



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 28th September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

"All my life God surrounded me with love. My first memories are imprinted with the most tender smiles and caresses."

St. Teresa of Lisieux

Dates for your Diary

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 is on Monday 1st October at 9.30am as a votive Mass for St. Teresa of Lisieux, and will be led by Y3. 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.

First Holy Communion Commitment Mass

Our special Mass of Commitment will take place on Saturday 6th October 6pm in St. Joseph's Church. It is important that all parents of Holy Communion candidates attend this meeting.

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

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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.

Coats

Please remember to send your child with a coat every day now that the days are getting colder. The weather can be quite unpredictable at the moment and many children are feeling cold at playtimes because they haven't brought in a coat. Please ensure that your child's coats and any hats, scarves or gloves that they bring are labelled clearly with their name.

Victorian School Day – Friday 26th October

During this school year we will be celebrating 150 years since the first St. Joseph's School opened in Nechells (in the grounds of St. Joseph's Church) and 50 years since the current building opened here on Rocky Lane. We will be holding many special events to mark these occasions, some of which will be themed around the Victorian times. As part of our studies on Victorian life we will be holding a 'Victorian School Day' on Friday 26th October.

For the whole of the school day your child will have the experience of attending a Victorian School. Staff will be in role and dress of the time and the children will be taught as Victorian children were taught. They will have games and activities that Victorian children would have taken part in during playtimes and will also have a lunch typical of the day. We will have copy books and ink pens for the children to use, and also blackboards with chalks.

On this day your child should come to school dressed in Victorian costume. We wanted to give you plenty of time to organise this as the day will be most effective if all children are dressed in period costume. We will send out a letter shortly with examples of what your child can wear.



We are really looking forward to this day and it will be very exciting for the children. Further details will follow over the coming weeks.

Parents Workshops

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our National Curriculum workshops this week. We had a good turn-out and lots of parents commented on how useful the workshop was to them. We will hold further workshops in the future on different areas of learning, so please keep an eye out for announcements in the newsletter. Our Curriculum Workshops continue on Monday with Year Three, and Year Six on Tuesday. Please be on time for workshops as they start promptly at 1.30pm. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to work with your child.

Monday 1 st October	1.30pm	Y3 Workshop
Tuesday 2 nd October	1.30pm	Y6 Workshop

Reception Welcome Service – next Wednesday 4th October

We will be holding a special service next Thursday 4th at 2.00pm to welcome all of our new Reception children and their parents and carers. It would be lovely if all Reception parents or carers could come, as the children will be taking part in this service too. Please come along to this first special event for your child. We are looking forward to seeing you.



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Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place this half term on Tuesday 16th October. Times will run between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. **School will finish at 2.15pm** on that day, and it is very important that your children are collected promptly at this time, as staff will be going into parental appointments straight after the children have gone. You will receive a letter next week to book your appointment slot. Please ensure that you return the slip as soon as possible in order to get an appointment in your preferred time slot. Times are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



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 2018. 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

There are no birthdays this week!



Attendance – week ending 21st September 2018

Well done to Year Two who achieved a brilliant 98% attendance for last week. The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	92%	Year One	95%	Year Two	98%	Year Three	96%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	95%	Year Six	96%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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