



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 25th May 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

“God of Life, your call to choose life echoes throughout all of creation.
Help me to love, heed and hold fast to you.”

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25 th May	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 4 th June	Return to school	8.55am
Thursday 7 th June	Father's Day INSPIRE	9.30am–11am or 1.30pm – 3pm
Friday 8 th June	The GIFT: A life in the Spirit course for parents and carers	1.45pm – 3.00pm
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	
Monday 2 nd July	School Closed - INSET day	
Friday 20 th July	School closes for Summer	1.00pm

School Mass

School Mass during the first week back will take place on Tuesday (5th May) at 9.30am. This will be a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

Advance Warning – Half term

As you know, we break up for the May half-term today for **one week**. We return to school on Monday 4th June. I wish you all a very happy week with your children. Hopefully the weather will pick up!

The GIFT: A Life in the Spirit

This is an opportunity for any parent, carer, grandparent, aunty, uncle or parishioner to come and pray together as a community. The teachings are relaxed, personal and informative based on scripture. A parent who completed the course last time said “It’s fun, relaxing, and helped me to enjoy the message of love from Jesus more”. The course runs for six weeks, starting on Friday 8th June and will take place in school from 1.45pm until 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come along.

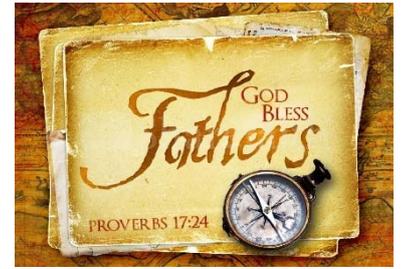


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Father's Day Inspire Workshops

Please remember to return your letters for the Father's Day Inspire workshop on Thursday 7th 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 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.

GDPR

You may have heard of 'GDPR' over the last few months. This stands for 'General Data Protection Regulations' and it is a new European data protection law which comes into force on May 25th 2018. It affects every single company, organisation and charity within Europe that stores any kind of information about an individual, including Doctors, Hospitals, churches, schools and most businesses.

We have recently updated our privacy notice and data protection policy in order to comply with the new data protection law. These can be found on the school website and give further information on how we process and keep your child's data safe and confidential. Please be assured that your child's data will continue to be kept confidentially and safely as it always has been.

When we come back after the holiday, we will be sending home a 'Photographic and Digital Media' consent form. This is to update our written consent for your child's photograph to be taken or used in school. It is very important that we have this form completed for each child in school. Please look out for this on the first Monday back.

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 29th June 2018. You can get more information and apply online at <http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>

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Jumpers and Cardigans

Once again, I would like to remind you how important it is to 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. If other children then pick them up and take them home believing them to be theirs, we will not be able to trace them without names. 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



Spanish Word of the Week

Our Spanish word of the week is '**Pentecostés**' – Pentecost

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday this week and over the holiday to Emran (Year Three), Kenzie (Year Four), and Jephthe & Ruth (Year Five).



Attendance – week ending 18th May 2018

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

Rec	94%	Year One	90%	Year Two	93%	Year Three	94%
Year Four	96%	Year Five	96%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 94%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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