



**Newsletter No 28**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 28 April 2017



Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break. It is hard to believe that we are beginning our final term. This is always a very busy time with First Holy Communion, Creative Arts Evening, a variety of different trips and sporting events and of course SATs coming up shortly.

The children returned to school, all looking very smart! Please remember that all children should now be wearing Summer uniform; see below for clarification.

Attendance reports were sent home with children yesterday. Where there are concerns regarding attendance, parents will be invited in to school to meet with me to discuss how home and school can work together to improve the rate of attendance.



**Summer School Uniform**

**Girls:** Green check dress (*not stripes*), suitable shoes or sandals with white socks (not tights) or grey trousers with jade green polo shirt with logo. **Boys:** Jade green polo shirt with logo, grey shorts/trousers, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.

Please note that the round neck green sweatshirt is not part of everyday uniform. This sweatshirt is to be worn only for PE. Thank you.



**Letters emailed to parents this week:**

**Year 6:** Trip to Safari Park

*Please contact office if you have not received copy*



**School Website**

Curriculum update- The 'Curriculum Information' section on the school website has been updated showing two videos explaining the KS1 SATs and the KS2 SATs- please follow the link here - <http://www.holycross-sch.net/page/default.asp?pid=24>

If you have any questions about the upcoming SATs then please ask the class teacher.





### Magical Maths Assembly

On Tuesday 2 May we will be having 'Magical Maths' visit to talk in assembly about their after school club. They will give children leaflets with information on how to join the 'Magical Maths Club'. Please read the leaflet carefully as it will contain details of costs and dates of the club. Please contact Magical Maths direct to book your child's place. Clubs will be for KS1 and KS2. Thank you.



### Football Match

On the 7 April, we played our penultimate match against Penns Primary School. The team battled valiantly but succumbed to a 3-1 loss. The team will play their final fixture of the season on Friday 5 May at home against Moor Hall. Come along and cheer on the boys and girls.



### Indoor Athletics

Last night: Henry H, Daniel W, Jack B, Harry W, Annie E, Alex E, Daniel S, Joseph K, Joseph M, Aaron H, Logan McC, Niamh C, Lily H, Keela K, Frankie J, Ella P, Maggie R, Caitlin K and Lucy L competed in the Year 1 and 2 Indoor Athletics competition for Sutton Schools. The children did fantastically well, putting in 100% and running as fast as the wind. The girls performed really well and came a very close 4th place. The boys managed one more and finished in 3rd. Overall the team finished 3rd, which is our highest finish for several years. The team were amazing and everyone at school is very proud of them!



### School Closed

Polite reminder school is closed on the following days: **Monday 1 May** - Bank Holiday, **Thursday 4 May** - Local Government Elections, **Friday 26 May** - Inset Day and **Thursday 8 June** - General Election. Thank you.



### Dinner Money Due

Polite reminder deadline for payment of dinner money is **Wednesday 3 May**, the amount is **£49.50** please pay using ParentPay, please deduct any credit you have from this amount and pay the balance. Any queries please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



### Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle

On **Tuesday 13 June 2017** Year 1 is going on a trip to Warwick Castle. This is in relation to their topic of 'Kings and Queens'. A voluntary donation of **£20.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, venue, and insurance. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Friday 5 May**. A letter was emailed to parents on Wednesday 22 March; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

On **Tuesday 11 July** Year 3 is going on a trip to Chedworth Roman Villa/National Trust, Yanworth, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. This is in relation to their topic of 'Romans'. A voluntary donation of **£20.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, venue, and insurance. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Friday 5 May**. A letter was emailed to parents on Wednesday 22 March; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Music Lessons

Music Invoices were sent home with children on Monday; the deadline for payment is **Friday 5 May**. Please log into your Parentpay account to make payment. The amount owing is the amount highlighted in yellow on your invoice. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

the Boathouse  
sutton park



### Holy Cross PTA presents:

**Funtime Friday (adults only) at the Boathouse Restaurant on Friday 12 May 2017.**

The evening comprises of:

3 course dinner, DJ, Raffle and a Silent Auction. Motto for the evening 'Dig Deep' £22.50 per person. Arrive from 7.00pm dinner at 7.30pm. Please come along, this will be a fantastic night!

A flyer has been sent home with your child giving you further information regarding the above; to book places please contact Geraldine Causer on 07525 908 012. The deadline for bookings is **Friday 5 May**. If you have not received flyer please contact school office. Thank you for your support.



Phonics

### Year 1 Phonics Workshop

On **Wednesday 17 May 2017** we will be holding a 'Year One Phonics Workshop' for all parents who have children in Year One. The phonics workshop will begin at **9.00am in the classroom**. A letter was sent home with all Year 1 children on Wednesday. Please complete and return reply slip no later than **Friday 5 May 2017**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### School Dinners in KS2

A letter was sent home with children in Year 2 yesterday; asking if children will be having school dinners or will bring in a packed lunch from home, when they move into Year 3 in September. Please complete the proforma and return no later than **Monday 15 May**. If you have not received this letter please contact the school office for a copy.



### EYFS Trip to Twycross Zoo

On **Friday 9 June**, EYFS is going on a trip to Twycross Zoo. A voluntary donation of **£16.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Thursday 25 May**. A letter was emailed to parents if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Year 6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park

On **Tuesday 18 July 2017** Year 6 is going on a trip to West Midlands Safari Park. A voluntary donation of **£26.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, venue, and insurance. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Wednesday 28 June**.

A letter was emailed to parents on Thursday 26 April; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Please see invitation below from St Joseph's School

#### PAST STAFF OF ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL

**Official Blessing and Opening of the New Buildings at St Joseph's School.**

**By Bishop Robert Byrne on Wednesday 7 June 2017**

We have arranged for Bishop Robert Byrne to celebrate Mass in school and to officially Bless the new £3 million expansion of the building. Mass will take place at 9.30am in the school Hall followed by a tour of the school and chat over tea and coffee in the Hall. Past Staff, Governors and Directors are invited to join the children as we bring the past and present together as one! If you think you will be joining us for this occasion please let Ms Green in the office know [e.green@stjosutton.net](mailto:e.green@stjosutton.net) as we will need to arrange the appropriate number of seats (as seats will be limited).



### School Attendance Matters

**Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.**

Did you know...? Government legislation states that a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil". An attendance figure of 90% equates to missing half a day every week that means four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.

**Parents should also be aware that referrals to the school nurse will be considered for those children with an attendance rate of below 95% due to health related absences.**

This week the Attendance Award was won by Years 1 and 3 with 98.89% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Please see below whole school attendance from September to April 2016-2017.

EYFS	97.02%
Year 1	97.53%
Year 2	97.15%
Year 3	98.13%
Year 4	97.31%
Year 5	97.99%
Year 6	95.52%



**Recommendations:** EYFS: Addison H-G, Sophia H Year 1: Athletics Team Year 2: Athletics Team, Phoebe F, Joseph K Year 3: Olivia W, Darren A Year 4: Thomas S, Anna J Year 5: Niamh S, Marcus P-W Year 6: Pierce B, Grace B.

**Lunchtime Award:** Phoebe F (Y2).

**Class of the week:** Year 3.

**Sports Award:** Years 1 and 2 athletics team.



### Virtues and Values

As you know the Archdiocese of Birmingham has introduced a focus on Gospel Virtues and Values. This half term we are concentrating on being '**Compassionate and Loving**'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term.



### Angel of the Week

Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are: **Miss Stewart:** Jack W **Miss Stevens:** Henry H **Mr Hunt:** Aine K

**Mr Mayor:** Jake M-B **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Luke L (Y6), Elijah C-G (EYFS), Sian J (Y3)

**Mr Rowlands:** Alan J **Miss Cross:** Jacob D, Charlie H, Ricky M.

### Dates for your diary - May 2017

Monday 1 May	All Day	School closed-Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 May	All Day	School closed all day - Local Government Elections
Friday 5 May	3.30pm	Football match vs Moor Hall (home)
Monday 8 May	All Week	Year 6 SATs
Friday 12 May	7pm	Fun Time Friday (Adults only) - At The Boathouse
Friday 19 May	2.00pm-4.30pm	BCSSA Tag Rugby Competition
Wednesday 24 May	All Day	Speight of the Art-Ballet in school
Thursday 25 May	All Day	Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Friday 26 May	All Day	Inset Day-School closed to children

### Dates for your diary - June 2017

Thursday 8 June	All Day	School Closed to children - General Elections
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Saturday 10 June	12pm	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 13 June	All Day	Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle
<b>Wednesday 14 June</b>	<b>11.45am-1.30pm</b>	<b>Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames A-L</b>
Wednesday 14 June	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA Meeting
<b>Thursday 15 June</b>	<b>11.45am-1.30pm</b>	<b>Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames M-Z</b>
Saturday 17 June	12pm	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 20 June to Friday 23 June	All Day	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 20 June	All Day	Academy Photographers-classes, leavers & graduations
Wednesday 21 June	1.30pm-3.00pm	Life Talk Year 6
Thursday 22 June	8.50am	Mass/Corpus Christie Procession
Tuesday 27 June	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS Assembly

#### Dates for your diary - July 2017

Monday 3 July to Thursday 6 July	All Day	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 5 July	All Day	Transition Day
Friday 7 July	1.30pm-5.30pm	Sports Day followed by Summer Fayre
Saturday 8 July	All Day	Sutton Coldfield Games
Sunday 9 July	All Day	Sutton Coldfield Games
Tuesday 11 July	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Thursday 13 July	6.00pm-7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Production
Thursday 20 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Disco-Non school uniform day
Friday 21 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer!

**\*Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!

Yours sincerely

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