



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 5th April 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God’s compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all.”

Pope Francis, 2016.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9 th April	Y1 Cake and Cookie Sale – 20p each	
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	9.30am
	School closes at 1.00pm	
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	

NEXT WEEK IS THE FINAL WEEK FOR ALL AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

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.*

THIS WEEK WE ARE HAVING AN AUDIT OF ALL SCHOOL READING BOOKS, SO YOUR CHILD’S BOOK WILL NOT BE CHANGED. PLEASE READ A BOOK AT HOME WITH THEM JUST FOR THIS WEEKEND. HOME READERS WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL NEXT WEEK. THANK YOU!

School Mass

Our School Mass next week takes place on **Wednesday at 9.30am**, and led by Year Four for the fifth 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



Sponsored Bounce

Don't forget to bring in your sponsor forms and money for our 'Sponsored Bounce' which will take place **NEXT Friday 12th April**. We will have a bouncy castle, and each child that is sponsored will have the chance to complete their bounce session. This is to raise money for our Lenten charities. **Please bring in your completed forms by Wednesday 10th**. Thank you!

Lenten Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our non-uniform days so brilliantly over the last few weeks. We will let you know a total of how much was raised towards our Lenten charities once everything is collected in.



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.



Y1 Cake & Cookie Sale

The children in Year One will be holding a cake and cookie sale next Tuesday to raise money for our Lenten Charities. All cakes and cookies will be priced at 20p each. Please send your child with money on Tuesday morning if they would like to buy some.

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.

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The theme of the readings this week is forgiveness. During the Gospel reading at Mass this weekend, you will hear about a woman who has sinned. At the time, many sins were punishable by stoning. In this story, the Pharisees ask Jesus what he would do with the woman who had sinned, thinking that he would say to let her go free, which would go against their law. If he did, they would then have a reason to arrest him and punish him. However, Jesus did not say that he would let the woman be free, but replied by saying 'let he who is without sin cast the first stone'. All of the people who were accusing her, one by one, walked away, because they knew that none of them were without their own sin.



What Jesus means by this is that we should forgive others, and not condemn them. He also tells the woman to go and walk away from her life of sin. He forgives her sins. This story gives us hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins. It is meant to encourage us, to help us look forward to Easter, and to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection. That meaning is Reconciliation, forgiving each other and being reconciled both with each other and with God (as we heard last week).

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 Lincoln & Jessica (Reception), Dylan (Year One), Xin Yan, Sara & Ruihan (Year Three), Daniel & Chra (Year Four), Ethan (Year Five) and Arkar, KJ & Aryam (Year Six)



Attendance – week ending 29th March 2019

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

Rec	89%	Year One	100%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	92%
Year Four	91%	Year Five	97%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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