



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 12th April 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust him.”

Nahum 1:7

Dates for your Diary

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
Thursday 18th April	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	

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	<i>School closed</i> – 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	<i>School Closed</i> - INSET day	
Friday 12 th July	<i>School Closed</i> - 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.*

Just a reminder that we are in school as normal next week until Thursday, when we will close at 1.00pm for one week's holiday. Please ensure that you are here promptly to collect your children.

We return to school on Monday 29th April

After School Clubs

Please note that **all afterschool clubs have now finished** until after the holidays.

School Mass

Our School Mass next week takes place on **Wednesday at 9.30am**, and led by Year Three for Holy Week. This is a very special time of year for all Christians, so please come along and join us. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.



Sponsored Bounce

Thank you for your fabulous support with our sponsored bounce this week. We raised a huge amount of money for our Lenten Charities, and we will update you with totals next week.

Easter Egg Raffle

Next week is the final chance to buy tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets are priced at 20p each. If your child would like to buy some, please send the correct money in an envelope, clearly marked before Wednesday. All money raised will go to our Lenten Charities. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.



Y1 Cake Sale

A huge 'well done' to Year One, who raised a fantastic £49 with their cake sale on Tuesday. Thank you for all of your hard work!

Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

We will be collecting in the Father Hudson's boxes next week. Please bring them back into school as soon as you can. Thank you!

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.

'Wear Rainbow Colours for Mrs Baines' Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 2nd May

When we come back to school after Easter, we will be holding a 'Wear Rainbow for Mrs Baines' Non-Uniform day. This is an event being held across a number of schools that Mrs Baines was involved in during her years of service to Catholic education in Birmingham. The money that we raise together will be used to fund a place on a HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes for a disabled young person, in memory of Mrs Baines.

HCPT is a registered Catholic charity, who since 1975, have offered life changing pilgrimages to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged people of all ages, but particularly young people. Every year over 1,000 disabled and disadvantaged children enjoy a fun and safe week in Lourdes, staying in hotels with their volunteer helpers. The emphasis of the pilgrimage is very much on ensuring that all the children have a wonderful fun-filled week, and it is a spiritually and emotionally enriching experience for the people that attend.



Across the schools, we are hoping to raise £850, and so we would ask if you would kindly support this non-uniform day as generously as you can. Our suggested donation for this day is £1 per child. Thank you in anticipation of your usual kindness.

Time Out Club Easter Playscheme.

Time Out Club (based at the Nechells Methodist Church on Nechells Park Road) are running an Easter playscheme from Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 26th April. It runs from 9.30am – 3.30pm and costs £5 per day. If your child would like to attend, please contact Time Out Club on 0121 328 3399 or timeoutafterschoolclub@hotmail.com

Holy Week Services

All of the Holy Week services this year will take place in **Sacred Heart Church**.

Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper followed by the Gethsemane Watch.
Good Friday	3.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday	8.30pm	The Easter Vigil (First Mass of Easter)
Easter Sunday	10.00am	Easter Day Mass – <i>Sacred Heart Church</i>

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

2019 Good Friday Walk of Witness, Nechells

Churches Together in Nechells invite you to join them for the annual Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' procession. They are meeting St Joseph's Church -Thimble Mill Lane at

09:15 with scripture reading, prayer and hymns

09:30 walk to the Methodist church. Nechells Park Road

10:10 walk to Hope Park opposite the Old Swimming Baths- Nechells Park Road

10:30 walk to Ebenezer Church- Cook Street.

10:50 walk to Church of God of Prophecy (Nechells Outreach Centre) Long Acre

11:00 join the 11am service inside the Outreach Centre

12:00 refreshments **All times approximate*



Lent – Palm Sunday

This Sunday is the sixth in Lent, and is known as Palm Sunday. It is the beginning of 'Holy Week', which is the most important week of the year in the Catholic and Christian faiths

On Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' journey into Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Passover. After hearing about Jesus and the miracles that he had performed in Galilee, the people were starting to believe that Jesus was the Son of God and that he would be their King. When they heard that he was coming to their town, they were keen to see him and gathered along the road. They waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!" (John 12:12-13). The people were excited and it was a time of great joy and happiness for them. However, while Jesus was happy that people believed in him and wanted him as their King, it was also a time of great sadness and fear for him because he knew what was going to happen later that week and that those same people would disown him and turn away from him, saying that he should be crucified. So, while the story of Palm Sunday helps us to remember that Jesus is our King, it also helps us to think about times that we have turned away from God.



All the children have received a palm cross today. The symbolism of the palm cross helps us to remember that although Palm Sunday is a time of joy and celebration, we should also remember the importance and sadness of the week that is to come. The palm represents the joy and happiness of Palm Sunday, while the shape of the cross represents the cross on which Jesus died, and so the sadness of Jesus' death. Some Christians display the palm crosses in their homes during the year as a symbol of their faith. Traditionally, the blessed palms are burned at the start of Lent the next year, which makes the ash that we use on Ash Wednesday.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday this week to Sofoniyas & Liana (Reception), Yobiel (Year Three), Leanna & Hermela (Year Five) and Chrw (Year Six)



Attendance – week ending 5th April 2019

Well done to Year Two, Five and Six who achieved a brilliant 99% attendance for last week. The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	91%	Year One	98%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	93%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	99%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

Many thanks,

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Head Teacher

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