



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Lord you are my friend and you are with me today and always.  
 You have blessed my life with many gifts and talents. As the tests approach I pray for your peace.  
 Calm my mind so that I can think clearly and write down what I know.  
 Help me to remember what I have learned and to do my best.  
 Lord your loving presence surrounds me. Help me to trust that you will guide me.  
 Amen.”

## Dates for your Diary

w/c Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	‘All Day breakfast’ lunch day	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photographer – family photos from 8.30am	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Royal Wedding Picnic lunch day	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Mass in church followed by Blessed Sacrament procession	9.30am
	Day of Adoration	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 performance of Jack and the Beanstalk	2.30pm
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closes for half-term</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school	8.55am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Father’s Day INSPIRE	9.30am–11am or 1.30pm – 3pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Gift in the Spirit course for parents and carers begins	1.45pm – 3.00pm
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion at St. Joseph’s Church	3.00pm
w/c Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics tests start	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Caritas Christi in Urbe Sports Competition at Alexandra Stadium	
w/c Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Outdoor education trips	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Day Trip to Weston-Super-Mare	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>School Closed</b> - INSET day	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer	1.00pm

## School Mass

School Mass next week will take place on Thursday (17<sup>th</sup> May) at 1.45pm, led by children from Year Three. Please come along and share this very special feast day with us. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

## Y6 SATs



SATs week is next week. All Year Six children must be in school for the whole of this week. As the Year 6 tests will be starting early, it is really important that **all children are in on time everyday**. To help with this, there is a free Breakfast Club available for Y6 during SATs week, which you should have had a letter about last week. Y6 can come to school from 8.00am and have some breakfast in school. Research has shown that a good, healthy breakfast improves brain function and helps children to function better in their lessons! Please keep the children in your prayers over the coming week.

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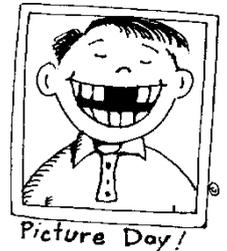
## Y2 SATs

Year 2 have also got special work to do this half term. Please make sure that your child is in school every day unless they are really poorly. This work will be done during the next two weeks, but it is still very important. Thank you.

## School Photographs

The photographer will be in school **NEXT Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. Your child will be photographed individually and with their siblings, if they have any in school. They will also be photographed with their class in a group picture. Please ensure that your child is in their full school uniform, and that hair is appropriate for school. I would like to remind you that shaved patterns in hair are not allowed in school.

If you would like younger siblings included, who do not attend this school, or family photographs, please come in first thing in the morning when you bring your child to school. These pictures will be taken first.



## All Day Breakfast

Next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May we are having a very special lunch day in school. For this day the lunch option is an all-day breakfast which will be bacon, sausage, baked beans, hash brown, omelette and toast (vegetarian options will also be available). If your child usually has either free or paid meals in school they will automatically be included in this. If your child usually has sandwiches and would like a dinner for this day, please ask at the office. The cost of the all-day breakfast is £2.30.



## Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch

In celebration of the Royal Wedding between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, our fabulous cooks will be giving us a celebratory Picnic lunch next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. For our lunch on this day we will have a selection of sandwiches, sausage/cheese rolls, pizza fingers, wedges, a selection of crisps, salad, fruit trifle, muffins/fairy cakes and juice. Again, if your child usually has either free or paid meals in school they will automatically be included in this. If your child usually has sandwiches and would like a dinner for this day, please ask at the office. The cost of Picnic lunch is £2.30.



## Congratulations!

I am delighted to announce that Mr Caffrey and his wife and daughter have recently been blessed with a beautiful baby boy. Baby Theo is doing very well and we are very much looking forward to meeting him. We wish them every happiness and blessing in their family life together.

## Father's Day Inspire Workshops

We will be holding a Father's Day Inspire workshop on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Please note that the workshops are for Fathers, but if it is not possible for Dad to attend, another male relative (over the age of 18) can attend instead. This could be step-dad, a carer, Uncle, Brother or Grandad. More information will follow by letter, but please keep the date free. There will be two sessions to choose from, either 9.30am-11.00am or 1.30pm-3.00pm.

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## School Bags

We have been experiencing issues recently with children bringing bags to school, where some children are being unkind to others for not having a bag like theirs, or not having the most fashionable name on their bag. We are also experiencing problems where children are bringing oversized or inappropriate bags (i.e. handbags and rucksacks) or bringing extra bags to school that are not required. We do not have storage space for these on the coat peg allocated to your child, and so bags end up getting misplaced or become a trip hazard. Please note that from after the May holiday, your child will only be permitted to bring a book bag and PE bag into school. If your child brings a packed lunch, this should be carried in a plain lunch bag. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Y1 Jack and the Beanstalk play

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Year One will be performing a special play based on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. They are working very hard to prepare for this, so it would be wonderful if all of the Year One parents and carers could come in and watch the play, which will start at 2.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you.



## Medical Information - Hay fever

We have noticed that some children are beginning to suffer during the day with the symptoms of hay fever. If your child does suffer from hay fever, please ensure that you give them their medication before they come to school. Please remember that we cannot administer medication, and so tablets or medicine should not be brought in to 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 to Zachius (Reception), Nathaniel (Year Three), Ryan G (Year Five) and Jada & Iman (Year Six)



## Attendance – week ending 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Well done to Year One who achieved an amazing **100%** attendance for last week! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	94%	Year One	100%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	97%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	99%	Year Six	96%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 97%

Many thanks,  
**A. Treadwell**  
Head Teacher

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