



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 5th October 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God.”

St Francis de Sales

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 6th 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
w/b 26 th November	INSPIRE Workshops – details to follow	

Mrs Baines' Condolence Book

Just a reminder that the condolence book is still open for anyone wishing to sign it. There are also some lovely entries from the children if you would like to see them.



First Holy Communion Commitment Mass

A reminder that our special Mass of Commitment takes place tomorrow (Saturday 6th October) at 6pm in St. Joseph's Church. *It is essential that all families wishing their child to receive First Holy Communion attend.* Your child should dress smartly for this special occasion (no denim please). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and it would be lovely to see the church full to support the children as they begin this important journey of faith.

School Family Mass

Our School Family Mass next week is on Wednesday 10th October at 9.30am as a votive Mass for Blessed John Henry Newman, and will be led by Y6. 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.

Parents' Evening

With your newsletter today you should have received a letter to book your appointment slot for Parents' Evening. 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 and 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.



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Dropping off and Collecting Children

Please ensure that you use the crossings and take care when crossing the road outside school. Rocky Lane is a very busy road, especially around the times when school starts and finishes, and is also now a bus route. There is a zebra crossing where you can cross safely and we would encourage you to use this, especially to set an example of road safety and awareness to younger children.

Children should be accompanied to the gate/door and should not be left on the road side or to cross the road unaccompanied. 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.

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.

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs are now all full. May I remind parents that all clubs finish at 4.15pm and children must be collected promptly. 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.

Half-term Playscheme

Unfortunately we will not be running the half-term playscheme during the next holiday, as we have some building work going on in school.

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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.

Reception 2019 Open Day and Admissions

We are holding an Open Day on Thursday 25th October 2018 for those parents/carers whose children are due to start school in September 2019.

If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2014 and 31-08-2015, please come along. There will be the opportunity to look around the school between 9.30am and 11.00am and also between 1.30pm and 3.00pm. All prospective parents are welcome to attend. If you know anyone who has children in Nursery and is considering sending their child to St. Joseph's, please send them along too! We will be proud to show you around our school.



Admissions applications are also now open for Reception in September 2019. **Please note that letters are no longer sent out to parents and carers regarding this and so you will receive no notification that you need to apply for a school place.** We do have a general letter available in school with details of how you can apply which you can collect from the entrance area.

All applications must now be made online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions The deadline for applications to be received is 15th January 2019. It is really important that you apply on time. If you apply late you may be less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

If you have a younger child that is due to start school in September 2019 and would like some support with applying for a place, please come into school.



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 Luna (Year Two), Deacon (Year Five) and Jaydon (Year Six)



Attendance – week ending 21st September 2018

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

Rec	90%	Year One	98%	Year Two	97%	Year Three	95%
Year Four	92%	Year Five	94%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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