



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 28th June 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“It is to those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially.”

St. Francis de Sales

Dates for your Diary

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 – Mass with Archbishop Bernard Longley	11.00am
Thursday 4 th July	New Reception Intake Sessions - - <i>times as advised on letter</i>	
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

INSET Day

Please note that school will be closed for an INSET day on Friday 12th July. School resumes as normal on Monday 15th July.

First Holy Communion

As you may already know, some of our pupils are making their First Holy Communion TOMORROW (29th June) 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. **The Celebration Mass for our children's First Holy Communion takes place at 3.00pm tomorrow.** Everybody is more than welcome and encouraged to attend and it would be lovely to see lots of people to welcome the children into our faith community. Please come along and celebrate with your friends in this very special event in their lives.

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

NEXT 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. During the Mass there will be a special video presentation featuring old photographs of the school and school life over the years.



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; it would be wonderful if lots of parents and carers could come along. 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.

1960's Dress up Day

Thank you for your fabulous efforts with sixties day today. The children (and staff!) looked amazing!!! They have had lots of fun learning about the sixties today, so please talk to them when they got home about what they have learned.

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.

New Intake – Reception Class 2019

Our Open Day for all families who have been allocated a place for their child to start school in September 2019 takes place **next** Thursday 4th July. Please remember to bring with you all relevant forms and documentation, as detailed on the letter that you have received. I am looking forward to meeting you all on that day.

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

Time Out After School Club

Time Out Club are now offering a 'short-stay' youth club for children aged 4-11 for the fabulous price of just £1 per day. This includes a pick-up service from school. Your child will be collected at 3.15pm and will be taken to the Time Out Club on Nechells Park Road, where they will stay until 4.30pm. *Please note that any child staying after this time must be booked in for the full after school club at additional cost.* If you would like more information, please contact Time Out on 0121 328 3399.

Collection from School

If someone else is collecting your child from school you must let us know in advance **on the morning** of the day that they are being collected. 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.

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 Izayah (Year One) and Xi & Inniyah (Year Two)



Attendance – week ending 21st June 2019

Well done to Year Six who achieved a fabulous 99% attendance for last week.

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	92%	Year One	92%	Year Two	94%	Year Three	92%
Year Four	98%	Year Five	96%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 94%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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