



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 30th November 2018



Dear Parents and Carers...

“May you use those gifts that you have received,
And pass on the love that has been given to you.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 1st December	First Communion Mass at St. Joseph's Church	6.00pm
Wednesday 5 th December	School Mass – led by Y4	9.30am
Wednesday 5 th December	Film Night for all who have tickets	
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	
	KS1 (R/1/2/3) School Disco – cost £1.50	3.15pm – 4.30pm
Friday 14 th December	Wear your Christmas Jumper day – cost £1.00	
	KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) School Disco – cost £1.50	3.15pm – 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

First Communion Mass – Saturday 1st December

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

School Mass

Our next school Mass takes place on **Wednesday** at 9.30am and will be led by Y4. 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 – 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.

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School Disco

The letters will be going out on Tuesday for our School Disco. As the film night was so popular and we are anticipating that the Disco will also be very popular, we have decided to hold two separate events.

On Thursday 13th December there will be a KS1 Disco for Reception, Year One and Year Two

On Friday 14th December there will be a KS2 Disco for Year Three, Year Four, Year Five and Year Six

This will enable us to offer more places for children to attend. Again places are limited to 100 for each event and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of attending the disco is £1.50 per child which will include either sweets or crisps and a drink. The discos will both finish at 4.30pm so your child will need to be collected promptly by a responsible adult (over 18) at this time.



INSPIRE Workshops

Thank you to everyone for their support and a fantastic turn-out for the Inspire workshops this week. They have been a great success and we have really enjoyed having you in school. I know the children have all thoroughly enjoyed them and I have had some fantastic feedback from parents too.

After-school Clubs

Next week is the final week for all after school clubs before the Christmas holiday.

Film Night Tickets

Our Film Night takes place on Wednesday next week for all those who booked and paid for places. **Please note that there are no more places available to book.** Tickets have been sent home today for all children who were successful in booking places. Admission will be for those children who have been given tickets only, so please bring your tickets to school with you on Wednesday. Remember that your child will need to be collected promptly at 5.00pm by an adult over the age of 18. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you!

Thank you for your fantastic support with all of our non-uniform days over the last three weeks.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 14th December we are having a 'Wear Your Christmas Jumper Day' in school. The cost of this will be £1 per child, and you should come to school dressed in your craziest Christmas jumpers!!!

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.

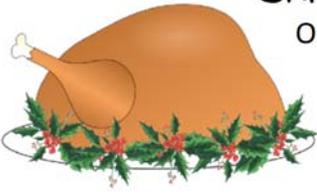


All applications must now be made online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions The deadline for applications to be received is 15th January 2019. It is really important that you apply on time. If you apply late you may be less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

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Christmas Dinner



Our school Christmas dinner will take place on Thursday 13th December. This year, the dinner option will be a traditional Christmas dinner – roast turkey, stuffing, roast potatoes, vegetables etc, with a fish/vegetarian option. If your child has sandwiches and would like a dinner for this day, please ask at the office. The cost of Christmas Dinner is £2.30.

First Sunday of Advent

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. The word 'advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus', which means "arrival". It is the traditional time of spiritual preparation and waiting for the arrival of the coming of Jesus to earth when he was born as a baby at Bethlehem about two thousand years ago.

There are many traditions that form part of Advent and preparation for Christmas. One of these, which we use in school, is the Advent Wreath. The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches, which symbolise eternal life, as the circle has no beginning or end. The wreath holds three purple candles and one pink candle, to represent the four Sundays of Advent, and a white candle in the centre. A purple candle is lit on the first, second and fourth Sundays of Advent. On the third Sunday we light the pink candle to remind us that we are getting near to Christmas. Purple is a colour that represents waiting and penitence, and is also a 'royal' colour. The white candle (which represents Christ) is lit on Christmas Day.



In school, we have an Advent wreath in each classroom; the candles will be lit each day at prayer time. We will be using the 'Walk with Me' programme of prayer and reflection for Advent. This is designed to help the children to appreciate the meaning of Advent and the season of Christmas, and guides the children with daily tasks and prayer.



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 Eliana and Demiana (Reception)



Attendance – week ending 23rd November 2018

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

Rec	91%	Year One	98%	Year Two	99%
Year Three	92%	Year Four	96%	Year Five	94%
Year Six	99%				

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

Parent and Carers Comments Parents' Evening

"I like that the teachers treat the children equally and that they push the children in learning to be the best"



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