



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

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



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Let us never believe anything to be impossible, God can do all things.”

*Charles de Foucauld*

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 SATs Parent's Meeting	1.30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	School Mass	1.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 SATs Parent's Meeting	1.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Wear Green Non-Uniform day – 50p	

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Joseph's Feast Day Mass & Day of Adoration	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Wear Blue Non-Uniform day – 50p	
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Reconciliation Mass for First Holy Communion</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
	<b>Children</b> at St. Joseph's Church	

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Dressing Up Day - £1	
	Y5 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Y6 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Reception Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y3 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Non-Uniform Day – 50p	

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Sponsored Bounce	
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Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children's Retreat Day	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 & Y2 Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 & Y4 Stations of the Cross	
	<b>School closes at 1.00pm</b>	

## Term Dates

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 next week takes place on Wednesday at 9.30am, for the first week of Lent, and will be led by Year 4. You are most welcome and encouraged to come along and join us for this very special day in the church's year. It would be wonderful if more parents and carers could attend Mass especially when your child's class is leading the liturgy. All parents, carers, family and parishioners are warmly invited

## SATs Meetings

Our SATs meetings take place this coming week. There is a meeting for Y2 parents and carers on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm and a meeting for Y6 parents and carers on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. These are important meetings and 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.

## Lenten Fundraising – Wear Green Day (next Friday 15<sup>th</sup>)

Our Lenten Fundraising starts next week with a 'Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day' non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The cost of this will be 50p per child. There will be a number of fundraising events taking place over the next five weeks including non-uniform days, a sponsored bounce, a toy sale and a Dress-Up Day.

The Dress Up Day will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November and is on the theme of book characters. We wanted to give you plenty of notice of this as over the next few days, the shops will be reducing their World Book Day costumes, so you may be able to get a bargain! The cost of the Dress Up Day will be £1 per child. Thank you for your support with this.



## Easter Egg Raffle

There will be an Easter Egg Raffle taking place in school over the next few weeks. Each member of staff has kindly donated Easter Eggs. Tickets are priced at 20p each. If your child would like to buy some, please send the correct money in an envelope, clearly marked. All money raised will go to our Lenten Charities. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

## Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

As part of our Lenten fundraising, your child has received a small collecting box for Father Hudson's Society, in which they can collect spare change. Father Hudson's Society is a local charity, which works with families and children to ensure their welfare. The boxes should be kept through Lent, and any odd change can be collected in them. They can then be brought back into school at the end of Lent, when the money will be counted and sent to Father Hudson's.



## 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.

## Internet Safety

Over the last few weeks, there has been a lot of coverage in the media of the dangers of online activity for children. The children have been doing a lot of work on Internet Safety in school, but we would just like to remind you to be vigilant of your child's online activity, especially over social media. Here are some things you may want to do to help your children 'Stay Safe' in the online world:

- Set ground rules and with younger children agree which websites they can visit. Remember these will vary depending upon the ages of your children.
- Find out how to set the parental controls and safe search. Consider buying parental monitoring/ control software for younger children. Remember none of these are 100% effective and supervision is always needed.

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

- Check the home page of your children's favourite social network, game and so on. This will give you an overview of the website and its suitability.
- Spend 30 minutes watching your children play an online game so that you can see the content and be happy that it is suitable for them.
- Talk to your children about their privacy settings and ask them to show you how to change these settings. Encourage your children to only have online friends that know in the real world.
- Tell your children what to do if they ever feel frightened or scared when online or using their mobile phone. It is important that your children know they can always talk to you and you will help them (you may not know the answer but by talking to the school, other parents, ThinkUknow FAQs, mobile phone provider and so on you will be able to find a solution).

You can find more information (including links to other useful websites) on our school website at [www.stjosb7.bham.sch.uk/esafety.htm](http://www.stjosb7.bham.sch.uk/esafety.htm)



## 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

## First Sunday of Lent

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. The theme of this first week is one of temptation and triumph over sin. When we go to Mass on Sunday, we will hear of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus had gone into the desert to pray and fast for forty days, in preparation for his suffering that was to come. This is represented by our 40 days of Lent today, which are a time of preparation for the remembrance of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. The devil appeared to Jesus and tempted him with many things. Jesus, however, remained strong and did not give in to the temptation. The message of the readings this week, is therefore one of encouragement, to stay true to the word of God, and keep your faith strong. It encourages us to be strong with our Lenten promises, and avoid the temptation to break them, and is meant to strengthen us in our preparation for Easter.



At school, we are encouraging the children to do something for Lent, not necessarily to give something up, but to think of a way in which they can act more positively, such as trying to be more patient or to help around the house.



## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday this week to Lamek (Year One)

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

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

Rec	96%	Year One	<b>100%</b>	Year Two	98%	Year Three	98%
Year Four	91%	Year Five	<b>100%</b>	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 97%

Many thanks,

**A. Treadwell**

Head Teacher

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