



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 14th September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

“What peace can we hope to find elsewhere if we have none within us”

St. Teresa of Avila

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 18 th September	Y1 & Y2 visit to Black Country Museum	
Wednesday 19 th September	School Family Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 19 th September	Y5 & Y6 visit to Black Country Museum	
Thursday 20 th September	Y3 & Y4 visit to Black Country Museum	
Monday 24 th September	Y1 Curriculum Workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 25 th September	Y2 Curriculum Workshop	1.30pm
Wednesday 26 th September	Reception Curriculum Workshop	1.30pm
Wednesday 26 th September	First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting	3.30pm
Thursday 27 th September	Y5 Curriculum Workshop	1.30pm
Friday 28 th September	Y4 Curriculum Workshop	1.30pm
Monday 1 st October	Y3 Curriculum Workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd October	Y6 Curriculum Workshop	1.30pm
Thursday 4 th October	Reception Welcome Service	2.00pm
Tuesday 16 th October	Parents' Evening <i>(school finishes at 2.15pm)</i>	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 26 th October	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 5 th November	Return to school	8.55am
Wednesday 21 st November	First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting	3.30pm

Mrs Baines

Many parents have expressed sympathy and sadness at the passing of Mrs Baines and our condolence book is now open in the entrance area of school. You are very welcome to come in to sign the book 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.



School Family Mass

Our School Family Mass next week will be on Wednesday 19th September at 9.30am for the feast day of St. Theodore of Canterbury. It would be wonderful if more parents and carers (and wider family such as Grandparents) could join us for our weekly family Masses. The children lead the Liturgy and they work hard to prepare their readings each week. If you have never been to one of our Masses why not come along and try it? You are all welcome to attend and you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

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After School Clubs

All after-school clubs are now full and will start next week for those children that have been successful in getting places

Clubs run on the following days:

Monday	Football skills & Multi Sports	£3.00
Tuesday	Karate	£3.00
Thursday	Zumba	£3.00

All clubs must be paid for in advance of the session taking place. Failure to pay on more than two occasions may result in your child losing their place. **Please note that children must be collected promptly at 4.15pm** from all after school clubs, as the sports coaches must leave on time to be at other sessions. Any children that are collected late on more than two occasions will not be able to stay again.

Breakfast Club

All places at Breakfast Club are now full. Please note that if you have not already secured a full time place, we are no longer able to allow children in on a drop-in basis. This is for reasons of health and safety and us having the correct ratio of staff to children at all times.

In the case of you needing a short term emergency place, you must prearrange this with the school office at least the day before. This is subject to availability and staff being available.

Parents Workshops

Letters will go out on Monday for our Parental Workshops that take place in school from the week commencing 25th 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.

Monday 24 th September	1.30pm	Y1 workshop
Tuesday 25 th September	1.30pm	Y2 Workshop
Wednesday 26 ^h September	1.30pm	Reception Workshop
Thursday 27 th September	1.30pm	Y5 Workshop
Friday 28 th September	1.30pm	Y4 Workshop
Monday 1 st October	1.30pm	Y3 Workshop
Tuesday 2 nd October	1.30pm	Y6 Workshop

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, all of which must be labelled clearly with your child's full name. 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.

Swimming

Swimming starts on Monday 17th September for Year Six. Your child will need Swimming costume / Trunks (Bikinis are not allowed), a large towel and a plastic carrier for their wet things. Swimming caps are optional and are not provided.

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Y3 First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting

Letters went out this week regarding First Holy Communion preparation for Y3 children. We will be holding our first meeting in the preparation for First Holy Communion on Wednesday 26th September at 3.30pm. It is important that all parents of Holy Communion candidates attend this meeting.

There will also be a special Mass of Commitment, which will take place during October at St. Joseph's Church. We will confirm the date with you closer to the time.

Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications for September 2019

Online application for secondary school places in 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 31st 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

The Head Teacher of St. Edmund Campion School was delighted to see so many of our children at the open sessions this week. She has asked me to pass on to you that any child from St. Joseph's would be guaranteed a place at St. Edmund Campion if they apply.

St John Wall Open Sessions

St John Wall School in Handsworth (one of our CARITAS schools) is holding some Open Sessions next week for Y6 children to look around prior to applying for their Secondary School place. The sessions will be on Tuesday 18th September from 4.30pm-6.00pm and Thursday 20th September from 9.30am-12.30pm.



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 Etham (Year One), Heran (Year Two) and Theresa & Matthew (Year Five)



Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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