



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 22nd March 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“God has two dwellings – one in heaven and the other in a thankful heart.”

St. Augustine of Hippo

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 23 rd March	Reconciliation Mass for First Holy Communion <i>Children at St. Joseph's Church</i>	5.00pm
Monday 25 th March	School Mass- Feast of the Annunciation – led by Y6	9.30am
	Y1 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Y2 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	Book Character Dressing Up Day - £1	
	Y4 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Friday 29 th March	Y3/Y5 Choral Outreach Concert – St Chad's Cathedral	1.30pm
Monday 1 st April	Y6 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Reception Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd April	Y3 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Friday 5 th April	'Wear your Favourite Colour' Non-Uniform Day – 50p Y5 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Friday 12 th April	Sponsored Bounce	
Monday 15 th April	Children's Retreat Day	
Tuesday 16 th April	Y1 & Y2 Stations of the Cross	1.30pm
Thursday 18 th April	Y3 & Y4 Stations of the Cross School closes at 1.00pm	9.30am
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	
Thursday 18 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.*

First Holy Communion Reconciliation Mass - tomorrow

Just a reminder that the Service and Mass of Reconciliation takes place at 5.00pm tomorrow (Saturday 23rd March) in Saint Joseph's Church. All of our First Holy Communion children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time, in preparation for their First Holy Communion. It would be lovely to see a full church to support the children. Everyone is welcome to come along.

School Mass

Our School Mass next week takes place on **Monday at 9.30am**, and is a very special Mass led by Year Six to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation. 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

Lenten Fundraising – Dress up Day: **NEXT Thursday 28th March**

Our Dressing up Day takes place next Thursday 28th March and is on the theme of book characters. Pay £1 per child and you can come to school dressed as your favourite book character. We are looking forward to seeing all of your fabulous costumes!

Mother's Day Inspire Workshops

Our Mother's Day INSPIRE workshops begin next week, starting with Year One on Monday. The workshops will be craft-based and for a Mother, Grandmother, Auntie or female relative, who must be an adult over 18 years of age. Please make every effort to come along and support your child. The children love having their parents and carers in school with them.

Monday 25 th March	Year One Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Year Two Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	Year Four Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Monday 1 st April	Year Six INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Reception INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd April	Year Three INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Friday 5 th April	Year Five INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm



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.



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

Time Out After-School Club

Time Out Club have been running in Nechells and collecting from St. Joseph's school for many years as a privately-run after-school childcare and collection service. They collect children at 3.15pm and take them back to Nechells Methodist Church at 80 Nechells Park Road, where they can take part in after-school activities up until 6.30pm. It is open for all children aged 4-12 years and is OFSTED registered and rated 'Good'. They have places available in the after-school club and also provide nursery and holiday club provisions. For costs and more information, please contact them on 0121 328 3399, or at timeoutafterschoolclub@hotmail.co.uk

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



Third Sunday of Lent

This weekend is the Third Sunday of Lent. The theme of the readings this week is water, and in the Gospel we hear the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus talks to the woman about the 'living water' or the water of eternal life. Water is very important in the Catholic and Christian church. It is used to give the sacrament of baptism. Water is also blessed and known as 'Holy Water', which is what we bless ourselves with on the way into church. Water is essential for us to live. It

gives us life, nourishes us and keeps us healthy. It also cleanses us.

Catholics believe that Jesus also gives us all of these things and so, as we need water, we also need Jesus. He gives us eternal life and looks after us, and he cleanses us from our sins when we say we are sorry. When we are baptised, we believe that we are cleansed from sin and given new life, and we begin our journey towards eternal life with God. This theme, and that of baptism and being freed from sin, is a very important one during Lent, which is a time of 'repentance' or being sorry for what we have done wrong.

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 Taisia (Year 2), Laisha & Evelina (Year 3) and Heven (Year 5)



Attendance – week ending 15th March 2019

Well done to Year Two who achieved an amazing 99% attendance for last week. The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	94%	Year One	98%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	93%
Year Four	93%	Year Five	96%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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