



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

"Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.  
May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.."

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Adoremus	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	School Mass led by Y6	9.30am
	Day of Adoration	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Y1 & Y2 visit to Black Country Museum	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 & Y6 visit to Black Country Museum	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3 & Y4 visit to Black Country Museum	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Gift in the Spirit course starts ( <i>see below</i> )	1.00pm – 3.00pm
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> September	New curriculum workshops ( <i>dates below</i> )	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Welcome Service	2.00pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening ( <i>school finishes at 2.15pm</i> )	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Return to school	8.55am

## Welcome Back!

I hope that you have all had a good holiday and summer. It is lovely to see everyone looking so well! I would like to welcome you all back and give a special welcome to the new children who have started. I am sure that you will be very happy at St. Joseph's.

## Mrs Baines

As you will already know, sadly Mrs Baines passed away during the summer holiday. A number of staff were privileged to attend her funeral yesterday, which was a beautiful and fitting tribute to her. Ten children from St. Joseph's also attended and sang beautifully with ten children from St. Chad's school, where Mrs Baines was also a Governor. I would like to congratulate the children on their impeccable behaviour and conduct during the service. They were a credit to themselves, their families and the school.

Many parents have expressed sympathy and sadness at the passing of Mrs Baines and we have set up a condolence book in the entrance area, which you are very welcome to come into school to sign and leave a message of sympathy for her family. Mrs Baines will be sadly missed by all at St. Joseph's, but fondly remembered for all that she gave to the future of the school and your children. Her legacy will live on through them for many years to come.



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## After School Clubs

If you would like your child to attend an after-school club this term, you can come into the school office from Monday morning to apply for a place. Places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, with a number of places reserved for each year group.

**Please note that even if your child attended last term, you must reapply for their place.** They will not automatically be given a place.

Clubs will start from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September on the following days:

Monday	Football skills & Multi Sports	Year 2/3/4/5/6	£3.00
Tuesday	Karate	Year 1/2/3/4/5/6	£3.00
Thursday	Zumba	Year 1/2/3/4/5/6	£3.00

If your child is successful in getting a place in an after school club, you must pay on a weekly basis in advance of the club. Failure to pay on more than two occasions may result in your child losing their place.

## Travelling Home

All children should be collected from school at 3.15pm by a responsible adult, over the age of 16. Children are not permitted to walk home alone from school. Y6 children are only allowed to walk home alone in the Summer term, after arrangements have been made with myself. This is for the protection and safety of your children.

## Parents Workshops

We will be holding Parental Workshops in school from the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> September. These are based on the new National Curriculum and designed to show you a little of what your children are learning in school, so that you can help them at home. You will receive letters about these, but please keep the dates free;

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	1.30pm	Y1 workshop
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	1.30pm	Y2 Workshop
Wednesday 26 <sup>h</sup> September	1.30pm	Reception Workshop
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	1.30pm	Y5 Workshop
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	1.30pm	Y4Workshop
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	1.30pm	Y3 Workshop
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	1.30pm	Y6 Workshop

## Uniform

Firstly, I would like to say how wonderful it is to see all of the children looking so smart! It is always nice to see the children in their new uniforms. I would just like to remind you of a few of our policies regarding uniform in school. Firstly, please ensure that your child's name is clearly written or sewn into each item of uniform as this will make it much easier to find it if it gets lost. Also as it clearly states in our prospectus;

***"The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' hairstyles that could serve as a distraction to others. Shaved patterns, lines and colours are not allowed. Hair should be all one length and not 'stepped' or shaved at different levels."***

## Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear **any** jewellery in school. The only exception to this is small gold studs, which should not be worn on days when your child has P.E. or swimming. Members of staff are not allowed to remove earrings, and no responsibility will be taken for any child who removes their own earrings. **Hoop or Creole earrings, necklaces, bracelets and rings are not allowed in school.** Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## PE Kits



Please can you ensure that your child has their full, correct PE kit with them in school at all times. This consists of white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps. While the weather is still nice, we want to make the most of it and enjoy our PE lessons outside. PE is compulsory and all children must take part. Thank you for your support with this.

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## Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones are not permitted in school unless it has been agreed with myself in advance. Any mobile phones in school have to be given into the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end.

## Dinner Money

Dinner money is £11.50 a week and should be paid to the office every Monday. If any families' circumstances have changed over the holiday regarding free school meal entitlement, you must inform us straight away. Also, just a reminder that due to a change made by the Government, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 now get free school meals regardless of entitlement.



Children from Y3 upwards have to pay for their meals unless you are entitled to free meals. If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, please come in to the school office. Please note that if you receive **ANY Working Tax Credit**, you are **not entitled** to receive free school meals and must pay for your child's meals.

## Swimming

Swimming this term will be for Year Six and will start on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. You will receive a letter regarding this on Monday.

## Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications for September 2019

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter before the holiday with details on how to apply for a secondary school place for September 2019. Online application for September 2019 is now open on the Birmingham City Council website. **Please note that there is no paper application available for 2019 and applications must be submitted via the website.** If you need any assistance with this, please come into school and we will be happy to help.

Secondary Transfer preferences for school places must be submitted to the City council by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice.

## St Edmund Campion Y6 Open Evening

St Edmund Campion Secondary School are holding a Y6 Open Evening on Tuesday 11 September 2018, from 6.45pm until 8.30pm. All prospective new students for September 2019 and parents are encouraged to go along and have a look around the school. There will be two presentations from the Head Teacher, one at 7.00pm and one at 7.45pm.

There will also be an Open Morning on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September between 9.30am and 11.00am. **Please let us know if you will be attending this so that your child's absence from school can be authorised.**

## Breakfast Club

Please note that the cost of Breakfast Club is now £1.50 per day. There are currently three new places available.



## 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 Priyah, Mhurit & Jessie (Year One) and Lucas (Year Four)



Many thanks,

**A. Treadwell**

Head Teacher

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