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Newsletter No.02

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents,

We would like say a huge thank you to many of the parents that have listened to our recent message about arrangements for dropping off their children on time. We are seeing a great impact on the punctuality of our children already resulting in them being more ready to start their lessons and learn.

#### **Pick up times**

Please note that pick up times are as follows:

3:15pm Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6)

3:20pm Key Stage 1 (Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2).

The staggered times are there to help reduce the number of children coming out of the school at once and that they can leave the site school safely.

**However, on this note there is a small group of parents (new ones I presume as this has never occurred before) who have taken to parking on the central grass reservation in the middle of the Tamworth Road**

***THIS IS ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF THE CHILDREN*** as cars cannot clearly see pedestrians when crossing the road- ***Please cease this behaviour, I will forward photo images of those who continue to the police for them to address the issue.***

#### **New House group Names**

On Wednesday the children from Y1 to Y6 took part in House Assemblies where the new House group names were launched. Red house is now called St Luke, Yellow house is now called St John, Green house is now called St Matthew and Blue House is now called St Mark. As I'm sure you are aware these are the names of the Four Evangelists; authors of the four gospels. Please speak to your child about these saints who through their writing continue to teach us how to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

#### **Parent's Financial Concerns**

As a school we understand that the current energy crisis will be causing financial concerns for many of our families. If you are in need of any advice, please speak to our school office who will help with your enquiry. Please see the 'Worrying about Money' document from Birmingham Mind which is attached with this newsletter.

#### **Parent Workshop**

We are pleased to inform you of an upcoming **Reading Parent Workshop for Y1 to Y6 on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 9:10am until 10am**. The workshop will give advice and examples on how you can support your child's reading at home.

#### **Charity Fund Raising**

Thank you to all of you that donated towards the Father Hudson's 'Good Shepherd' and 'Walk a mile in their shoes' appeal. As a school we raised £2103.62. This is fantastic amount which will improve the lives of those in need across our Archdiocese.

#### **Cross Country Team**

Well done to the children from year 6 who took part in the Cross Country race at Bishop Walsh last Tuesday. A special thank you to Miss Glass and Mr Wigley for giving up their own time to support the children at the event.

#### **PTA**

There is an initial PTA meeting of the Academic year- we really need to get a new committee in place as it will affect the events going forward. ***We need – A Chairperson, A Vice Chair, A Treasurer, A Secretary***

If you know of anybody interested in these roles, can you let Vince know

The meeting is next week on Thursday 29th Sept 8:00 – 19:00 via Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting](#) Meeting ID: 378 802 126 054 Passcode: Bys5sm [Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

#### **Award Winners**

The Key Stage awards were as follows:

##### **Key Stage One**

The Tidiness Award Y2G

Lining Up Award Y1G

Lunchtime Behaviour Award Y1G

The Attendance Award FYT

The Travel Tracker FYW

This week's award winners are:

##### **Key Stage Two**

The Tidiness Award Y6L

Lining Up Award Y5L

Lunchtime Behaviour Award Y3G

The Attendance Award Y4F





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**Cultural Capital Inspirational Artist:**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was an Austrian musician, widely recognized as one of the greatest composers in the history of Western music

Please click this link to send you to just one of his most famous pieces of music, there are many more! [Click here.](#)



**Tweets of the Week**

 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
@\_stjosephs\_

Year 6 enjoy taking care of their physical and mental health on the Daily Mile Track. The smiles speak for themselves 😊! #wellbeing #6F #6H

12:20pm - 22nd September, 2022



 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School  
@\_stjosephs\_

FYBL have had another fantastic day playing with castles and sea creatures. The children have been developing their cutting skills whilst making monsters. We can't wait for group 2 to join us tomorrow so we can make more new friends. #FY

3:37pm - 13th September, 2022



Diary Dates to note	
Thursday 29th Sept 8:00 – 19:00	PTA Microsoft Teams <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a> Meeting ID: 378 802 126 054 Passcode: Bys5sm
Sun 2nd October 9am	The first Family Mass at 9am (Deacon Daniel would like us to encourage the children, especially FY, to join and offer tinned donations).
Friday 7th October 9am	Harvest Mass in school led by FY and Y6.
Wed 12th October 9:10-10:00am	Reading Workshop
Fri 21st October	Unicef dress to express yourself day of self-recognition – Non Uniform day
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Autumn 1 Half term ends
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Autumn 2 Half Term starts
Mon 21st November 2022	INSET day, school closed to children



This week the Church celebrated the feast day of St Matthew the Apostle.

O Glorious St. Matthew through the grace of God Our Father  
 you gave us the Holy Gospel, which brings us joy and life.  
 Inspired by your example, I ask for your assistance in all my needs.  
 Help me to follow Christ and remain faithful to His service.  
 Amen.

Yours sincerely,

Mr O'Hara  
Principal

Mr Lynch  
Acting Assistant Principal

