



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 16th November 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. Though all things pass,
God does not change. Patience wins all things”

St. Teresa of Avila

Dates for your Diary

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
	Reception visit to Polesworth Abbey	
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 (optional) – cost £1.00	
Wednesday 5 th December	Film Night (optional) – cost £2.00	
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

Wednesday 12 th December	Sleeping Beauty - Theatre in school	
Thursday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner day	
Friday 14 th December	Wear your Christmas Jumper day – cost £1.00	
	School Disco (optional) – cost £1.50	3.30pm – 5pm

A Kitchen ware sale of brand new kitchen items will take place before all performances this week

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

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.

First Communion Meeting

There will be a meeting for parent and carers of all First Holy Communion children this coming Wednesday 21st November at 3.30pm. It is important that all attend and please bring your signed Mass attendance cards with you. There will also be a special Mass for all First Holy Communion families on Saturday 1st December at 6pm in St. Joseph's Church. Again, all families should attend this.

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Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine – return your forms!

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 23rd – Wear Green – 50p

Thank you for your fantastic support today with our wear red non-uniform day. Our next fundraising event takes place next Friday with our 'wear green non-uniform' day. The cost of this will be 50p per child. Thank you for your support with this.

Christmas Fundraising Events

You will have received a letter yesterday with details of the fundraising events that we are running this term in place of a Christmas Bazaar. We have tried to make the events fun and interesting so that there is something for everyone. They are optional but we would very much appreciate your support with these. Staff are putting a lot of hard work into organising them and giving up their time to run them. Individual letters will be going out to book places closer to the dates.



INSPIRE Workshops

You will be receiving a letter on Monday for our INSPIRE workshops, which are starting on Monday 26th November. The dates are listed above, but please return your consent forms as soon as you can to book your place. The workshops will be craft-based and on the theme of Advent. Please make every effort to come along and support your child. The children love having their parents and carers in school with them, and this is a lovely way to start your preparations for Christmas together.

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 Mekseb (Reception), Seim (Year One), Kaleab & Selina (Year Three), Aaron (Year Four) and Tobias & Yafet (Year Six)



Attendance – week ending 9th November 2018

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

Rec	93%	Year One	98%	Year Two	96%	Year Three	92%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	92%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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