



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to heaven.”

*St. John Climacus*

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	School Mass led by Y3	9.30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Reading Café	2.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.15PM</b>	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Birmingham Royal Ballet workshop for Y1 School closes for half-term	3.15pm
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Half-term Playscheme</b>	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to School Africa International Week starts	8.55am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	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
w/c Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's INSPIRE week (dates to follow)	

## Term Dates

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for half-term break	3.15pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to School	8.55am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for <b>ONE WEEK</b> * Easter break	1.00pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school	8.55am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School closed</b> – May Day Bank Holiday	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for <b>TWO WEEK</b> * half-term break	3.15pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Return to school	8.55am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>School Closed</b> - INSET day	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>School Closed</b> - INSET day	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer	1.00pm

- *Please note that our Easter and May holiday dates are different to the City Council dates. We will be having just one week's holiday in April and two weeks in May.*

## School Mass

Our School Mass is on Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup>) next week and will be led by Y3, 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.

## Reading Café

Next 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 a few places available (only on certain days) 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 an 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 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.

Thank you to everyone who has returned slips for Parents' Evening. Appointment times will be allocated and sent home next week. If you have not already returned your slip, please do so by Monday.



## School Nurse Drop-ins

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

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.

## 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 Noel (Year One), Daniel (Year Two), Ashlyn (Year Three), Hebron (Year Four), and Yasmin & Mya (Year Six).



## Attendance – week ending 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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

Rec	97%	Year One	100%	Year Two	94%	Year Three	95%
Year Four	92%	Year Five	90%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%

Many thanks,

**A. Treadwell**

Head Teacher

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