



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 14th June 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Prayer means lovingly contemplating the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, allowing our hearts to be enkindled to praise and adore the love and omnipotence of the most blessed Trinity.””

Basilea Schlink

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 19 th June	School Mass	9.30am
Wednesday 19 th June	First Holy Communion Meeting	3.30pm
Friday 21 st June	School Closed - INSET day	
Monday 24 th June	School Mass for the feast day of St. John the Baptist	9.30am
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	
Monday 8 th July	School Mass	9.30am
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 19th June at 9.30am** led by Year Four and will be a votive Mass of the Sacred Heart. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

SCHOOL CLOSED

A reminder that school is closed next Friday 21st for an INSET day.

Father's Day Inspire Workshops

Please remember to return your letters for the Father's Day INSPIRE which is now taking place on **Thursday 27th June**. There are two sessions to choose from, either 9.30am-11.00am or 1.30pm-3.00pm. 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, beehive hair headbands and hippie style clothes! Or dress up like a star or TV character of the sixties... Diana Ross, Twiggy, The Beatles, Elvis, Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Audrey Hepburn, an original Star Trek character ... Or maybe a costume from that decade, for example a sixties' style air hostess or nurse 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 School', 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

Our school blouses in sizes 22, 24, 26 and 28 inch are now 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 a few packs of sizes 22 and 24 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.



Collection from School

If someone else is collecting your child from school you must let us know in advance, either on the morning of the day that they are being collected, or by phone before the end of the day. We have had numerous issues over the last few weeks with parents coming to collect other children where we have not been informed of this. **Please note that we will not let your child leave school with anyone other than you unless we have had prior notification from you.**

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>

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

Term Dates 2019-2020

Last week you should have received 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 in May.

School Photographs – deadline 21st June 2019

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.

CARITAS Games

Congratulations to all of our KS2 children who had a lovely day and did so well at the CARITAS games event on Monday. We were very proud of your achievements and also your behaviour while representing the school.

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.



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 Nahom, Dejanae, Makda & Rebecca (Year Two) and Mikyas, Amira & Hilaria (Year Four).



Attendance – week ending 7th June 2019

Well done to Year One who achieved 97% attendance for last week.

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	91%	Year One	97%	Year Two	94%	Year Three	95%
Year Four	87%	Year Five	96%	Year Six	94%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 94%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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