



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 17th November 2017



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Christ is born: glorify Him.

Christ comes from heaven: go out to meet Him.

Christ descend to earth: let us be raised on high”

Gregory of Nazianzus

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20 th November	Y1 & Y2 INSPIRE workshop	1.45pm
Tuesday 21 st November	Y3 & Y4 INSPIRE workshop	1.45pm
Wednesday 24 th November	School Mass – led by Y6	9.30am
Wednesday 22 nd November	Reception INSPIRE workshop	1.45pm
Thursday 23 rd November	Y5 & Y6 INSPIRE workshop	1.45pm
Thursday 23 rd November	Family Prayer Group	2.15pm
Friday 24th November	Non-Uniform Day - bring bottles	
	Y1/Y2 visit to St Joseph's Church	
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	Christmas Jumper Day 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 week on **Wednesday at 9.30am**, and will be led by Year Six as a Mass for St. Cecilia. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

INSPIRE Workshops

Our INSPIRE workshops take place next week, starting with **Year One & Year Two on Monday**. The workshops will be craft-based and on the theme of Advent. Please make every effort to come along and support your child. The children love having their parents and carers in school with them, and this is a lovely way to start your preparations for Christmas together.



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Learned & Wise



Virtues

At St. Joseph's we have adopted a way of teaching that follows the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit order. All schools in the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham are following this method of learning, which is based on eight sets of words, paired together because of their complimentary and harmonising relationship to one another. Each half term, we are focusing on a different pair of words and thinking about how we can grow more like Jesus in our daily lives.

This half-term our virtues are *'Learned & Wise'*; Learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good. We will establish these virtues by the breadth and depth of the curriculum; by excellence of teaching, and the creation of opportunities to become more learned and wise.

Non-Uniform Day – next Friday

Thank you for your fantastic support with our non-uniform day today. We will be having our final one **NEXT Friday** 24th November. The cost of this will be a donation of bottles for the Christmas Bazaar. All items must be sealed and unopened.

Christmas Trips

Letters went out this week for School trips, and we have already had a good response to these. Please make sure that you return your slips as soon as possible, with either full payment or a deposit, to book your child's place.

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

Medication in School

If your child requires any medication in school, it is important that you come into the school office and speak to a member of staff regarding this. Please do not give your child medicines or creams to put into their bags. There are strict guidelines regarding the administration and keeping of medicines in school for reasons of health and safety. Thank you for your support with this.

Congratulations!

To our athletics team from Year Five and Year Six who attended an event at King Edward's school yesterday. They did extremely well and came first in both the Javelin and Obstacle Relay events. Well done!

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Reception 2018 Admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 and is due to start school in September 2018, it is now time to apply for your school place for them. You should have received a letter in the post from the city council.

Just to remind you that your applications should be submitted to the City Council NO LATER THAN 4th December.

You can apply for a Reception place online at <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>



You must apply via the city council to be considered for a place at St. Joseph's even if you have an older child here or have completed paperwork in school. If you do not apply to the city council you will not be allocated a place in any school.

St. Joseph's Parish Christmas Bazaar

We will be hosting a Christmas Bazaar on the afternoon of Friday 8th December with St. Joseph's Church. There will be lots of lovely and exciting things planned for this (including a visit from Father Christmas) and it would be fantastic to see everyone supporting it. There will also be a sale of brand new designer kitchen ware, at fantastic prices! Further details will follow in the weeks to come, but the bazaar will run from 1.30pm until 3.30pm, and it would be wonderful to see everyone coming along. Bring your friends and family too!



If anyone has any raffle prizes or good quality unwanted gifts that they would like to donate for the bazaar, please could you send them into school. Thank you!

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 Seim (Reception), Kaleab (Year Two), Aaron (Year Three) and Yafet (Year Five)

Attendance - week ending 10th November 2017

Well done to Reception, Year Five and Year Six who all achieved an amazing 100% attendance last week! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	100%	Year One	97%	Year Two	96%	Year Three	97%
Year Four	99%	Year Five	100%	Year Six	100%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 98% which is brilliant!



Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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