



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Lift up the eyes of your heart to the sacred light,  
Watch closely and see the glory and majesty of the Lord.”

*St. Elizabeth of Schonau*

## Dates for your Diary

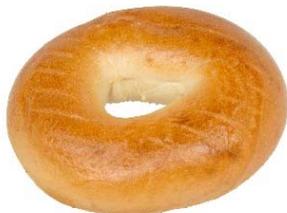
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	School Mass	9.30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Reading Café	2.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.15PM</b> Birmingham Royal Ballet workshop for Y1 School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<i>Half-term Playscheme</i>	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to School	8.55am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Africa International Week starts International Mass	9.30am
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Living Eggs Project starts	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Mass	1.30pm

## School Mass

Our School Mass is on Wednesday (30<sup>th</sup>) next week and will be led by Y4, 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

As you may be aware, we had a trial-run of our Magic Breakfast on Thursday and Friday morning this week. We will be starting this officially on Monday morning for all children. On their way into school at 8.55am each morning, children can help themselves to a hot, buttered bagel from the monitors. The bagels will be stored in insulated bags and everyone can take part free of charge. Look out for the monitors on Tuesday!



## 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.

## Half-term Playscheme

We still have places available in our half-term playscheme for Years One – Six. It will run for five days between Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 9.30am – 2pm. Your child can attend for any number of days during the week (these must be specified and pre-arranged) and prices are as follows:

5 days - £25      4 days - £20      3 Days - £15      2 Days - £10      1 Day - £5

All payment must be made in full before the camp starts. It is going to be a really fun-packed week for the children. Places are limited, so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

## International African Week

We will be having an International Week in school during the week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February. We will be focusing on the countries, people, traditions and customs of Africa and the children will have the opportunity to try African food and dance amongst other activities. We are also hoping to have an International Mass on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am. This will be a really exciting week for the children and we are really looking forward to it.

## Parents' Evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February this term. Times will run between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. **School will finish at 2.15pm** on that day, and it is very important that your children are collected promptly at this time, as staff will be going into parental appointments straight after the children have gone. Letters went out yesterday for this; please return your slips as soon as possible, as places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



## 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.

## 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

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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 Pone-Pone (Year One), Kevin & Eldana (Year Three), Asharia (Year Four) and Bini (Year Six).



## Attendance – week ending 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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

Rec	95%	Year One	96%	Year Two	96%	Year Three	99%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	94%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

Many thanks,

**A. Treadwell**

Head Teacher

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