



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 15th March 2019



Dear Parents and Carers...

“We are born to love, we live to love
and we will die to love still more.”

St. Joseph

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19 th March	St. Joseph's Feast Day Mass & Day of Adoration	
Friday 22 nd March	Wear Blue Non-Uniform day – 50p	
Saturday 23rd March	Reconciliation Mass for First Holy Communion	6.00pm
	<i>Children at St. Joseph's Church</i>	
Monday 25 th March	Y1 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Y2 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	Book Character Dressing Up Day - £1	
	Y4 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Friday 29 th March	Y3/Y5 Choral Outreach Concert – St Chad's Cathedral	1.30pm
Monday 1 st April	Y6 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd April	Reception Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd April	Y3 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Friday 5 th April	'Wear your Favourite Colour' Non-Uniform Day – 50p	
	Y5 Mother's INSPIRE workshop	1.30pm
Friday 12 th April	Sponsored Bounce	
Monday 15 th April	Children's Retreat Day	
Tuesday 16 th April	Y1 & Y2 Stations of the Cross	1.30pm
Thursday 18 th April	Y3 & Y4 Stations of the Cross	9.30am
	School closes at 1.00pm	
Term Dates		
Thursday 18 th April	School closes for ONE WEEK * Easter break	1.00pm
Monday 29 th April	Return to school	8.55am
Monday 6 th May	School closed – May Day Bank Holiday	
Friday 17 th May	School closes for TWO WEEK * half-term break	3.15pm
Monday 3 rd June	Return to school	8.55am
Friday 21 st June	School Closed - INSET day	
Friday 12 th July	School Closed - INSET day	
Friday 19 th July	School closes for Summer	1.00pm

- *Please note that our Easter and May holiday dates are different to the City Council dates. We will be having just one week's holiday in April and two weeks in May.*

School Mass

Our School Mass next week takes place on Tuesday at 9.30am, and is a very special Mass to celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph. It will take place in St. Joseph's Church and afterwards the children will process back to school with the Blessed Sacrament for a day of adoration.

Please come along and share this very special day with us, either at the Mass at 9.30am or you are most welcome to drop into school during the day (between 11.00am and 2.30pm) to spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament.



SATs Meetings

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our SATs meetings this week. We hope that you found them useful and informative in giving you an insight into the SATs tests and their importance to your child's educational future. If you have any further questions, please come in and see myself or Miss Price who will be happy to help.

Lenten Fundraising – Wear Blue Day (next Friday 22nd)

Thank you for supporting our 'Wear Green' day so enthusiastically today! **Our Lenten Fundraising continues next week with a 'Wear Blue' non-uniform day on Friday 22nd March.** The cost of this will be 50p per child. There will be a number of fundraising events taking place over the next five weeks including non-uniform days, a sponsored bounce, a toy sale and a Dress-Up Day.



Easter Egg Raffle

There will be an Easter Egg Raffle taking place in school over the next few weeks. Each member of staff has kindly donated Easter Eggs. Tickets are priced at 20p each. If your child would like to buy some, please send the correct money in an envelope, clearly marked. All money raised will go to our Lenten Charities. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

Lenten Fundraising – Dress up Day: Thursday 28th March

The Dress up Day has been rearranged for Thursday 28th March and is on the theme of book characters. The cost will be £1 per child. Thank you for your support with this.

Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

As part of our Lenten fundraising, your child has received a small collecting box for Father Hudson's Society, in which they can collect spare change. Father Hudson's Society is a local charity, which works with families and children to ensure their welfare. **The boxes should be kept through Lent**, and any odd change can be collected in them. They can then be brought back into school at the end of Lent, when the money will be counted and sent to Father Hudson's.



Time Out After-School Club

Time Out Club have been running in Nechells and collecting from St. Joseph's school for many years as a privately-run after-school childcare and collection service. They collect children at 3.15pm and take them back to Nechells Methodist Church at 80 Nechells Park Road, where they can take part in after-school activities up until 6.30pm. It is open for all children aged 4-12 years and is OFSTED registered and rated 'Good'. They have places available in the after-school club and also provide nursery and holiday club provisions. For costs and more information, please contact them on 0121 328 3399, or at timeoutafterschoolclub@hotmail.co.uk

School Nurse Drop-ins

If you have any concerns about your child's health or development, the School Nurse is in school every Friday morning and is happy for any parents to drop-in to see her between 8.30 - 9.00am. Just come along, there is no need to make an appointment.

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



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

Second Sunday of Lent

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel reading today, we hear of the Transfiguration of Jesus. The literal translation of the word 'transfiguration' is 'a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state'. We hear that Jesus' face shone bright like the sun and his clothes become dazzling white. The prophets Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus, and we again hear the voice of God, as at Jesus' Baptism, confirming that Jesus is his Son. This is a very important event in the lead up to the events of Holy Week, as it is a part of Jesus' spiritual preparation for what he is to undertake. A little more of Jesus' divinity is revealed to us and to the disciples who were present, further strengthening the faith of his three friends and preparing them for the devastating events ahead by giving them an insight to the glory which we attain through suffering. The appearance of the prophets Moses and Elijah once again serves to reinforce that Jesus is the new covenant, the renewal of the promise of salvation that has been renewed throughout the Bible. Just as God promised salvation throughout history to his people, through figures such as Noah, Abraham and Moses, Jesus is the new covenant, the fulfilment of God's promise of salvation.



Therefore, the theme of the readings this week is to show us that through our love of God and in following the teachings of Jesus, and sharing in God's promise of salvation, we too can undergo transfiguration, to change our lives and be transformed. God's covenant with us is the promise of eternal life, which we can keep through following the teachings of Jesus. Lent is the ideal time to make a positive change in our lives, to leave behind old ways and move on in the light of Christ.

At school, we are encouraging the children to do something for Lent, not necessarily to give something up, but to think of a way in which they can act more positively, such as trying to be more patient or to help around the house.



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday this week to Taleah (Year Three), Imaan (Year Four), Kayleigh (Year Five) and Rachael (Year Six)

Attendance – week ending 8th March 2019

Well done to Year Two and Year Six who achieved an amazing 99% attendance for last week. The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	98%	Year One	97%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	98%
Year Four	92%	Year Five	98%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 97%

Many thanks,

A. Treadwell

Head Teacher

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