



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No 14

Friday 24th March 2023

Dates for Diary

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| Thurs 30 th March | Year 3 Faith & Belief link day visit from the Rosary Catholic Primary |
| Thurs 30 th March | Rescheduled Parents' Evening Pt II (separate message sent) |
| Fri 31 st March 2.40pm | Year 2M Class Assembly – Y2M parents welcome |
| Mon 3 rd April at 9.00am | Year 4 Palm Sunday Assembly – Y4 parents welcome |
| Tues 4 th April at 9.00am | Year 3 Last Supper Assembly – Y3 parents welcome |
| Wed 5 th April at 9:05am | Year 5 Stations of the Cross Assembly – Y5 parents welcome Please note the date change |
| Thurs 6 th April | Non Uniform Day and Easter Egg Hunt £1.50 PTA donation for entry to both Children break up for Easter Holidays |
| Mon 24 th April | Children back after Easter Holidays |
| Thurs 27 th April | Coffee & Chat parent drop in- all welcome |
| Monday 1 st May | May Bank Holiday. School Closed |
| Tues 2 nd May, 9am | Feast day of St Joseph the Worker in school led by Foundation and Year 6 |
| Tues 2 nd May | Year 4B Swimming Lessons start (separate letter to follow) |
| Monday 8 th May | School closed: Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III |
| Tuesday 9 th May | End of KS2 SATs for Year 6 starts |
| Thurs 11 th May at 6pm | First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting in school hall. |
| Mon 5th June | INSET DAY- closed to children. |
| Thurs 6th July | Full MAC INSET DAY- closed to children. |

Our Prayer Focus

On 20th March we celebrated the feast day of Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Saint Joseph, Jesus' Father on Earth,

Help us to remember the love and grace that you showed in caring for Jesus.

Help us to be more like you and to listen to God's voice.

Saint Joseph, guide us through life and keep us safe.

Thank you for being with us as we work, play and pray.

Amen.

Welcome

PARKING – Drastic measures will take place unless more consideration by a few is seen.

Please read my longer message below. Thank you

Year Group News

Foundation

FY have been exploring maps this week and making a class map of our school!

Year 1

Class Teachers have been busy ordering new reading books for Year 1, using pupil voice to help make book choices. See twitter over the next few weeks to see Year 1 with their new exciting class libraries.

Year 2

Year 2 had an amazing afternoon with the Animal man Company on Wednesday as part of their topic on the Amazon rainforest.

Year 3

Year 3 have been looking at Surrealism art and created some of their very own.

Year 4

Year 4 have been making quizzes using their computer skills on scratch. They also had a go at debugging any issues along the way.

Year 5

Year 5 have been role playing The Sacrament of Reconciliation, focussing on the perspective of Penitent and Priest.

Year 6

Our Year 6 House Captains have been very busy making bookmarks for everyone in our school community to commemorate the Solemnity of St Joseph with our prayer to our patron saint.

INSET DAYS-

The Board of Directors have announced that **Thursday 6th July** will be a whole MAC Inset day with Nation Catholic Inspiration Speaker David Wells leading all staff in a spiritual development day. Now that we know this date we are also able to announce that our School Final Inset day for the academic year will be **Monday 5th June**.

PTA Film Nights

We wanted to say publicly how grateful we are to our wonderful PTA and staff, who have given up their own time to put on two film nights this week. The children who attended really enjoyed themselves (thank you for supporting these events), we hope to be able to announce soon how much money we raised over the two nights.

Parent Workshops

Thank you to everyone who has come to our Parent Information Talks, 100+ in total, throughout the Spring term, also thanks to the staff for organising them. During the Spring term we have had five parent talks: Foundation phonics and Year 1 phonics, Year 2 SATS information, Year 4 Multiplication Check talk and Year 6 SATS information. We have also had two successful 'Coffee & Chat' mornings.

Next term we will be organising Maths and Science workshops. We will send the dates of these in the next newsletter.

Coffee & Chat

On Wednesday morning we were joined by Pete from Beam Family Services who discussed ways to support our children's mental health and resilience. Pete has been working closely with our year 3 and year 4 staff to help support PSHE lessons. Please click on the link to our website page for the resources discussed in the meeting. Thank you Pete for your time and expert advice. The link can be found here:

[St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Wellbeing Support \(stjosutton.net\)](https://stjosutton.net) (scroll to the bottom of the page)

Parking –PLEASE READ

Parking on Bromwich Drive is a major concern for both our staff and the majority of our parents. Please ensure that you follow the road markings and legal signage. I have been in touch with the local police and Council to consider deploying the 'Car Free Streets Programme' and are in discussions with regards to the viability of this. I am also considering a more simpler approach of merely locking the Bromwich Drive Gate at drop off and collection times forcing everyone to use the main entrance only.

These two measures will have a knock on effect to many families and I apologise to those who follow the rules but would be inconvenienced. The gate was closed a number of times during the expansion programme and everyone coped! I am making a plea to everyone, that unless drivers stop causing a danger, and stop being rude to the residents of Bromwich Drive then there will be no alternative but to lock the gate.

For the last 10 years I have explained about the parking situation to all families during the FY induction talks, but enough is enough, there needs to be a visible change to the current inconsiderate parking otherwise proactive action will be taken. Thank you. G M O'Hara

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.

Year 4 & 5 Mission Team

The Y4 & Y5 Mission Team children met the other Mission teams from the MAC at SS Mary and John School where they took part in Art and discussed the Lent Charities and works in the other schools.- Well done children

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust – School Uniform Clothing Grant

Will continue to accept applications until **4.00pm on Thursday, 15th June 2023**.

Alternatively, forms can be downloaded from their website: [School Clothing Grant | Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust](https://www.suttoncoldfieldcharitabletrust.org.uk/)

Or ask at our office for a form.

The SCGT Trustees consider this to be a very worthwhile part of their work and urge any families needing assistance in this area to come forward.



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Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Chambers
Vice Principal

Mr Lynch
Assistant Principal