



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 11th January 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.”
St. Anthony of Padua

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 16 th January	School Mass	9.30am
	Holy Communion Parents' Meeting	3.30pm
Saturday 19 th January	Holy Communion Mass at St. Joseph's Church	6.00pm
Friday 8 th February	Y1 Reading Café	2.30pm
Thursday 14 th February	Parents' Evening	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 15 th February	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 25 th February	Return to School	8.55am



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school for the spring term! I hope that you all had a holy, happy and blessed holiday. It is now the beginning of a new year and a new term, it is the time for us all at school to settle down and give of our best. We talked about the feast of The Epiphany this week and reminded the children of the Three Wise Men who brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus. The precious gifts remind us of the kingship of Our Lord and that He is King of our hearts.

School Mass

Our first School Mass of the New Year will take place on **Wednesday 16th January**. It starts at 9.30am. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

Holy Communion Parents' Meeting

We will be holding our next meeting in the preparation for First Holy Communion on Wednesday 16th January at 3.30pm. It is important that all parents of Holy Communion candidates attend this meeting.

There will also be a special Holy Communion Candidates Mass at 6.00pm on Saturday 19th January in St. Joseph's Church which all families should attend.

Swimming

Swimming starts for Year Four on Monday. You should have received a letter about this. Please remember to send your child with their swimming kit – swimming costume for girls (Please remember that girls are not permitted to wear bikinis, they must have a one-piece costume), swimming trunks (not shorts) for boys and a towel.



After-school Clubs

After-school clubs start back on Monday for all children who attended before the holiday.

Magic Breakfast

Our school has joined the government's National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP) which is being delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast. 'Magic Breakfast' is a new scheme which gives schools funding to provide all children with free Breakfast Bagels every morning.

Our Breakfast Club will still be running as normal for all who usually attend before school, at a cost of £1 per day. The Magic Breakfast scheme will run alongside it and during school time.



On their way into school at 8.55am each morning, children can help themselves to a hot, buttered bagel from the monitors who will be outside. The bagels will be stored in insulated bags and everyone can take part free of charge.

We are hoping to start the Magic Breakfast scheme during the week commencing 29th January 2019.

School Nurse Drop-ins

If you have any concerns about your child's health or development, the School Nurse is in school every Friday morning and is happy for any parents to drop-in to see her between 8.30 - 9.00am. Just come along, there is no need to make an appointment.

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. **All applications must now be made online at**

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The deadline for applications to be received is this coming Tuesday 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.



'Winter Warmer' School Dinner

On Thursday 17th January (next week), the school kitchen are serving a special 'Winter Warmer' menu. This will be:

- Traditional Roast Chicken and Stuffing *or* Marvellous Macaroni Cheese *or* Lemon Sole Grill
- Roast Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Broccoli and Carrots
- Traditional Bakewell Tart with Custard



If your child usually has packed lunch and would like to join us for dinner on this day, please book at the school office. The cost will be £2.30.

*If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;
Mrs Treadwell, Miss Price, Mrs Pattinson, Mr Caffrey and Miss Collins.*

Arrival at School / Latecomers – IMPORTANT NOTICE

As you will know school starts every day at 8.55am. Just to remind you that children arriving after 9.00am are marked as late and now arrival after 9.15am results in a 'U' mark, which is actually an unauthorised absence and affects your child's attendance. **This means that if your child arrives at school after 9.15am, they will lose their mark for the morning.**

It is very important that you get your child to school on time. If your child arrives after 9.15am twenty times within twelve months (or has twenty sessions/ten days of unauthorised absence), you will be registered on the 'Spotlight' scheme for poor attendance. This may result in you receiving a penalty notice from the City Council's legal department. It can also result in prosecution and conviction.

Snow!

In the event of any heavy snow over the coming weeks or extreme weather which causes significant disruption, any school closures will be listed on local radio stations, as follows: BRMB 96.4, Heart FM 100.7 and Radio WM 95.6. If you do not hear our school name or any mention of 'blanket closures', then school is open!! Remember that there are several St Joseph's schools and you must listen out for ours. We will also send a text message out so please ensure that you keep us up-to-date with any changes of contact numbers. Thank you!



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 Lidya & Aryam (Reception), Bethel D (Year Two) and Johnson (Year Five)

Attendance – week ending 21st December 2018

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

Rec	93%	Year One	97%	Year Two	100%	Year Three	96%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	99%	Year Six	96%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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