



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Monday 26th November 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

"What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love and an ocean of patience."

St. Francis de Sales

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 27 th November	Y3 & Y4 INSPIRE Workshop Reception visit to Polesworth Abbey	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 (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 – 4.30pm

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 Y5. 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 Mass – Saturday 1st December

There will be a Mass for all First Holy Communion families next Saturday 1st December at 6.00pm in St. Joseph's Church. It is important that all families attend this.

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

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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 30th – Wear Blue – 50p

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

Film Night & Father Christmas Visit

Thank you for your amazing interest and support with our Christmas fundraising events this week. They have all been very popular! Unfortunately **Film Night is now full** and we are unable to take any more bookings. We have to limit places for reasons of health and safety, including ensuring that we have the correct number of staff available to voluntarily supervise the children.

We still have places available for **Father Christmas** on Friday but these **must be booked by tomorrow (Tues)** at the latest. We will be unable to take any more bookings after Tuesday, as we need to let Santa know how many treats to put on his sleigh!



INSPIRE Workshops

Our INSPIRE workshops continue tomorrow with Y3 & Y4's workshop at 1.30pm. Please ensure that you arrive on time for your child's workshop, as late arrival may mean that you do not have time to join the activity. 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.

Fortnite: Advice from School Nursing Team

Many of you may be aware of the risks and concerns around children playing the online game Fortnite, which has a 12 rating but is played by much younger children. We have been made aware of an emerging trend, where people are playing strip Fortnite using webcams. The rule is that when you achieve a "kill" you have to strip off, potentially adding an additional risk from children being exposed to and/or sharing indecent images whilst playing the game.

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I would just like to remind you to be very vigilant of what your child is accessing via games and online activities, and that age guidance on games is there for the protection of your children.



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 for last week to Divora (Year One), Vincent (Year Three) and Oliver (Year Four)



Attendance – week ending 16th November 2018

Well done to Year Six who achieved an incredible **100%** attendance for last week. The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	94%	Year One	99%	Year Two	97%	Year Three	94%
Year Four	93%	Year Five	88%	Year Six	100%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

Parent and Carers Comments – Parents' Evening



“The teachers are friendly, helpful and dedicated to the children. My son loves going here which is an obvious reflection of how good the school is”

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