



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 20th April 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

“God loves us beyond comprehension, and we cannot diminish God’s love for us.”

Saint Peter

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23 rd April	Swimming starts for Y5	
Wednesday 25 th April	Holy Communion Parents’ Meeting	3.30pm
Friday 4 th May	Non-uniform day in aid of ‘For Jimmy’	cost £1 per child
Thursday 10 th May	Holy Day – Feast of the Ascension – Day of Observation	
w/c Monday 14 th May	Y6 SATs Week	
Friday 18 th May	School Photographer	
Wednesday 23 rd May	Mass in church followed by Blessed Sacrament procession Day of Adoration	9.30am
Thursday 7 th June	Father’s Day INSPIRE – details to follow	
Friday 8 th June	Gift in the Spirit course begins	
Saturday 9 th June	First Holy Communion at St. Joseph’s Church	3.00pm
w/c Monday 11 th June	Y1 Phonics tests start	
Friday 15 th June	KS2 Caritas Christi in Urbe Sports Competition at Alexandra Stadium	
w/c Monday 18 th June	Outdoor education trips	
Friday 29 th June	Family Day Trip to Weston-Super-Mare	
Term Dates		
Thursday 29 th March	School closes for Easter holiday	1.00pm
Monday 16 th April	Return to school	8.55am
Monday 7 th May	School closed – May Day Bank Holiday	
Friday 25 th May	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 4 th June	Return to school	8.55am
Monday 2 nd July	School Closed - INSET day	
Friday 20 th July	School closes for Summer	1.00pm

First Holy Communion Meeting

Our next First Holy Communion meeting for parents and carers takes place **next Wednesday 25th April at 3.30pm**. Mrs Treadwell will lead the meeting.

School Mass

School Mass next week will take place on Tuesday (24th) at 9.30am and will be led by Y6 for the feast of St. Mark. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

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Swimming

Swimming starts for Year Five on Monday (23rd). Your child will need – swimming costume for girls (Please remember that girls are not permitted to wear bikinis, they must have a one-piece costume), swimming trunks (not shorts) for boys and a towel, in a waterproof bag.

After School Clubs – new Football club

All afterschool clubs will start back on Monday (23rd) for all children who attended before the holiday. Just a reminder that Multiskills on a Monday is no longer be running as it has been replaced by football for KS1.

We still have places available for our football after-school club for Years 1 & 2. This will take place on a Monday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. Places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so please sign up at the school office if you would like a place for your child. **Please note that you must sign up even if your child had a place at Multiskills and wants to change to football.** Places will not be automatically given. The cost will be £3.00 per session which must be paid on the morning before the club takes place.

Non-Uniform day - Friday 4th May

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 4th May in aid of 'For Jimmy'. This is a charity set up to promote forgiveness, peace and hope, and discourage violence amongst youths and children. It was set up in memory of Jimmy Mizen, a sixteen year old boy who was killed in a unprovoked attack in London in 2008. For Jimmy work across the UK in schools, youth clubs and community groups, promoting safer and more peaceful communities. The cost of the non-uniform day will be £1 per child.



Sunny Days!

As we are now in the summer term and the weather is getting warmer (finally!) it is important that all children remember to bring in their water bottles each day. I would also recommend that you apply sun cream to your child's skin before school. Please do not send in any creams or lotions, as they are not allowed in school for health and safety reasons.

Also, please could you check that your child's jumpers and cardigans are all clearly labelled with their names? In the warm weather, children often take off their jumpers, particularly in the playground, and forget where they have left them. It is much easier to reunite lost jumpers with their owners if they are labelled! Thank you.

2018/2019 Term Dates

On the back of the newsletter you will find the term dates for the NEXT academic year. **Please note that these are different from the local authority dates.** As we did last year, we will be in school for Holy Week, have a one week Easter break and then a two-week break at Whitsun (May).

Father Hudson's Boxes

Thank you to everyone who returned Father Hudson's boxes to school. They raised a total of £120, which is brilliant!



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

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Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday this week to Neveah (Reception), Daniel (Year Two) and Luisa (Year Six).

Attendance – week ending 29th March 2018

Well done to Reception who achieved an incredible **100%** attendance for last week. The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	100%	Year One	97%	Year Two	94%	Year Three	94%
Year Four	98%	Year Five	98%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 97%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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