1 and Year 6 who led us so well during the Mass, you read beautifully. Thank you to all of the staff who helped prepare the children so well. Thank you also to Father Michael and Deacon Daniel.

Lent

During Lent, the children will be reminded about the importance of fasting, praying and almsgiving, during carefully planned collective worship led by both the staff and the children. Each class will work together to raise money for CAFOD and Father Hudson's. (Obviously we are also completing some charitable work for the Ukraine via the Red Cross - please see letter sent earlier this week.) (As always we encourage children to consider communities both local and globally which, as a school, we can support. Separate class information will be sent out providing more information about this. This will lead up to Holy Week (our last week of term: 4th -8th April) where Year 3, 4 and 5 will lead us through the final events of Jesus' life.

To start off our fundraising, Year Six and the Chaplaincy team held a cake sale on Tuesday; thank you to all who donated cakes, money and who bought and enjoyed the cakes. Thank you in advance for your support with all of our Lenten fundraising endeavours - more details are to follow!

Book Character Dressing Up Day

Well done to all of the children and staff who made a huge effort to dress up for world book day! We have had a fantastic day celebrating and the children completed activities all around their favourite books. Please see our twitter feed for pictures taken throughout the day.

Have a look at this document which can help parents make the most of reading time at home:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read>

and take a look at the monthly 'must reads from the Reader Teacher!

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/monthly-must-reads>

Award Winners

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 Y3G

Lining Up Award Y6L

Lunchtime Behaviour Award Y5L

The Attendance Award Y4E

The Travel Tracker Y5R

Virtues



This half term our virtues are **Intentional and Prophetic**. Our pupils are taught that it is important to be Intentional in the way we live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and Prophetic in the example they set to others.

We will be trying to make sure we use God's creation with care and respect and think about the consequences of our actions.





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Notices

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 kits and coats. If there is anything that you need, please do not hesitate to call the office on 0121 354 6270 or email enquiry@stjosutton.net

If you have any questions about this new initiative, please see Mrs Pritchard.



Punctuality

Thank you to the majority of children who arrive on time every day to school. It is very important that children arrive at school on time. The start of the day activities (SODA) include a variety of tasks to help the children, such as phonics, spelling, arithmetic and reading. This is valuable learning time!

Behaviour Policy

We have updated our behaviour policy and this is now live on our website. In line with this, we have been teaching the children about the Zones of Regulation to help them learn to understand and regulate their feelings and emotions. Ask them what they have been learning about!

Lost Property

Lost property is now kept in two waterproof containers located under the office window. You are welcome to take a look and try to retrieve any of your child's belongings. Please help to keep lost property to a minimum by ensuring all items are labelled and checking these containers regularly. Thank you.

Covid Update

Our Covid-19 risk assessment has been updated in light of new Government and MAC guidance. You can view it in the policy section of our school website. Please note, lateral flow device tests will be free of charge until 1st April so do request them from the NHS or your pharmacist if you need them. <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Tweet of the Week



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School @stjosephs

Our Athlete Day was a massive success! We were lucky to have @SwimAmySmith, Olympic Swimmer, come and visit our school. We had lots of fun in the fitness circuits and listening to Amy's inspirational story. Thank you for all your support and raising lots of money for St Jo's!



Amy Smith

Events

Sunday 6th March 9am is a Family Mass at Holy Trinity

The Book Fayre will be available from Monday -Thursday next week in school from 3:45pm! Please enter via the Studio doors.

Y1 class assemblies and Y3, Y4 and Y5 Holy Week assemblies take place this half term. Separate information has been sent to relevant classes.

Look out for the new PTA newsletter soon!

*Lord, help me in my desire to enter this holy season with a new resolve to find time to pray, to give myself to fasting and to give generously to others in need.
Amen.*

God of peace and justice,

*We pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold them and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.*



Yours sincerely,

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