



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that.”

*St. Teresa of Avila*

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School Mass led by Y6	9.30am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.15PM</b> Parents' Evening	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	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
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 (13<sup>th</sup>) next week and will be led by Y6, 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.

## Half-term Playscheme

Just a reminder for all children who have booked places for the half-term playscheme that all payment must be made in full before the camp starts. We are looking forward to a really fun-packed week for the children.

## 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 NEXT Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. **Please remember that school will finish at 2.15pm**, 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.



## 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.

## 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!



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



## 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 Ayana & Eric (Year Two), Megan (Year Four), Aiza (Year Five) and Mya (Year Six)



## Attendance – week ending 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

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	<b>100%</b>	Year Three	98%
Year Four	92%	Year Five	98%	Year Six	97%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

Many thanks,

**A. Treadwell**

Head Teacher

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