



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 17th May 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Let us never believe anything to be impossible, God can do all things”

Charles de Foucauld

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17 th May	<i>School closes</i> for TWO WEEK half-term break	3.15pm
Monday 3 rd June	Return to school	8.55am
Wednesday 19 th June	First Holy Communion Meeting	3.30pm
Friday 21 st June	<i>School Closed</i> - INSET day	
Monday 24 th June	Father's Day INSPIRE	
Friday 28 th June	1960s Dress Up Day to mark the 50 th Anniversary of St. Joseph's current building – <i>More details to follow</i>	
Saturday 29 th June	First Holy Communion Mass at St. Joseph's Church	3.00pm
Thursday 4 th July	New Reception Intake Sessions	
Thursday 4 th July	School Uniform Sale in school 11am-12pm, 3pm-4pm	
Friday 12 th July	<i>School Closed</i> - INSET day	
Tuesday 16 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	1.30pm
Wednesday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass at St. Joseph's Church	9.30am
Thursday 18 th July	<i>School closes</i> for Summer	1.00pm

Just a reminder that school closes today for two weeks half-term holiday. I wish you all a safe and happy break with your families and look forward to seeing you all back at school at 8.55am on Monday 3rd June

School Mass

Our next School Mass will take place on **Wednesday 5th June at 9.30am**. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

Father's Day Inspire Workshops – CHANGE OF DATE!

Unfortunately we have had to change the date of the Father's Day INSPIRE. It will now take place on **Monday 24th 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.



Y2/Y6 SATs

Well done to all of the children in Year Two and Year Six, who have been working extremely hard and given their best to their assessments this week. I would like to thank parents for their support in ensuring that their children were in school on time every day this week - keep it up!

School Blouses

As from 1st June our school blouses in sizes 22, 24, 26 and 28 inch will be available to purchase from Gogna Schoolwear. All other sizes (30, 32, 34, 36 inch) will still only be available in school until we have sold our remaining stock.

We currently have 15 packs of size 24 and a few packs of sizes 22 and 28 available to buy. We also have stock of sizes 30, 32, 34 and 36. These are available to buy at a special clearance price of £6.00 for a pack of two while stocks last. If you would like to buy any at this special reduced price please come into school during the first week back.



Time Out Club Holiday Club

Time Out Club (based at the Nechells Methodist Church on Nechells Park Road) are running a Holiday Club from Monday 20th May – Friday 31st May (*closed on bank holiday: Monday 27th May*). It runs from 8.45am – 3.15pm and costs £5 per day. Additional hours can be booked outside of these times for an additional cost, please enquire about this.

If your child would like to attend, please contact Time Out Club on 0121 328 3399 or timeoutafterschoolclub@hotmail.com You will need to provide a packed lunch for your child.

Online Application - Grammar School Entry September 2020 (current Y5 children)

Applications are now open online for those children wishing to apply for Grammar School Entry in September 2020. In order to apply for a place at a Grammar School, your child must sit an exam. It is one test which covers all 8 Grammar Schools in Birmingham (For Boys: *Bishop Vesey, King Edward VI Aston, King Edward VI Camp Hill, King Edward VI Five Ways and Handsworth Grammar*. For Girls: *King Edward VI Camp Hill, King Edward VI Five Ways, King Edward VI Handsworth and Sutton Coldfield Grammar*). If you are interested in applying for your child to take the test, you must submit a completed form by 4pm on Friday 28th June 2019. The test will take place on Saturday 7th September 2019. You can get more information and apply online at <http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>

Internet Safety for Parents and Carers – The POD

The POD is hosting a session on Internet Safety for Parents and Carers. This is a FREE workshop, open to all parents and carers and will give you tips and suggestions on how to set online boundaries for your child, explore some of the sites and apps that children use and discuss issues such as cyber bullying and social networking. Please come along to the POD at 28 Oliver Street on Thursday 23rd May 2019 between 1pm – 3pm.

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

Sunny Days!

As we are now in the summer term and the weather is getting warmer 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.



Jumpers and Cardigans

I would like to remind you how important it is to 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. If other children then pick them up and take them home believing them to be theirs, we will not be able to trace them without names. 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 and over the holiday to Natan & Arsema (Reception), Zachius (Year One), Emran (Year Four), Kenzie (Year Five) and Ruth & Jephthe (Year Six).



Attendance – week ending 10th May 2019

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

Rec	96%	Year One	99%	Year Two	100%	Year Three	88%
Year Four	92%	Year Five	94%	Year Six	100%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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