



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

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Little Sutton Lane, Sutton Coldfield B75 6PB
E: enquiry@stjosutton.net
T: 0121 354 6270
W: www.stjosutton.net
Principal: Mr G. O'Hara

Newsletter No.9 Friday 13th January 2023 Fortnightly News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023! We would like to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that you had a relaxing family Christmas. We have been pleased with how the children have settled back in after the holiday and how they have been acting upon our mission statement to walk in Jesus' footsteps when we work, play and pray.

Virtues

This half term we focus on being eloquent, which involves using our words wisely and for a positive impact. If we are eloquent then we will also be truthful. Jesus taught us to tell the truth even when it is hard to do so or when it might get us into trouble or make us unpopular with our friends. Please spend time discussing these virtues with your child to help support the learning taking place in school.

Young Voices

On Monday, children in Years 5 and 6 took part in the Young Voices Choir event at the NEC. The children had a fantastic time and were able to perform with professional singer Heather Small! We would like to thank the children for the fantastic display of their signing talents and exceptional behaviour. Special thanks to Mrs Terry, Mrs Pritchard and Miss Birch for preparing the children for the event and giving up their own time to take them.



Cooking Equipment

Design and Technology (D.T) is taught throughout the year, across all year groups through a creative and practical approach. One area of this topic is learning how to cook safely and hygienically. We would appreciate **any donations of cooking equipment** which we could use in future lessons to enhance the children's learning and cooking experiences in school. Items required: Baking trays, Whisks, Sieves, Biscuit cutters, Mixing bowls (both small and large), Measuring jugs/spoons, Piping equipment, Chopping boards (preferably white), Pots and Colanders

Please, could all donations be handed in directly to the school office by Friday 27th January.

Thanks in advance for any donations made.

Twitter

Just a reminder that you can follow us on twitter where we aim to keep you up to date with what we have been getting up to throughout each day. If you visit the twitter website and search for @_stjosephs_ you will be able to find us.

After school Clubs

We have a wide range of after school clubs taking place this half term.

Mondays Tennis Clubs for Years 1 to 4, Tuesdays- Irish Dancing for all year groups, Wednesdays- Leap Frog for Years 1 & 2. Thursdays- Football for Years 3-6 and Fridays- Rugby Tots for Years 1 & 2.

Second hand uniform & Free School Meals

We would like to make you aware that we have second hand uniforms available including jumpers, cardigans and trousers for anyone who may need them. Please contact the school office if you are interested, all we ask for is a small donation, if able. If you would like to apply for free school meals, please contact the office with your name, date of birth and National Insurance number.





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

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Little Sutton Lane, Sutton Coldfield B75 6PB

E: enquiry@stjosutton.net

T: 0121 354 6270

W: www.stjosutton.net

Principal: Mr G. O'Hara

Communication with Teachers

We appreciate that good communication links with parents are key to helping us jointly work as a team to develop your child both spiritually and academically. We have had a very small minority of parents contacting the school office and demanding that staff contact them immediately about an issue. Please be aware that in order for staff to explore any issues raised, they may need time to investigate to ensure that the matter is dealt with accordingly. Although the children leave school at 3.20pm the work of the teachers often continues into the evening on most nights. While we endeavour to ensure that parental responses via the school office are dealt with in a timely manner, be aware that it may take up to 72 hours for staff to respond.

Attendance figures

In December we sent out over 50 letters to families where a child's attendance had dropped below 92%, where this is the case school staff have been following up with telephone calls to discuss reasons (many are legitimate) for absences, to raise awareness of patterns; late every Wednesday morning, absent on PE days... and to offer advice and support to again work together to ensure every child can access their full potential.

Since the issue of these letters we have seen a noteworthy rise in attendance figure- thank you for your efforts.

Netball

Well done to the girls involved in the Netball matches that took place yesterday evening. We are really proud with how you worked as a team and hope you enjoyed your first matches together. Thank you to Miss Glass and Miss Robotham for organising them

Curriculum planners

Please be aware that your child's Curriculum planners for the Spring term will be available to view on the website: 'pupils-Year group- Key Information' at the end of next week. This document will give you insight into the topics your child will be learning for each subject and the learning that will take place. It would be beneficial to talk to your child about what they have learnt as we progress through this term.

Gruffalo Theatre visit

Reception went on their first class trip to watch the theatre production of the Gruffalo at Birmingham Town Hall. We are very impressed with how you behaved and know you really enjoyed yourselves!

Dates for Diary

Sunday 5 th February	First Holy Communion Mass of Commitment for Year 3 at Holy Trinity
Monday 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week Begins
Tuesday 7 th February	Bishop Walsh Production of Footloose for Year 6
Friday 17 th February	INSET day, school closed to children
Week beginning 20 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 27 th February	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 28 th February	School re-opens for children



To keep even more up to date please follow us on twitter @_stjosephs_



Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of Jesus

We thank you, Lord God, for the wonders you work-- for food and friendship in your house. Above all, we thank you for the gift of your Son, who is one with us both now and forever

Amen

Yours sincerely,

Mr O'Hara
Principal

Mrs Chambers
Vice Principal

Mr Lynch
Assistant Principal



St. John Paul II Multi Academy

Registered Office: c/o Sacred Heart Catholic School, Earlsbury Gardens, Birmingham, B20 3AE

E: enquiry@sjp2.net | T: 0121 827 8664 | W: johnpaulii.co.uk

Catholic Senior Executive Leader (CSEL): Mr M. Emery

Company House Registered No. 08706247

