



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019



## Dear Parents and Carers...

*"God had one Son on earth without sin, But never one without suffering."*

*St. Augustine of Hippo*

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School closed – May Day Bank Holiday</b>	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion Meeting	3.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photographer in – family photos from 8.30am	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School closes for TWO WEEK</b> * half-term break	3.15pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Return to school	8.55am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day INSPIRE	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>School Closed</b> - INSET day	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>School Closed</b> - INSET day	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	1.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Mass at St. Joseph's Church	9.30am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>School closes</b> for Summer	1.00pm

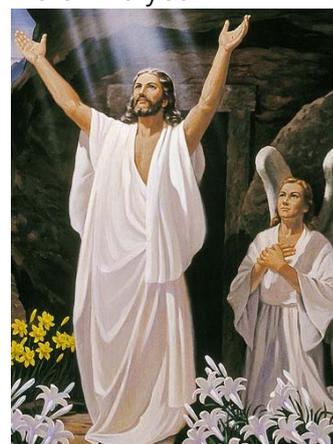
- *Please note that our May holiday dates are different to the City Council dates.*

**Just a reminder that school is closed on Monday for the May Day Bank Holiday. We return to school at 8.55am on Tuesday**

## Welcome back!

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a relaxing holiday with your family. As you know, we celebrated the feast of Easter over the holidays, which I hope was a lovely, blessed time for you. The Easter season is a very special time for us, because it is the time of the year when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Christians, we believe that Jesus, the Son of God, died, and then came back to life three days later. Jesus died so that our sins may be forgiven, and so that we could have eternal life in heaven. So, as you can see, this is a very important time of the year.

Easter is celebrated in springtime, the season of new life. Springtime is when we come out of the long, dark, sleepy days of winter. All around us we see flowers, trees bursting into life, blossom and leaves, songbirds and little lambs. Although we know from the Gospels that the events of Easter did actually take place around this time of year, because they tell us it is the time of the Jewish feast of Passover, Christians see the events of springtime as a representation of the new life of Jesus, and the new life that Jesus gave the world when he rose from the dead. The symbolism of Jesus coming out of the dark tomb, as 'the light of the world', is perfectly represented by our moving from the dark days of winter into the long, sunny days of springtime.



## First Holy Communion Meeting

Our next First Holy Communion meeting for parents and carers takes place **next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm.**

## School Mass

Our School Mass next week takes place on **Wednesday at 9.30am.** You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

## School Meals

The cost of school meals is now £11.75 per week. This is a decision made by the City Council, who provide our school meals.

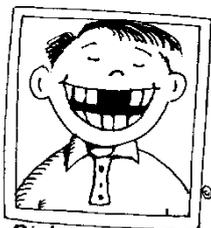
## 'Wear Rainbow Colours for Mrs Baines' Non-Uniform Day

Thank you for supporting our rainbow non-uniform day yesterday so fantastically! We raised just under £180 towards funding a place on a HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes for a disabled young person, in memory of Mrs Baines. This money will be put together with that raised by the other schools that Mrs Baines was involved with who are holding non-uniform events over the next week too.



## School Photographs

The photographer will be in school **NEXT Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.** Your child will be photographed individually and with their siblings, if they have any in school. They will also be photographed with their class in a group picture. Please ensure that your child is in their full school uniform, and that hair is appropriate for school. I would like to remind you that shaved patterns in hair are not allowed in school.



Picture Day!

If you would like younger siblings included, who do not attend this school, or family photographs, these pictures will be taken first. Please come in first thing in the morning when you bring your child to school. You can come into school from 8.30am.

## Y6 SATs

SATs week will be from 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May. All Year Six children must be in school for the whole of this week. As the Year 6 tests will be starting early, it is really important that **all children are in on time every day.** To help with this, there will be a free Breakfast Club available for Y6 during SATs week. Research has shown that a good, healthy breakfast improves brain function and helps children to function better in their lessons!



## Y2 SATs

Year 2 have also got special work to do this half term. Please make sure that your child is in school every day unless they are really poorly. This work will be done during the next two weeks, but it is still very important. Thank you.

## Father's Day Inspire Workshops

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

We will be holding a Father's Day Inspire workshop on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Please note that the workshops are for Fathers, but if it is not possible for Dad to attend, another male relative (over the age of 18) can attend instead. This could be step-dad, a carer, Uncle, Brother or Grandad. More information will follow by letter, but please keep the date free. There will be two sessions to choose from, either 9.30am-11.00am or 1.30pm-3.00pm.

## Sunny Days!

As we are now in the summer term and the weather is getting warmer (finally!) it is important that all children remember to bring in their water bottles each day. I would also recommend that you apply sun cream to your child's skin before school. Please do not send in any creams or lotions, as they are not allowed in school for health and safety reasons.

Also, please could you check that your child's jumpers and cardigans are all clearly labelled with their names? In the warm weather, children often take off their jumpers, particularly in the playground, and forget where they have left them. It is much easier to reunite lost jumpers with their owners if they are labelled! Thank you.

## Medical Information - Hay fever

We have noticed that some children are beginning to suffer during the day with the symptoms of hay fever. If your child does suffer from hay fever, please ensure that you give them their medication before they come to school. Please remember that we cannot administer medication, and so tablets or medicine should not be brought in to school. Thank you.



## 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

## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday this week to Oduware (Year Three)



## Attendance – week ending 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Well done to Year Five who achieved 96% attendance for last week. The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	92%	Year One	93%	Year Two	94%	Year Three	91%
Year Four	92%	Year Five	96%	Year Six	92%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 93%

Many thanks,

**A. Treadwell**

Head Teacher

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