



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Thursday 20th June 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“Help me O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds,
so that I may only do good to my neighbours.””

St. Mary Faustina Kowalska

Dates for your Diary

Friday 21 st June	<i>School Closed - INSET day</i>	
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	<i>School Closed - INSET day</i>	
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

SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW!

A reminder that school is closed tomorrow for an INSET day.

School Mass

Our next School Mass will take place on **Monday 24th June at 9.30am** led by Year Six and will be a celebration of the feast day of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

Father's Day Inspire Workshops

Please remember to return your letters for the Father's Day INSPIRE which takes place next Thursday 27th June. **There are no more places available for the afternoon session** now, but we do have a few places left for the morning session. Please note that if you have not booked, we will not be able to let you in on the day if you just turn up as groups are being allocated to individuals. Please arrive on time for the start of your allocated session, as you will miss a group activity if you are late.

1960's Dress up Day – Next FRIDAY!

This term we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of St. Joseph's School on Rocky Lane. We will start our celebrations next 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.

Celebration of St. Joseph's School – Wednesday 3rd July – 11.00am

On Wednesday 3rd July 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 at 11.00am, which will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Birmingham Bernard Longley, followed by refreshments. 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. We would like to invite you to join us for this very special day in the history of our school. If you would like to come along, please let the school office know so that we can cater for seating and refreshments. We hope that lots of families will join us for this special day and look forward to welcoming you into school.

First Holy Communion

As you may already know, some of our pupils are making their First Holy Communion next Saturday 29th June at 3.00pm in St. Joseph's Church. First Holy Communion is a very special event in the Catholic faith, and marks the third major step on the children's journey of faith. At First Holy Communion, the children will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. First Holy Communion is a very happy and joyful event. Just like for any celebration, the children share their special day with their family and friends. The children have been preparing to receive their First Holy Communion for a long time, and have been learning all about the Catholic faith and teachings of Jesus, so that they may be ready to become full members of the church. Everybody is more than welcome and encouraged to attend and it would be lovely to see many people welcome the children into our faith community. Please come along and celebrate with your friends in this very special event in their lives.

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.



School Uniform Sale

Gogna Schoolwear will be coming into school for a Uniform Sale day on Thursday 4th July. You will be able to purchase all items of uniform in all sizes, including bags on this day. There will also be samples of uniform that your children can try on for fit. You can drop in between 11am and 12pm, or from 3pm until 4pm.

Collection from School

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

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>

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 Soliana & Haddy (Year Four).



Attendance – week ending 14th June 2019

Well done to Year Five who achieved 99% attendance for last week.

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	85%	Year One	96%	Year Two	95%	Year Three	96%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	99%	Year Six	92%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 94%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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