



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 3rd November 2017



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Trust the past to the mercy of God,
The present to His love,
The future to His providence”

St Augustine of Hippo

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 8 th November	School Mass – led by Y4	9.30am
Thursday 9 th November	Reception 2018 Open Day	9.30am – 11.00am 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Thursday 9 th November	Y5/Y6 visit to Whittington Barracks	
Friday 10 th November	‘Lest we Forget’ Poetry Day Non-Uniform Day - <i>bring toiletries</i>	
Friday 17 th November	Non-Uniform Day - bring tins	
Monday 20 th November	Y1 & Y2 INSPIRE workshop	1.45pm
Tuesday 21 st November	Y3 & Y4 INSPIRE workshop	1.45pm
Wednesday 22 nd November	Reception INSPIRE workshop	1.45pm
Thursday 23 rd November	Y5 & Y6 INSPIRE workshop	1.45pm
Friday 24 th November	Non-Uniform Day - bring bottles	
Friday 1 st December	Y1/Y2 Choral Outreach Performance at St Chad’s Cathedral	1.30pm



Christmas Dates for your Diary



Friday 8 th December	School/Parish Christmas Fayre	1.30pm
Thursday 14 th December	School Christmas Dinner	
Friday 15 th December	School Christmas Carol Concert	2.00pm
Monday 18 th December	Rec, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Assembly	
Tuesday 19 th December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Assembly	
Wednesday 20 th December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Assembly	
Friday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas holidays	1.00pm

School Mass

School Mass takes place next Wednesday at **9.30am**, and will be led by Year Four on the theme of St Maximilian Kolbe, who is one of our house saints. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine

If anyone has still not returned their consent form for the flu nasal spray vaccine, please ensure it is sent back into school **this week**. 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. The vaccinations will take place during December.

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

Reception 2018 Open Day

We are holding an Open Day **NEXT 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.



Year Five and Six Trip – Thursday

Just a reminder that the Year Five and Six trip takes place this coming Thursday. If you have not yet returned your consent form and payment of £5, please ensure it is returned by Wednesday, as we will not be able to take your child without this. Thank you!

Non-Uniform Day – next Friday

We will be having three non-uniform days over the coming weeks. The first takes place **NEXT Friday** 10th November. The cost of this is a donation of toiletries for the Christmas Bazaar. Suggested donations could be perfume, shampoo, shower gel, body lotion, hand soap, talc, bubble bath, toiletry gift sets etc. All items must be sealed and unopened.

Our second and third non-uniform days will take place on the following Fridays, 17th and 24th November. Thank you for your support with this.



Remembrance Day – Poppies

Unfortunately we have not been able to obtain any poppies to sell this year, as the Royal British Legion sadly has no volunteers in this area to coordinate distribution. Poppies are available in many high street stores, supermarkets and usually in town centres.

Christmas Trips

You will be receiving letters soon regarding Christmas trips for the children. These have been heavily subsidised by school as we have tried to keep the cost as low as possible for you.

Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be visiting the MAC Theatre to see a production of Raymond Briggs' 'Father Christmas' on Tuesday 12th December. The cost of this will be £10 per child.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting the Repertory Theatre in Birmingham to see '101 Dalmatians' on Monday 11th December. The cost of this will be £12 per child. Please note that this is a matinee performance starting at 2pm and so the children will not be back in school until around 5pm. Exact details and running times will be confirmed closer to the date.



Reception will also be visiting Polesworth Abbey. The date of this will be advised asap

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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 this week to Victoria & Amir (Reception) and Lucas (Year Two).

Attendance – week ending 20th October 2017

Well done to Year One who had the best attendance last week with an amazing 100%!
The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	94%	Year One	100%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	92%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	94%	Year Six	94%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%.

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher



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