



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 7th June 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

Monday 10 th June	KS2 visit to Alexander Stadium	
Wednesday 12 th June	School Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 19 th June	First Holy Communion Meeting	3.30pm
Friday 21 st June	School Closed - INSET day	
Thursday 27 th June	Father's Day INSPIRE – change of date!	
Friday 28 th June	1960s Dress Up Day to mark the 50 th Anniversary of St. Joseph's current building	
Saturday 29 th June	First Holy Communion Mass at St. Joseph's Church	3.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	Celebration of St Joseph's Day – <i>Mass with Archbishop Bernard Longley</i>	11.00am
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	School Closed - 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	School closes for Summer	1.00pm

School Mass

Our next School Mass will take place on **Wednesday 12th 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 **Thursday 27th June**. There are two sessions to choose from, either 9.30am-11.00am or 1.30pm-3.00pm. Letters were sent out yesterday for this, so please return them as soon as possible in order to make sure you get a place on the session that you prefer. 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.

Celebration of St. Joseph's School

This term we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of St. Joseph's School on Rocky Lane. We will start our celebrations on Friday 28th June with a 1960s Dress Up Day. You can come to school dressed in any fashion from the 1960s...think flares, round glasses, headbands and hippie style clothes! Or dress up like a star of the sixties... Diana Ross, Twiggy, The Beatles, Elvis, Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Audrey Hepburn... This will be a lot of fun for the children and will give them a chance to research fashions of the time and learn a little more about what life was like in the 1960s.

Later on in the term we will be having a special 'Celebration of St. Joseph's Day', where we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the school originally opening and the 50th anniversary of the new building opening, as well of all of our current achievements. We will mark this with a very special Mass in school, which will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Birmingham Bernard Longley, followed by a celebration in the afternoon. It is a great honour for us to be welcoming the Archbishop into school, and it will be a great day for St. Joseph's.

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.



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>

Term Dates 2019-2020

With the newsletter today you will receive a copy of our term dates for the next school year (September 2019-July 2020). Please note that once again we will be having different holidays to the general city council ones, with one week at Easter (due to us staying in school for Holy Week) and two weeks at Easter.

School Photographs

Proof cards for ordering school photographs were sent home this week. The photographer has asked me to make you aware that should you wish to purchase a cd of all of the images of your child, you can do so for £35. If you have more than one child in school, you can get each child's individual pictures and sibling pictures for the same £35. To do this, you must include all cards in the envelope with payment, so that the photographer knows which children and photos are needed, and write on the proof card that you would like a cd. This is a really good offer, especially if you have more than one child in school. Please note that there are no prints included with this.

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

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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.

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 to Christianna & Eldana (Reception), Reagan & Anton (Year Two) and Daisy (Year Five).



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	94%	Year One	97%	Year Two	97%	Year Three	94%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	98%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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School Term Dates 2019 – 2020

Autumn Term 2019	Spring Term 2020	Summer Term 2020
Monday 2 nd September 2019 to Friday 25 th October 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020 to Friday 14 th February 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020 to Friday 15 th May 2020
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th November 2019 to Friday 20 th December 2019	Monday 24 th February 2020 to Thursday 9 th April 2020	Monday 1 st June 2020 to Monday 20 th July 2020
END OF TERM	END OF TERM	END OF YEAR

Teacher Days

Monday 2nd September 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

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Bank Holidays

Monday 4th May 2020