



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 9th November 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.”

Laurence Binyon



This Sunday 11th November marks 100 years since the end of the First World War and the first Armistice Day. We remember at this time all who have suffered or lost their lives as a result of war and all who gave their lives for their country.

Father of all, look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold for ever all who suffered during the First World War, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned and those who mourned. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 16 th November	Wear Red Non-Uniform Day – cost 50p 'Lest we Forget' Day	
Wednesday 21 st November	First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting	3.30pm
Friday 23 rd November	Wear Green Non-Uniform Day – cost 50p	
Monday 26 th November	Y1 & Y2 INSPIRE Workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 27 th November	Y3 & Y4 INSPIRE Workshop	1.30pm
Wednesday 28 th November	Reception INSPIRE Workshop	1.30pm
Thursday 29 th November	Y5 & Y6 INSPIRE Workshop	1.30pm
Friday 30 th November	Wear Blue Non-Uniform Day – cost 50p Father Christmas' visit to St Joseph's	
Wednesday 5 th December	Film Night – details to follow	
Thursday 6 th December	KS1 Sponsored Bike Ride – details to follow	
Friday 7 th December	Y1 & Y2 Choral Outreach concert at St Chad's Cathedral	1.00pm
Tuesday 11 th December	Stratford Trip for Y2 & Y5 – details to follow	

Christmas Dates for your Diary

Thursday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner day	
Friday 14 th December	Wear your Christmas Jumper day School Disco – details to follow	3.30pm – 5pm
Monday 17 th December	Reception, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Assembly	1.30pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Assembly	1.30pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Assembly	1.30pm
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas Carol Concert	2.00pm
Friday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas holiday	1.00pm

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School Mass

Our next school Mass takes place on **Wednesday** at 9.30am and will be led by Y3. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. 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.

Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine

Children in Reception, Year One, Year Two, Year Three, Year Four and Year Five have all received a consent form this 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.

Fundraising – Non Uniform Day next Friday 16th – Wear Red – 50p

This year instead of having a Christmas Bazaar, we will be having a number of fundraising events in school. The money raised will help with the restoration of the church roof. You will see the dates for these listed above, but they will include a 'Father Christmas' day when you can come in and take your child to see Father Christmas, three non-uniform days, a sponsored bounce, a sponsored bike ride for KS1, a film night and a school disco. Further details of these will follow closer to the time, but our first event takes place next Friday with our 'wear red non-uniform' day. The cost of this will be 50p per child. Thank you for your support with this.

Victorian Day

Thank you for your absolutely fantastic support with our Victorian Day at the end of last half-term. The children looked amazing and made a brilliant effort with their costumes. They had a wonderful day and I'm sure they told you all about their experiences.

Reception Admissions

If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2014 and 31-08-2015, 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.

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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 Cassidy (Reception), Dylan (Year Two) and Zain (Year Four)



Attendance - week ending 26th October 2018

Well done to Year One, Two and Six who achieved a fantastic 98% attendance for last week. The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	92%	Year One	98%	Year Two	98%	Year Three	95%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	89%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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