



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017



Dear Parents and Carers...

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!"

*St Catherine of Siena*

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Week	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Mass in School <b>Parents' Evening</b> <i>(School finishes at 2.15pm)</i>	9.30am 2.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Return to school	8.55am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Dress Up Day	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/Y6 visit to Whittington Barracks	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	'Lest we Forget' Poetry Day	
w/b 20 <sup>th</sup> November	INSPIRE workshop week (dates to follow)	

## Reminder - Half-term holiday

Just a reminder that we break up for our half-term holiday next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8.55am.

## Harvest School Mass

Every week we celebrate Mass for the whole school and we are very pleased to welcome governors, parishioners and parents. Our school Masses are a lovely opportunity for the school and parish family to come together and celebrate the Word of God and the love of Jesus.

We will be holding our Harvest Mass Celebration next **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** at 9.30am. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Children from throughout the school will be taking part in the service. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible supporting this special event in the year.

**Please bring in any donations to our harvest collection from Monday.** We would like to collect as many tinned and packet goods as possible, so that we can distribute them amongst the needy in our community. We will give our donations to St. Chad's Sanctuary for the homeless and needy. Thank you in anticipation of your usual generosity.



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## Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine

Children in Reception, Year One, Year Two, Year Three and Year Four have received a consent form last week for the nasal flu vaccine, which will be given in school during this term. Please remember to return your form to school as soon as possible. It is important that you return the form even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccine; the NHS requires a completed form for every child in school. There is information to complete on BOTH SIDES of the form so please read it carefully. Thank you.

## Parents' Evening

You should have received a letter this week regarding our Parents' Evening, which will take place **next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Times will run between 2.30pm and 5.30pm.



**Please remember that school will finish at 2.15pm** on that day, and it is very important that all children are collected promptly at this time, as staff will be going into parental appointments straight after the children have gone. If you have not already returned your slip, please do so as soon as possible in order to get an appointment in your preferred time slot. Times will be sent home early next week.

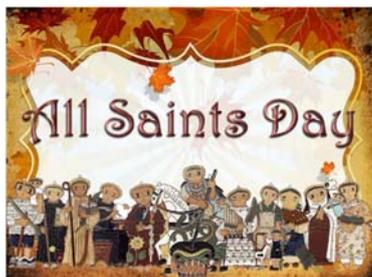
## Old-style Pound Coins

Please note that we are unable to accept the old-style 'round' pound coins in school from Monday. This includes for dinner money, morning break and after-school clubs. Any old style pound coins that you have can be exchanged at a bank for a short time but will cease to be legal tender from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.



## All Saints Day

On **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** we will be celebrating **All Saints Day** by having a dressing up day. You can either come dressed as your favourite Saint, or as something that they represent, for example, Saint Luke is the Patron Saint of the medical profession, so you could come dressed as a doctor or surgeon to represent Saint Luke, or Saint Michael the Archangel is the patron saint of Police Officers and Soldiers.



**Halloween costumes, such as devils, monsters and witches are not allowed**, so please do not send your child dressed this way. It would be lovely if your child could find out a little about the Saint that represents their chosen costume and bring this information into school to share with their class. We will be having a fancy dress parade in the afternoon and treats for the children!

## GIFT – A New Life in the Spirit

If you would still like to come along, you can join us next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> for the fourth session. It is a course 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.



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## Reception 2018 Open Day

We are holding an Open Day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 for those parents/carers whose children are due to start school in September 2018. If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2013 and 31-08-2014, please come along. There will be the opportunity to look around the school between 9.30am and 11.00 am and also between 1.30pm and 3.00pm. All prospective parents are welcome to attend. If you know anyone who has children in Nursery and is considering sending their child to St. Joseph's, please send them along too! We will be proud to show you around our school.

## Secondary Transfer 2018 – Y6 children

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter by post 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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. You can apply online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Taizé Prayer Service

St. Joseph's Church is hosting an ecumenical Taizé Prayer meeting for people all over Birmingham this weekend. It will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm at St. Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend, people of all faiths will be there. Please come along and support this if you are able.

## 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 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

*There are no birthdays this week!*

## Attendance – week ending 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Well done to Year One, Year Four and Year Five who had the best attendance last week with a brilliant 99%. The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	97%	Year One	99%	Year Two	97%	Year Three	98%
Year Four	99%	Year Five	99%	Year Six	94%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 97%.

Many thanks,

**A. Treadwell**

Head Teacher



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