



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 15th September 2017



Dear Parents and Carers...

"We are invited to make our own personal response to all that God has done for us.

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least to an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day.

No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.' *Pope Francis – Joy of the Gospel 3 "*

Quote from 'The Gift' daily prayer reflections

Dates for your Diary

w/c 18 th September	Science Creation week	
Wednesday 20 th September	School Mass – led by Y5	9.30am
Thursday 21st September	Gift in the Spirit course starts (see below)	1.00pm – 3.00pm
w/c 25 th September	Curriculum workshops (dates below)	
Wednesday 27 th September	Y1 visit to the Library	1.30pm
Monday 2 nd October	Y5 visit to Mary Arden's farm, Stratford	
Wednesday 4 th October	Reception Welcome Service	2.00pm
Friday 6th October	School Closed – Teacher Training Day	
Tuesday 10 th October	Y3/Y4/Y5 visit to Stratford Shakespeare Trust	
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening (school finishes at 2.15pm)	2.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 20 th October	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 30 th October	Return to school	8.55am

Parking/Dropping children off

I would just like to remind you of the rules regarding parking outside school. As you know, there are 'zig-zag' lines on school side of the road, which means that you cannot park or stop there at any time, or for any length of time. We have also been experiencing issues this week with double parking, where parents are stopping or parking their cars in the middle of the road. This is blocking access for other traffic and also means increased danger for children trying to cross the road, as other cars try to manoeuvre around the obstruction. Stopping on zig-zag lines and double-parking are both traffic offences, for which you can receive a fine, penalty points or be prosecuted.

Over the holidays, the number 8 bus service has now been re-routed permanently, which means that buses traveling in both directions are now using Rocky Lane frequently (on average every ten minutes). Any vehicle stopped in anywhere other than a designated parking area means that buses cannot get through. I understand that parking is limited near school, but would ask that you consider other road users and primarily the safety of our children when parking near school.

Children should also be accompanied to the gate/door and should not be left on the road side or in the playground alone. Staff do not supervise the children in the morning, and school is not responsible for children before 8.50am when the gates/doors are opened. Children who attend Breakfast Club should be accompanied to the door and must be signed in by a responsible adult every morning. Thank you for your support with these important safety issues.

*If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;
Mrs Treadwell, Miss Price, Mrs Pattinson Mr Caffrey and Miss Collins.*

School Mass

Every week we celebrate Mass for the whole school and we are very pleased to welcome governors, parishioners and parents. It is a wonderful way for parents and carers to be more involved with school life. Mass next week will be on **Wednesday at 9.30am** and will be led by Year 5.

After School Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has requested a place in an after school club. We do have a few places left, except for in Karate club which is now full. If you would still like to sign your child up to attend a club please come into school as soon as possible. **Please note that even if your child attended last term, you must reapply for their place.** They will not automatically be given a place.

Clubs start this week on the following days:

Monday	Multiskills	Year 1/2/3	£3.00
Monday	Football (Villa coach)	Year 4/5/6	£3.50
Tuesday	Karate	Year 1/2/3/4/5/6	£3.00
Tuesday	Football	Year 1/2//3	£3.00
Thursday	Zumba	Year 1/2/3/4/5/6	£3.00

Please may I remind you that you must pay on a weekly basis in advance of the club. Failure to pay on more than two occasions may result in your child losing their place. All children should be collected at 4.15pm promptly by a responsible adult. Please ensure that you are here on time to collect your child as clubs are run by outside agencies and staff are not available to supervise children that are not collected. Thank you for your support with this.

Travelling Home

All children should be collected from school at 3.15pm by a responsible adult, over the age of 16. Children are not permitted to walk home alone from school. Y6 children are only allowed to walk home alone in the Summer term, after arrangements have been made with myself. This is for the protection and safety of your children.

Parents Workshops

We will be holding Parental Workshops in school from the week commencing 25th September. These are based on the new National Curriculum and designed to show you a little of what your children are learning in school, so that you can help them at home. You will receive letters about these, but please keep the dates free;

Monday 25 th September	1.30pm	Y1 workshop
Tuesday 26 th September	1.30pm	Y2 Workshop
Wednesday 27 th September	1.30pm	Reception Workshop
Thursday 28 th September	1.30pm	Y4 Workshop
Friday 29 th September	1.30pm	Y5Workshop
Monday 2 nd October	1.30pm	Y3 Workshop
Tuesday 3 rd October	1.30pm	Y6 Workshop



GIFT – A New Life in the Spirit

This new course will start next week on Thursday 21st September at 1.00pm in St. Joseph's School. This is for adults and enables people wherever they may be to gain a deeper understanding of their faith. There are six sessions which are relaxed, personal and informative and they will run each Thursday. They will finish at 3.00pm in time to take children home from school. If you are interested in attending, please come into school and let us know.

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PE Kits

Please can you ensure that your child has their full, correct PE kit with them in school at all times. This consists of white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps. While the weather is still nice, we want to make the most of it and enjoy our PE lessons outside. PE is compulsory and all children must take part. Thank you for your support with this.



Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones are not permitted in school unless it has been agreed with myself in advance. Any mobile phones in school have to be given into the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £11.25 a week and should be paid to the office every Monday. If any families' circumstances have changed over the holiday regarding free school meal entitlement, you must inform us straight away. Also, just a reminder that due to a change made by the Government, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 now get free school meals regardless of entitlement.



Children from Y3 upwards have to pay for their meals unless you are entitled to free meals. If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, please come in to the school office. Please note that if you receive **ANY Working Tax Credit**, you are **not entitled** to receive free school meals and must pay for your child's meals.

Swimming

Swimming this term will be for Year Six and starts this coming Monday 18th September. Please ensure that your child has their full kit with them in school. Thank you!

Secondary Transfer 2018

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter before the holiday with details on how to apply for a secondary school place for September 2018. Your Secondary Transfer preferences for school places must be submitted to the City council by **Tuesday 31st October 2017**. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice.



St. Joseph's Mass Times

Weekly Mass at St. Joseph's is on Saturday evening at 6.00pm. St. Joseph's Church can be found on Thimblemill Lane, (just beside TSB Bank), and the telephone number is 0121 327 0235. All families are invited and more than welcome to attend church. I look forward to seeing you there! **Father Stephen**

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday this week to Heran (Year One) and Alieu (Year Six).

Attendance – week ending 8th September 2017

Well done to Year Four who had the best attendance for last week with an incredible **100%**! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Year One	98%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	95%
Year Four	100%	Year Five	94%	Year Six	99%

This gives a whole school attendance of 97%.

Many thanks,
A. Treadwell
Head Teacher

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