

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

14 February 2013

Dear Parents

Parents Evening

Thankyou for being so understanding about our decision to postpone parents evening, it was felt that with the poor weather conditions at 2.00pm the safest option for everyone was to postpone. The new date for parents evening is **TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY**. Parents can keep the same appointment times however if you do need to change a time please contact the teacher concerned.

Office Refurbishment

The office refurbishment is moving along nicely and will hopefully be completed shortly after half-term. The office will have a bigger hatch for both parents and children and have a more bright and airy feel in keeping with the rest of the school. In the meantime, thank you for your cooperation whilst we have to use the temporary office and temporary entrance.

Archbishop's Visit

His Grace, the most reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham visited school on Tuesday 29 January. It really was such a special day in school and one which will be remembered for a very long time. A big thankyou to all of the parents and parishioners who were able to join us in school for this special event. His Grace has already written to the school thanking the whole school community for the very warm welcome he received and he commented on how well behaved, polite and respectful all of the children were during his visit.

Grass outside Years 4,5 and 6 – please help us

Please can we ask you to do all you can to keep all children off the grass before and after school. Please ask your child to walk around the pathways and not to run across the grass. Lots of mud and grass is continually being walked into our new carpets and it's causing a real problem. There is also the risk of accidents because the grass is slippery and muddy. We'd be really grateful if you could support us.



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Sponsored Pancake Flip

The sponsored pancake flip was a very popular fundraising event in school this week, the children loved having a go on the assault course and flipping their pancakes! A big thank you to all of the parents and family members who were able to come into school and support the event whilst enjoying a hot drink and a slice of pancake. We would also like to thank Tesco who made a contribution to the cost of purchasing the pancakes for the children to eat after the event. As soon as we have collected all of the sponsor money we will let you know the total amount of money raised.

Regular events in school

Mass

You are invited to join us each week for **School Mass on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am followed by refreshments for everyone.** You are welcome to wait in school from 9.00am onwards – please come in via the office so that we know you are in school. The Mass is a unique feature of our Catholic school and we are very proud to celebrate it especially during the Year of Faith. Our Masses are always led by the children and include beautiful readings, music, singing and prayers. You do not need to be Catholic in order to come along and join us for this special weekly celebration. People of all faiths are very welcome to go forward at Holy Communion time to receive a blessing if they would like to, though this is entirely optional. Why not come along in the Year of Faith and take part in this special weekly event? If you are not Catholic, come along and see and hear how beautiful this celebration is. If you are Catholic, why not come along as a special act for the Year of Faith. We promise you will be very welcome and there is tea and coffee for everyone afterwards.

Merit Assembly

Every Friday we have a weekly merit assembly and there is also often a class performance as well. You are warmly invited to these assemblies which celebrate the children's achievements. Assembly starts at 2.30pm.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 5 February all children in school took part in an internet safety lesson, looking at ways in which we can stay safe online whilst enjoying and using the internet. Internet safety is becoming ever more important in the modern world and the children now know how to be safe and still have fun.

World Book Day

Thursday 7 March is World Book Day. To mark the occasion we are inviting all the children to come to school dressed as a book / comic / cartoon character. There will be lots of exciting activities going on in school too.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

We have registered on the website easyfundraising.org.uk. The website is designed to help raise money for schools and charities as retailers donate a percentage of their online takings to our school. We now have a link to the website at the bottom of our school homepage and flyers are being sent home to give more information to parents.

Keep in touch

As ever, do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help or assistance. We are always available to sort out any problems – however small!

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Headteacher

