



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 20th October 2017



Dear Parents and Carers...

"Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you."

St Jerome

Dates for your Diary

Friday 20 th October	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 30 th October	Return to school	8.55am
Wednesday 1 st November	All Saints Dress Up Day All Saints Mass	1.30pm
Monday 6 th November	Y1/Y2 Trip to Cannock Chase - tbc	
Thursday 9 th November	Y5/Y6 visit to Whittington Barracks	
Friday 10 th November	Non-Uniform Day 'Lest we Forget' Poetry Day	
Friday 17 th November	Non-Uniform Day	
w/b 20 th November	INSPIRE workshop week (dates to follow)	
Friday 24 th November	Non-Uniform Day	
Friday 1 st December	Y1/Y2 Choral Outreach Performance at St Chad's Cathedral	1.30pm
Friday 8 th December	School/Parish Christmas Fayre	1.30pm

Half-term Holiday

We break up today for our half-term holiday. We return to school on Monday 30th October at 8.55am.

I would like to wish you all a very happy half-term with your families!



School Mass

School Mass takes place on the first Wednesday back at **1.30pm**, and will be a Mass of All Saints. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

Harvest School Mass

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival this week. We collected a huge amount of food for St. Chad's Sanctuary! Some of the children took the food to the Sanctuary this week where Sister Margaret was very grateful and happy to meet the children.



Parents Evening

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. We had a good turn-out and lots of parents and carers made lovely comments about school.

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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.

Ms Howard – Condolence Book

You will have received a letter this week regarding the very sad news that Ms Howard (also known to you as Mrs Morley), passed away on Sunday. Ms Howard was one of our long-serving Teaching Assistants in school, having been with us at St. Joseph's for ten years. Many parents have expressed sympathy and sadness at the passing of Ms Howard and we have set up a condolence book in the entrance area, which you are very welcome to come into school to sign and leave a message of sympathy for her family. Ms Howard's funeral will take place over the half-term holiday and members of staff will be representing the school community. We pray that her family and friends will find comfort in their memories and the good wishes of all those around them. May she rest in peace.



All Saints Day

On **Wednesday 1st 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! You will receive a letter today detailing some ideas of costumes that you could come in.

Reception 2018 Open Day

We are holding an Open Day on Thursday 9th 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.



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GIFT – A New Life in the Spirit

The final session of our 'GIFT' course will take place on Thursday 2nd November at 1.00pm.

Secondary Transfer 2018 – Y6 children

It is very important that all children in Year Six submit an application for a secondary school place online 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. You can apply online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

We have been made aware by the city council that less than half of our Year Six children have so far applied for a place. Letters have gone home with individual children today.

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

Happy Birthday for this week and over the holiday to Abigel & Lu Han (Reception), Zhi (Year One), Rohi, Lily & Lewis (Year Two), Nathan, Chloe & Izzah (Year Four), Shi Yu (Year Five) and Honey & Andy (Year Six)

Attendance – week ending 13th October 2017

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

Rec	93%	Year One	98%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	97%
Year Four	98%	Year Five	99%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 97%.

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher



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