



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Let us never believe anything to be impossible, God can do all things”

*Charles de Foucauld*

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Mass in church followed by Blessed Sacrament procession Day of Adoration	9.30am
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 Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup> May) at 9.30am in St. Joseph's Church. This will be a very special Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament to mark the St. Joseph's parish day of prayer for Vocations. After Mass we will process back to school, with the Blessed Sacrament and there will then be a day of adoration in school. Please come along and share this very special day with us. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

## Advance Warning – Half term

We break up for the May half-term **next Friday for one week**. We return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

## Y6 SATs

Well done to all of the children in Y6, who have been working extremely hard and given their best to their assessments this week. I would like to thank parents for their support in ensuring that their children were in school on time every day this week - keep it up!



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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.

## Father's Day Inspire Workshops

Please remember to return your letters for the Father's Day Inspire workshop on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June. 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. There are two sessions to choose from, either 9.30am-11.00am or 1.30pm-3.00pm.

## School Bags

As you are aware, children will no longer be allowed to bring rucksacks into school after half-term. School Book bags are available to buy from either the Tesco website, or Gogna schoolwear. You can buy online from [www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.gognaschoolwear.co.uk) or from their shop at 67/69 Rookery Road, Birmingham, B21 9QU. Gogna also allow you to reserve uniform for September and pay in instalments if this is something that you may be interested in. Please call or pop into the shop for more details.



## Y1 Jack and the Beanstalk play – next Thursday

Next Thursday, 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.

## Online Application - Grammar School Entry September 2019 (Y5 children)

Applications are now open online for those children wishing to apply for Grammar School Entry in September 2019. In order to apply for a place at a Grammar School, your child must sit an exam. It is one test which covers all 8 Grammar Schools in Birmingham (For Boys: *Bishop Vesey, King Edward VI Aston, King Edward VI Camp Hill, King Edward VI Five Ways and Handsworth Grammar*. For Girls: *King Edward VI Camp Hill, King Edward VI Five Ways, King Edward VI Handsworth and Sutton Coldfield Grammar*). If you are interested in applying for your child to take the test, you must submit a completed form by 4pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018. You can get more information and apply online at <http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>

## 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.

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## 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.



## 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 Leon (Reception).



## Attendance – week ending 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Well done to Year Five who achieved a brilliant 99% attendance for last week! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	95%	Year One	98%	Year Two	96%	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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