



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 29th March 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Spread love wherever you go. Let no-one ever come to you without leaving happier.”

St. Teresa of Kolkata

Dates for your Diary

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	
Monday 15 th April	Y3 Parents' Meetings (by appointment)	
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
Thursday 2 nd May	Wear Rainbow Colours in memory of Mrs Baines – more details to follow	
Thursday 9 th May	School Photographer in – more details to follow	
Thursday 20 th June	Father's Day INSPIRE	

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.*

School Mass

Our School Mass next week takes place on **Wednesday at 9.30am**, and led by Year Five for the fourth week of Lent. You are most welcome and encouraged to come along and join us for this. 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

Thank you for supporting our Dress Up day so fabulously yesterday! It was wonderful to see all of the children's fantastic costumes. Our next non-uniform day takes place next Friday 5th April, and is a 'wear your favourite colour' theme. The cost of this is 50p per child

Mother's Day Inspire Workshops

Our Mother's Day INSPIRE workshops continue next week. 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 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

Tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle are still available. 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 Meals

The cost of school meals will be going up after Easter by 5p per day, bringing the weekly cost to £11.75. This is a decision made by the City Council, who provide our school meals.



Mother's Day

We would like to wish you all a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday and a happy day with your families. We especially think of all expectant mothers and pray that they and their unborn child are kept safe from all harm. We also remember at this time mothers who have lost children, mothers who are no longer with us and those who have lost their mothers, as Mother's Day is also a time of celebrating the happy memories that we have shared. You are very much in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

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.

*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



Fourth Sunday of Lent

This weekend is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The theme of the readings this week is Reconciliation. Reconciliation literally means 'to meet again' but we use it to mean the renewing of relationships. Being reconciled with someone is a bit like making friends again after you have had a disagreement, or if you have fallen out. It is also about forgiveness and moving on from past experiences.

If you go to church on Sunday, you will hear the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son. This is about a young man who leaves home, taking with him a lot of his father's money, and ends up leading a bad life, wasting all of his father's money. He becomes so desperate and feels so terrible that he does not know what to do, and he decides that he will try to go back to his father and ask for his forgiveness. Luckily, his father is a kind man, and welcomes him back, celebrating his return. He forgives his son and they are reconciled. In this story, the father represents God. Jesus tells this story to show us that no matter what we have done, like our families here on earth, God will always love us and welcome us back, if we are sorry and ask him to forgive us.

Reconciliation is an important theme during Lent, a time when we think about our relationship with God and maybe renewing our relationship with God if it has lapsed in any way. You may have heard of 'the Sacrament of Reconciliation', which is one of the seven sacraments that the Catholic Church gives. The Sacrament of reconciliation is the name given to 'confession', where we go to church and talk to Fr. Stephen on our own about things that we have done wrong and that we are sorry for. By asking for forgiveness, which God gives, we are reconciled with God, and also with ourselves, as we do not need to feel bad anymore about what we are sorry for. This is the same as when we have done something wrong to somebody. If we show them that we are sorry and we apologise, they forgive us, and we are reconciled. This is what reconciliation is all about.

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 Tian (Reception), Nobel (Year Two), Daniel & Chra (Year Four) and Ethan (Year Five)



Attendance – week ending 22nd March 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	99%	Year Two	100%	Year Three	91%
Year Four	93%	Year Five	98%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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