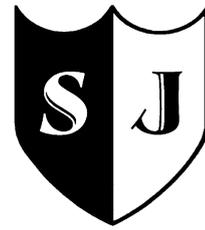


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**February 2019**

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Confirmation mass**

Children in Year 5 and 6 who are baptised Catholics are to receive the sacrament of Confirmation by His grace the Archbishop Bernard Longley on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 9am at St Joseph's church.

The choir, as well as many children as possible are invited to attend to share this special sacrament with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

A meeting to clarify the format of the mass will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30pm. Another date will be arranged if this is not suitable.

## **Masses**

Each KS2 class attend church for Mass on a Tuesday morning on a rota basis. Parents and carers are very welcome to support their children. We will also have whole school masses in the hall for years 1 to 6 every 5<sup>th</sup> week. This rota will be on the website.

## **Celebration Assembly**

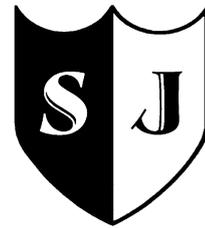
Thank you to all the parents who attended the recent celebration assembly. Each week a text message will notify parents/carers if their child is to receive a certificate, on the Friday morning. If you are not able to attend on that day then a new date can be arranged. Celebrating the success of your child is a powerful experience.

## **CAFOD**

This week a member of CAFOD came to deliver an assembly to explain the work they do to help our brothers and sisters in Christ, in other parts of the world. The children have already started to think of ideas to raise money during Lent. A sponsored silence was suggested.

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## **Safeguarding**

**The designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Hinton and the deputy lead is Mrs Waller.**

Children in Years 5 and 6 completed a workshop with the NSPCC, which was enjoyed by all. The children learnt about being safe and speaking out.

Our local police officer from Darlaston came to speak to Year 5 and 6 about knife crime and concerns within the local area. These close links will ensure we keep up to date to reassure the children after the recent troubling events.

An assembly for KS2 has been organised for the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, to explain internet safety this is provided by Google.

Please remind your child about keeping safe online.

## **Attendance**

As a school we have a high focus on attendance and again this year we will be supported by the local authority. Holidays during term time will not be authorised.

## **Medication**

Please ensure that if your child has a diagnosis of asthma then they will need an inhaler in school. If your child requires medication to be administered then a medical form will need to be completed. In order to support your child, it is vital that school is informed about any medical needs your child may have.

## **Curriculum**

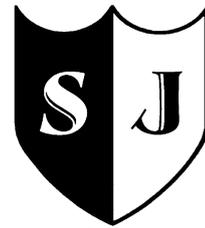
Parents in Year 1 and Year 2 have received an invitation to a Writing workshop to support their child at home. In addition Mrs Waller has organised Maths workshops to explain the way Maths is taught to KS2 children. Please look out for your invitation and come along to support your child. Many things have changed and it is a good opportunity to see how new methods are introduced to the children.

## **Outdoor play equipment**

Children in KS1 and KS2 have enjoyed the new play equipment purchased for playtimes and lunchtimes. They now have a variety of bats and balls, table tennis, skipping ropes and throwing games. It was lovely to see the children enjoying the

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new equipment and having fun. We aim to update the equipment further in the coming months.

## **Goodbye**

We say goodbye to Mrs Burnett and Mrs O'Toole, who are leaving St Joseph's. We wish them all the best for the future and thank them for the service to the school.

## **Valentines/Spring term disco**

There will be a disco on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February for children in Reception/KS1/KS2.

Reception and KS1 will be within school time 2pm-3pm. KS2 will be at 4:30pm until 5:30pm. Many thanks, to the parents who are supporting this venture. Let's hope it is an enjoyable end to the half term. Further details will follow.

**Remember Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of February is a teacher training day and school is closed to pupils.**

Many thanks for your support, in making St Josephs' a great school.

**God bless**

Mrs Hinton

**Head Teacher**

Mrs K. Hinton, Acting Head Teacher.