



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 21st September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Never hesitate to hold out your hand;
never hesitate to accept the outstretched hand of another.”

St. John XXIII

Dates for your Diary

| | | |
|--|--|-----------------|
| 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 26th 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 |
| Saturday 6 th October | First Holy Communion Commitment Mass | 6.00pm |
| Tuesday 16 th October | Parents' Evening <i>(school finishes at 2.15pm)</i> | 2.30pm – 5.30pm |
| Friday 26 th October | Victorian School Day 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 26th September at 9.30am as a votive Mass for St. Vincent de Paul, and will be led by Y4. 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.

*If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;
Mrs Treadwell, Miss Price, Mrs Pattinson, Mr Caffrey and Miss Collins.*

Compassionate and Loving

Y3 First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting

We will be holding our first meeting in the preparation for First Holy Communion **NEXT 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 on Saturday 6th October 6pm in St. Joseph's Church.

After School Clubs

A reminder that ALL after school clubs must be paid for on the day that your child attends. We keep records weekly of each child that has paid and if you fail to pay on more than two occasions this may result in your child losing their place. Also can I please remind you that if your child has requested a place at an after school club, they should attend their club every week, unless they are not in school or there is an exceptional reason why they can't. There are children waiting for places in the after school clubs, and so places will be reallocated to those children if your child fails to attend regularly.

Breakfast Club

Please note that if you do not have 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.* Children who just arrive on the morning will not be admitted unless you have booked this day in advance. If your child is unaccompanied you will be contacted to come and collect them. Please note that all children must be accompanied into Breakfast Club and **signed in by an adult every day**. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Dropping off Children

Just reminder that children should be accompanied to the gate/door and should not be left on the road side or to cross the road unaccompanied. Rocky Lane is now a bus route and is very busy, especially in the mornings with cars coming to school and trying to get in and out of the car park. They should also not be left in the playground alone before the gates or doors are opened at 8.50am. Staff do not supervise the children in the morning, and school is not responsible for children before this time. Thank you for your support with these important safety issues.

Parents Workshops

Our Curriculum Workshops start on Monday with Year One. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to work with your child.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 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 |

*If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;
Mrs Treadwell, Miss Price, Mrs Pattinson, Mr Caffrey and Miss Collins.*

Compassionate and Loving



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.

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. 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)



Attendance – week ending 14th September 2018

Well done to Year One who achieved 96% attendance for last week. The full attendance figures are as follows:

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|----------|-----|------------|-----|
| Rec | 90% | Year One | 96% | Year Two | 91% | Year Three | 93% |
| Year Four | 90% | Year Five | 95% | Year Six | 95% | | |

This gives a whole school attendance of 93%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

*If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;
Mrs Treadwell, Miss Price, Mrs Pattinson, Mr Caffrey and Miss Collins.*

Compassionate and Loving