

## Newsletter No 23

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Friday 10 March 2023



Thank you so much for your support over the last couple of days. The decision to close the school is never taken lightly and is always based on health and safety. We could not ensure the safety of the site and therefore we had to close today. Hopefully we will be back to normal on Monday.



### Parents' Evenings

The booking system for Parents' Evening is now live. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible.



Modeshift Stars! Our school is currently working to achieve the Modeshift Stars award which recognises schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. The scheme encourages schools across the country to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and well-being of children and young people. As part of this, over the next few weeks Miss Crowley will be giving stickers to children who arrive at school on a bike/scooter or who walk to school. The stickers will be given out as you arrive at school through the main gates. Let's get active!



### Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

We look forward to welcoming lots of special ladies next week! Information about this lovely event has already been sent via ParentMail.

## SOCT Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust - FINAL REMINDER

Applications for 'School Clothing Grant' are now open. Forms are available from the school office. Forms must be returned to school no later than **Monday 13 March 2022**. Please contact the school office if any queries.



### Good Shepherd Appeal

Good Shepherd Appeal boxes have been sent home with children before half term. Since the early years of the twentieth century, children in the Archdiocese have helped raise funds for Father Hudson's Care during Lent. Children use the boxes to save money they would normally spend on sweets and treats, thereby practising abstinence and almsgiving. Please help to make a difference by raising funds for children, families and adults in need. Please contact the school office if you require another envelope. Thank you for your support. Please return no later than **Wednesday 3 May**. Thank you.



### Dinner Money

The deadline for dinner money is **Monday 13 March**. The amount due is £69.60, please log into your Parent Mail account to make payment. Thank you.

Letters/ParentMails sent home:

**Whole School:** Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

**Year 3:** Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation



**Attendance** - *Our school strives for 100% attendance. Due to exceptional circumstances, no report this week*

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.*



### Swimming gala


Last Saturday, 21 children across Key Stage 2 represented the school in the Sutton Schools Swimming Gala. We had a fantastic night of swimming and all the children gave 100%. The boys team finished in joint 1st place defending their title from last year and the girls narrowly finished in 2nd place. As a school we are so proud of the children for giving their all in the event and challenging themselves throughout.



### Football Match

On Monday, the school football team played St Joseph's in the 2nd round of the Sutton Schools' cup. At half time it was a tense 1-1 draw after a wonderful goal from Charlie and some commanding goalkeeping by Jay. Unfortunately, the match finished 4-1 to St. Joseph's, however we are proud of the efforts the team put in. They kept working till the

end and tried to get back into the match. We're looking forward to getting back on the training pitch before our next game.

 **Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:** We will celebrate this week's birthdays in next Friday's assembly.

### Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being '**Learned and Wise.**' 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.

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### Angel of the Week

Each week we recognise those children who have made that extra special effort to follow Jesus' example and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are **Mr Hunt: Miss Prior: Miss Stevens: Miss Small: Mrs Hope: Mr Mayor: Mrs Norton:** report next week

 **Recommendations: Reception: Year 1: Year 2: Year 3: Year 4: Year 5: Year 6:** report next week



**Mass:** Mass will be at church next week led by Year 6. All welcome.

### Dates for Diary - March 2023

Monday 13 March	2.00pm	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
<b>Thursday 16 March</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Give us your ideas at PTA in The Quinto Lounge</b>
Friday 17 March	2.00pm	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
Friday 17 March	All Day	St Patrick's day - wear a green accessory!
Monday 20 March	2.00 pm	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 21 March	TBC	Sponsored Walkathon - Lenten Activity
Friday 24 March	All Day	Year 4 visit Tamworth Castle
Tuesday 27 March	3.20	PTA Preloved Uniform Sale
Tuesday 27 March	TBC	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 28 March	TBC	Parents' Evening
Friday 31 March	TBC	EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade

### Dates for Diary - April 2023



Monday 3 April	9.15am	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 4 April	2.30pm TBC	KS2 Passion Play
Wednesday 5 April	9.15am TBC	KS2 Passion Play
Thursday 6 April	3.10/3.15pm	School breaks up end of Spring term
Monday 24 April	8.45am	Return to school
Friday 28 April	6.00-8.00pm	PTA Bingo Night (School Hall)
<b>Dates for Diary - May 2023</b>		
Wednesday 3 May	3.15pm	PTA Coronation Disco
Friday 26 May	3.10/3.15pm	Break Up For Half Term
<b>Dates for Diary - June 2023</b>		
Monday 5 June	8.45	Return to school
Saturday 12 June	12.00pm/3.00pm	Year 3 First Holy Communion
Tuesday 20 June	3.15pm	PTA Summer Disco
<b>Dates for Diary - July 2023</b>		
Friday 7 July	TBC	Year 6 Leavers' party
Wednesday 12 July		Year 6 Residential Mount Cook
Friday 21 July	TBC	Sports Day and Summer Fayre (if enough volunteers)
Tuesday 25 July	3.10/3.15pm	Last day of term - break up for summer

Yours sincerely

Miss T Cotter  
Executive Principal

Miss K Crowley  
Head of School

