



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 15th February 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“I hope every parish priest in England will hold his head high today knowing Cardinal Newman is declared a saint.”

Cardinal Vincent Nicholls

Dates for your Diary

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd February

Half-term Playscheme

Monday 25 th February	Return to School	8.55am
	Africa International Week starts	
Wednesday 27 th February	International Mass	9.30am
Monday 4 th March	Y1 Living Eggs Project starts	
Wednesday 6 th March	Ash Wednesday Mass	1.30pm
Tuesday 12 th March	Y2 SATs Parent's Meeting	1.30pm
Thursday 14 th March	Y6 SATs Parent's Meeting	1.30pm
Tuesday 19 th March	St. Joseph's Feast Day Mass & Day of Adoration	
Monday 25 th March	Y1 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Y2 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Y3 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	Y4 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Friday 29 th March	Y5 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Monday 1 st April	Y6 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm

Term Dates

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

Half Term

A reminder that we break up **today** (15th) for half-term. We return to school on Monday 25th February at 8.55am prompt. I hope you have a lovely holiday with your family.

School Mass

Our next School Mass is on Wednesday 27th February at 9.30am for our African International Week. 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

A reminder to everyone who has signed up for the Playscheme that it runs Monday to Friday between 9.30am – 2.00pm. Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at this time by a responsible adult. You will also be required to sign them in on arrival. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them each day and plenty to drink.

All children who have booked places have been issued with an admission card today that they must bring with them each day. Please ensure that these are kept in a safe place as no child will be allowed entry without their card. We are really looking forward to the Playscheme, which is going to be a lot of fun, and hope that you are too.

Rock Star Maths

We are using a new times tables program in school called 'Rock Star Maths'. This enables the children to learn their times tables in a fun and exciting way! Every child will be given a log-in over the next few weeks. If your child has had theirs already, please encourage them to log in and practise their times tables at home. The web address is <https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Blessed John Henry Newman

We are delighted to hear this week that one of our house group patrons, Blessed John Henry Newman, is to be made a saint. Pope Francis announced the news on Tuesday 12th February, after a second miracle was attributed to Cardinal Newman.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols said:



"This is wonderful news which will be greeted with thanks to God by people across the world..... For me the truly remarkable nature of this moment is that this is an English parish priest being declared a saint. During his life the people of Birmingham recognised his holiness and lined the streets at the time of his burial. I hope every parish priest in England will hold his head high today knowing Cardinal Newman is declared a saint."

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening. We had a great turn out and it was encouraging to hear so many positive comments from parents.

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



International African Week

We will be having an International Week in school during the first week back. 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 celebrating an International Mass on Wednesday 27th February at 9.30am. This will be an exciting week for the children and we are really looking forward to it.

SATs Meetings

You will see above that we have arranged two meetings for Parents regarding SATs. There will be a meeting for Y2 parents and carers on Tuesday 12th March at 1.30pm and a meeting for Y6 parents and carers on Thursday 14th March at 1.30pm. This is an important meeting which will be an opportunity for you to find out about the SATS tests and their importance to your child's education. We will show you the sort of work that your children have to do and discuss the ways that you can be more involved in your child's progress. Please put this date in your diary!

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.



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 and over the holiday to Nardoss (Rec), Meron (Year One), Adoniah & Mariam (Year Two), Kataryna (Year Three) and Devonte (Year Five)



Attendance – week ending 8th February 2019

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

Rec	96%	Year One	100%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	99%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	96%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 98%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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