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Newsletter No. 9 **Friday 14th January 2022**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term!

As always, we have been very happy with how well the children have settled back into their daily school life after the Christmas break. Well done children, keep it up! Thank you to Father Michael and Deacon Daniel who led (via zoom) an inspiring Mass, last Thursday, to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Please remember Family Mass continues to be the first Sunday of every month at Holy Trinity Church.

6th February 22	Sunday	1st Sunday Children's/Family Mass (5th Sunday)
6th March 22	Sunday	1st Sunday Children's/Family Mass (1st Sunday of Lent)
3rd April 22	Sunday	1st Sunday School Children's / Family Mass (5th Sunday of Lent)
1st May 22	Sunday	1st Sunday School Children's / Family Mass (3rd Sunday of Easter)
3rd July 22	Sunday	1st Sunday School Children's / Family Mass (14th Sunday)

This week's award winner. The awards are as follows:

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award	Y3B	Lining Up award	Y4F
Lunchtime Behaviour Award	Y6L	The Attendance Award	Y6L – 96%
The Travel Tracker Award	Y6L		

Digital Leaders

Our newly recruited digital leaders from KS2 have been working hard in the Autumn term to support the Year 1 children in their commuting sessions. This half term, they are going to introduce their new Year 1 buddies to coding and will teach them how to instruct the Beebots to reach different positions within the classroom.

Athlete Day

We are excited to announce that GB Olympic Swimmer Amy Smith will be coming into School to work with the children on an exciting challenge on Wednesday 16th February. Children and staff, will be taking part in sponsored fitness circuits with Amy. Sponsorship forms will be sent out via ParentMail on Wednesday 2nd February. This exciting day promises to motivate and inspire the children while promoting a range of health benefits. Money raised from sponsorship forms will be put towards new equipment for school, so please give generously!

School Council

St Joseph is excited to announce the launch of its School Council Committee for 2022. Children have been nominated by their peer groups to represent their voice in and around school. There are two representatives from each year group ranging from KS1 to KS2. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th January 2022. Our first project will be to discuss, research and decide what new outdoor equipment / resources pupils would like to play with at break and lunchtimes. Please watch this space for further updates.

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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!

World Religion Day

World Religion Day is on Sunday 16th January. All classes have been learning about what this means and have completed discussions and reflective tasks. This has presented a great opportunity to also reflect on the UNICEF rights, particularly Articles 2 and 14. Please talk to your child about why their rights are so important.

Consultation on Changes to Admission Policies for St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

A reminder that the consultation period ends on Monday 17th January 2022. If you wish to look at the proposed changes please visit our school website www.stjosutton.net where you will find all the relevant information on the homepage. Any comments or responses to the proposed changes can be made in writing to the address on this letter or via email through the enquiry@sjp2.net for the attention of Matthew Emery.

Parking Concerns / Cars on Site

Concerns have been raised with regards to parents parking on the zig-zag yellow lines on Little Sutton Lane, in both the mornings and afternoons. Please could parents refrain from doing this. The yellow line markings have been provided to keep the area of the carriageway clear of parked vehicles allowing parents and their children to cross the road in a safer environment. We must also remind parents dropping or collecting for Sunshine Club that cars are not allowed on site after 7.45 am. The gates will then not be opened for cars on site until 4.45pm. This is for the health and safety of all pupils.

Dates:

Please note, Friday 18th February will be a staff training day. The school will be closed to all pupils.
Y4E and Y4F class assemblies take place this half term – separate messages have been sent.

Cultural Capital – January

Musician of the Month: Stevie Wonder

Artist of the Month: Jerry Robinson

Word of the Month: lenient

Inspirational Person of the Month: Malala Yousafzai







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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