

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents and carers for their generosity and support shown towards the school this half-term and we hope to maintain your commitment throughout next term.

I know this is a regular newsletter item but it is really important that everyone plays their part in **road safety** around the school. We have had two near misses with children this year and only through the grace of God, there has not been a serious accident.

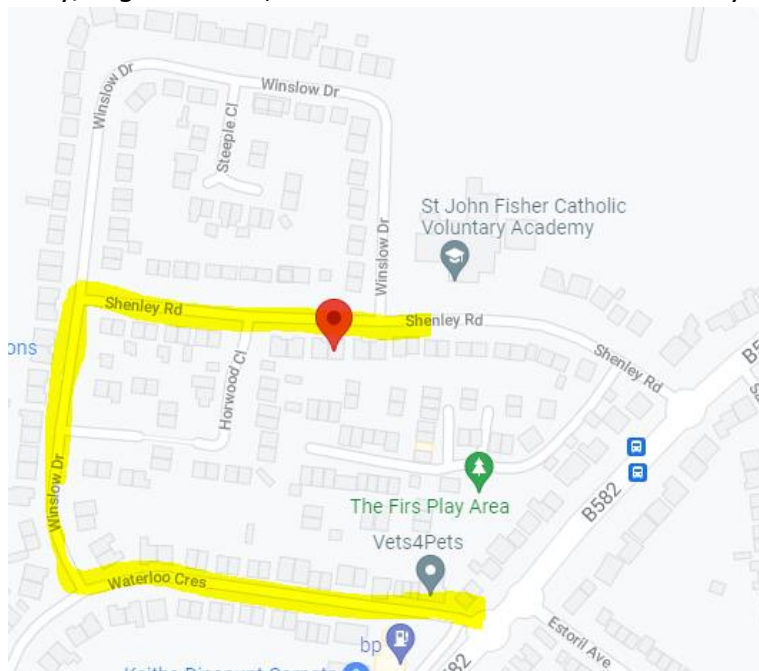
### **Parking and Road safety**

Please park with due care and attention for all of our children and our neighbours. Do not park across driveways or on zig zag lines even momentarily. It is obvious that it is busier around the beginning of the school day and at the end of the school day than it was last year.

If travelling by car, children should exit on the pavement side of the road and not out onto the open road. When crossing the road, it is paramount that children look both sides and only cross when it is safe to do with an adult. Children crossing the road especially younger children or those with awareness difficulties should be accompanied across the road by parent/guardian.

Do not do U-turns on the Winslow Drive and Shenley Road intersection – this was the area of a near miss and a road traffic collision.

As a reminder, here is the map of the school which lists the numerous places for parking and also highlights another way to access via Waterloo Crescent. Often, I see bottlenecks with cars and vans on Shenley Road going out onto the main Oadby/Wigston Road, while the other routes are relatively clear.



## **Catholic Life**

### **SJF's Chaplaincy Group**

A huge congratulations to our SJF Chaplains. I am sure they are going to be inspiring spiritual leaders who will enhance the Catholic Life of our school.

Year 6: Shaun, Brooke, Molly and Janelle

Year 5: Joshua, Evan, Lotanna and Amelia

Year 4: Seth, Elise, Jensen and Shai

Year 3: Cora, Jasiel, Tiwi and Ella

### **Harvest collection**

Five house points for each item brought in!

Charities will collect the produce, after our Harvest Mass on Thursday, to distribute in Wigston and Oadby. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

### **Harvest Mass**

There will be a Harvest on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. (note change of time).

### **Rosary parents' session**

We will hold a Rosary parents' session in the learning lounge at 8.35 a.m. on Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome from 8.30 a.m. to sit in the learning lounge. Your child(ren) can accompany you at the prayer session.

### **Whatsapp parents group**

The purpose of a Class WhatsApp group is to establish collective conversations with other parents for primarily sharing information related to the class pupils. Usually this information can be found on Newsletters, class dojo messages and the school website. It also serves the purpose of bringing parents together socially and should act as a positive and constructive force.

Please be aware of messages exchanged that fall consistently outside the purpose and the objective of the group.

Social media as a tool to air any concerns or grievances about the school is not appropriate. Online activity which the school considers inappropriate includes:

- Identifying or posting about pupils
- Abusive or personal comments about staff, pupils or other parents

Should you have any personal views or concerns relating to a school matter, these should be raised with the teacher in the first instance.

- Bringing the school into disrepute





- Posting defamatory or libelous comments
- Publicly challenge school policies
- Discuss issues about individual children

I understand these are not school groups or school moderated but it does have an effect on the school community and school staff personally when content such as above is posted rather than the correct channels being followed. Thank you.

## **Sport**

### **Cross-country**

Well done to all our runners from year 3, 4, 5, and 6 who ran at Victoria Park. They all ran their socks off and showed talent and grit in good quality races against many schools across the city. There were medals, top tens, top twenties and pride at completing their races.

Year 5 and 6 had barely got their breath when they were running again yesterday afternoon at Manor High. Again, brilliant performances from the team. It is a great sight to see the distinctive blue of SJF up and competing in many races. There was great support from families and friends too.

### **Football**

Well done to our three representative teams from Year 2,3 and 4 who competed at St Paul's recently. From their match reports in school assembly, they all seemed to have enjoyed the experience.

Well done to our boys' and girls' football teams who have made a winning start to their football league campaigns.

### **SJF's School Council**

A huge congratulations to our SJF School Council members who were democratically voted in by their peers. I am sure they are going to be great advocates for the pupil population this year.

Year 6: Theo, Janelle

Year 5: Jamie, Kiyara

Year 4: Orla, Daniel, Celia

Year 3: Alfie, Nimi

Year 2: Annie, Alexis

Year 1: Tofunmi, Michael C

### **Winter uniform**

A reminder that the children should be wearing their winter uniform now or at the latest after half term. This includes a blue shirt and tie. Also, remember to bring a warm coat or jacket every day in the winter. The weather can be changeable as we all know. The children have been taking great pride in their appearance. We expect the very best from our children with regards to school uniform and appearance, and strongly believe that our high standards promote positive behaviour. Thank you for your support.



### Admissions applications for Autumn Term 2023

Children are admitted to the school in September of the year in which they have their fifth birthday. If there is anyone who wishes to apply for a place for September 2023 (d.o.b. 01.09.2018 – 31.08.2019) please obtain a Supplementary information form from the school office. There is also a requirement to complete an online Local Authority application before January 15th, 2023. This can be found at [www.leics.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leics.gov.uk/admissions) .

There will be an Open afternoon on October 5<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 4 p.m. for all prospective parents. Please inform any interested family and friends.

### Secondary school applications

Primary, Junior and Secondary headteachers are reminded to advise parents to apply for three schools and that for secondary admissions the national closing date is 31st October, and national offer date 1st March (or next working day). Catholic secondary schools will have supplementary forms too which must also be completed. The majority of Year 6 children at St John Fisher would go to St. Paul's, or English Martyrs. Local secondary schools such as the ones in Wigston and Oadby have their own admission policies and it would be well worth consulting those.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher

### Dates For the Diary

- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Reception Parents' Morning
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon 1.30 – 4 P.M.
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 7 P.M. Parents' Evening (In Person Appointments Only)
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 5.20 P.M. Parents' Evening (Virtual Only)
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 9 A.M. Harvest Mass
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 8.35 a.m Parents' Rosary session

### October 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Half Term

- 24<sup>th</sup> Children Back at School
- 26<sup>th</sup> Individual And Sibling Photographs Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> Oadby & Wigston Cross Country Meet (Years 3 & 4)
- 28<sup>th</sup> 8.35 a.m. Parents' Rosary session
- 9 -11 a.m. Open morning for prospective parents 2023
- Swimming Begins for Years 3 & 4 (First Week: Assessment Only)
- Advent 1 Clubs End
- 29<sup>th</sup> Prestwold Hall Cross Country Meet
- 31<sup>st</sup> Advent 2 Clubs Begin

### November



2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sporthall Athletics (Yr5/6) Competition – East Leicester
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 KS1 Festival Aylestone LC
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Warning Zone Trip
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Football (St. Paul's)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon 1.30 – 4 P.M.
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Closed for Teacher Training Day</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> (Sat)</b>	Prestwold Hall Cross Country Meet
<b>27<sup>th</sup> (Sun)</b>	Advent begins
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 KS1 Festival Aylestone Lc

## **December**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Advent Mass - Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> December – 9:30am Leicester City SSPAN Cross Country Competition Advent 2 Clubs End
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Menphys Concert
6 <sup>th</sup>	9am Year 6 Class Liturgy
7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinners
16 <sup>th</sup>	'Aladdin' @ Sjf School Closes for the Christmas Holiday

## **JULY 2023**

Year 6 Crich Briars Residential – **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**