



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019



## Dear Parents and Carers...

"First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others"

*Thomas a Kempis*

## Dates for your Diary

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy Communion Mass at St. Joseph's Church - 6.00pm	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	School Mass	9.30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Reading Café	2.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to School	8.55am

## Holy Communion Mass

**A reminder that we have a special Holy Communion Candidates Mass at 6.00pm tomorrow (Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January) in St. Joseph's Church. All families who wish for their child to receive First Holy Communion this summer should attend.**

## School Mass

Our School Mass is on Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup>) next week and will be led by Y5, starting at 9.30am. School Masses are a lovely way of joining in with school life. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

## Magic Breakfast



Our Magic Breakfast scheme will be starting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. 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. Look out for the monitors on Tuesday!

## 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.

## Reading Café

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding another Year One Reading Café starting at 2.30pm. It was lovely to see so many parents attend last time, and I know that many of you commented on how much you had enjoyed the session. Please come and join us for this.

## 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 Natanem (Year One) and Lamine (Year Six)



## Attendance – week ending 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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

Rec	95%	Year One	98%	Year Two	95%	Year Three	88%
Year Four	92%	Year Five	96%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%

Many thanks,

**A. Treadwell**

Head Teacher

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