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Fortnightly News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our fifth fortnightly newsletter of this academic year. We are really pleased with how the children have settled back after October half term. We would like to offer our congratulations to Ms Shiels now Mrs Shiels-Etheridge who got married over October half term. We wish her and her husband all the happiness for the future.

UNICEF

On Tuesday 8th November we had our UNICEF accreditation. The children (and staff!) were asked about their knowledge of the UNICEF rights and how these can be applied to help look after each other.

Congratulations to all the pupils and adults of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. You are now officially recognised as a Unicef UK Silver: Rights Aware School.

A huge thank you to all the children and especially Mrs Shiels-Etheridge for all their hard work.

Year 3G Class Assembly

Well done to Year 3G for their excellent class assembly on Monday afternoon. You were all so enthusiastic and really showed us how much you have been learning! Thank you to Miss Green and Mrs McGrath for all the support you have given the children in preparing for this assembly.

Charity Fundraising

We are very proud to hear that another one of our children is raising money for charity. Leo in Year 3 has been busy raising money and awareness for Perthes disease and wearing silly socks in the process! He has currently raised £1380 for the charity! Well done Leo! If you are able to give to Leo's charity rising, Leo's family have set up Just Giving page. Please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-concannon-clan> to donate.

Attendance

Evidence shows that attendance does affect a child's learning and attainment. Having an attendance record of 90% is the equivalent to missing a half day's teaching every week. A record nearer to 80% is the equivalent of missing one full day every week. All children should aspire to have an attendance as near to 100% as is possible.

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks (a full ½ Term)	200 lessons

As you will know every day in school is vital for your child's learning, A huge thank you to the vast majority who have been visibly seen making an effort to ensure your child arrives for school before 8.45am this has really helped lessons start on time and enhance the learning of the children:

Attendance figures since September are:

<i>FY</i>	95.12%
<i>Year 1</i>	95.67%
<i>Year 2</i>	96.13%
<i>Year 3</i>	96.10%
<i>Year 4</i>	96.32% -well done Y4
<i>Year 5</i>	96.30%
<i>Year 6</i>	95.68%

Whole School figures: 95.92%. The DFE expected figure is 97%



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Anti-Bullying Week 2022

Just a reminder that National Anti-bullying week starts on Monday. The week will start with the children wearing odd socks in support of the Anti-Bullying Alliance and raising awareness that it is good that we are all unique and different. If parents can contribute £1 for children to wear odd socks the money raised will be given to the Anti-Bullying Alliance charity. Throughout the week children will be learning about what bullying is and how we can stop bullying from taking place through acts of kindness.

After School Sports Clubs

Our new after school clubs for children from Y1 to Y6 started last week and have been really well attended.

We have been made aware of a letter, from Micro-sports, sent out to some parents within MAC schools before half term stating that they were unaware as to why St Joseph's School had not continued with them as the sole clubs provider. Please be assured this is factually inaccurate and Micro-sports had been spoken to during the summer about how we were broadening our provision and range for the children and have a greater control over the hiring of our facilities. The new clubs are as follows.

Monday - Tennis coaching from Sutton United Years 1,2 **and now for Year 3**

Tuesday- Irish dancing from Just Dance academy for whole school

Wednesday- Leap frog Multi skills club for Years 1 & 2,

Friday - Rugby Tots for Years FY, 1 & 2. **FY added this week**

Please visit our website for updates on clubs being offered- should you wish your child to take part, contact the school office:

https://www.stjosutton.net/web/extra_curricular_clubs_/585048

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has bought a poppy or other items from the Appeal. A special thanks to the Year 6 children who have been selling these. Today we also held two minutes silence to remember those who have sacrificed their lives during the war.

Parents Evening

We were really pleased to see so many parents in school this week to come and have a talk with their child's teacher. We had many parents informing us that they preferred the parents evening in the classrooms as they can see the learning environment, displayed work and books. Thank you for this positive feedback and your continued support.

Free Book for Foundation Year Children

We would like to thank the Book Trust Charity for their donation of books for our Foundation Children. We hope that the children enjoy the book that they received and took home today.

Year 4 Class Trip

Last Friday, Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed a day out to Cadbury World to look at the history of Bournville and the Cadbury brothers. Year 4 also were taught about the science behind melting chocolate! They also took part in a creative writing workshop!





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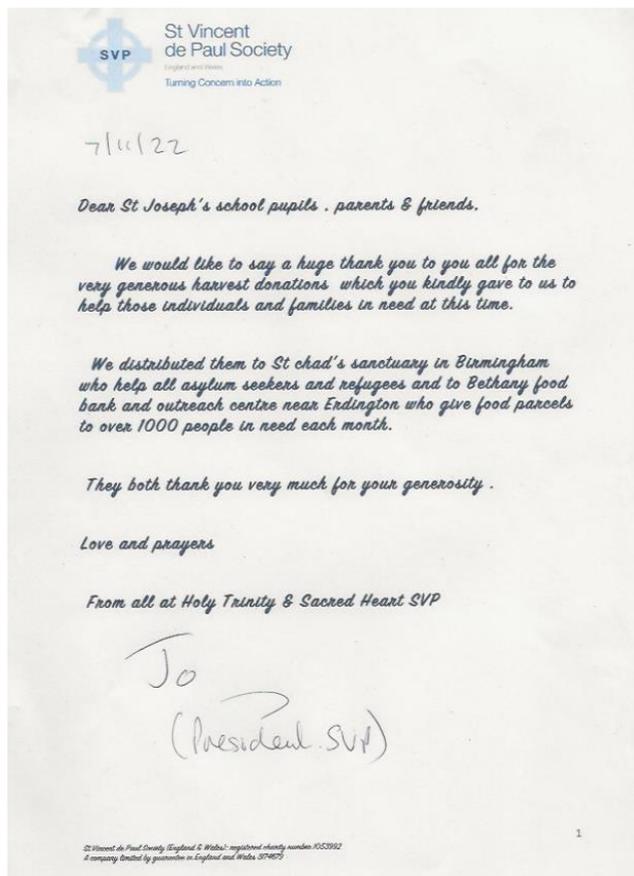
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THANK YOU

We were please to receive the letter below from the SVP following the generous response to the Harvest Donations appeal. As well as this, we would like to thank you for helping us raise £271 for CAFOD's 'Brighten up your harevst campaign as part of our non-uniform day event.



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Dates for Diary

14 th to 18 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
14 th November	School Photographer in school
14 th November at 2:40pm	Year 3J Class Assembly, parents welcome.
17 th November at 6:30pm	Year 6 Confirmandi Parents' Meeting
24 th November	Foundation Classes Midwife Visit
25 th November	Non-Uniform day- Wear Red & Green £1
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	INSET day, school closed to children
2 nd December	Non-Uniform Day- Christmas hat day £1
5 th December at 9:15am	FY & Y1 Christmas carols and songs in the hall
8 th December at 9:15am	Year 2 Nativity Tableau in the hall
8 th December KS1 5-6pm & KS2 6:15pm-7:15pm	PTA Christmas Disco in the hall
9 th December	Non-Uniform Day- Christmas Jumper Day £1
13 th December 9:20am	FY and KS1 Santa Panto
15 th December	School Nurses in for Flu boosters
15 th December at 2pm	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at Church
Please also note we have the following INSET days. Monday 21 st November 2022 & Friday 17 th February 2023	



Throughout the month of November, we remember those that have ascended into Heaven.

Almighty God, we rejoice in your promise of love, joy and peace. In your mercy turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the joy of heaven; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who died, rose again and lives for evermore.

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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