



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 12th October 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!"

St Catherine of Siena

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16 th October	Parents' Evening (school finishes at 2.15pm)	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 17 th October	School Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 24 th October	Harvest Festival Mass	9.30am
Thursday 25 th October	Reception 2019 Open Day	9.30am - 11.00am 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Friday 26th 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.



School Family Mass

Our School Family Mass next week is on Wednesday 17th October at 9.30am and will be led by Y5. 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

A reminder that our Parents Evening takes place next Tuesday. If you have not returned your slip, you will be allocated a time by your child's teacher. **School will finish at 2.15pm on Tuesday**, 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.



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.

*If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;
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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

You should have received a letter this week regarding our 'Victorian School Day' on Friday 26th October.

On this day your child should come to school dressed in Victorian costume. There were some ideas of what your child can wear on the reverse of this newsletter. **Please note that this is NOT a Non-Uniform day and any child who does not come in Victorian costume must be in school uniform as normal.** The day will be most effective however if all children are dressed in period costume. There will also be prizes for the best costumes.



We are really looking forward to this day and it will be very exciting for the children.

Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine

Children in Reception, Year One, Year Two, Year Three, Year Four and Year Five will receive a consent form next week for the nasal flu vaccine, which will be given in school on 13th December. It is important that you return the form even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccine; the NHS requires a completed form for every child in school. There is information to complete on BOTH SIDES of the form so please read it carefully. Thank you.

Harvest School Mass

We will be holding our Harvest Mass Celebration on **Wednesday 24th October** at 9.30am. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Children from throughout the school will be taking part in the service. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible supporting this special event in the year.



Please bring in any donations to our harvest collection from Wednesday. We would like to collect as many tinned and packet goods as possible, so that we can distribute them amongst the needy in our community. We will give our donations to St. Chad's Sanctuary for the homeless and needy. Thank you in anticipation of your usual generosity.

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.

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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

There are no birthdays this week!



Attendance – week ending 5th October 2018

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

Rec	91%	Year One	99%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	95%
Year Four	92%	Year Five	90%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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