



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 31st March 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4 th April	Y3/4 Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service	2.15pm
Wednesday 5 th April	Uniform Swap shop / tea and coffee morning	9.00am – 10.00am
	Y5/6 Stations of the Cross service	2.00pm
Thursday 6 th April	School closes for Easter holiday (2 weeks)	1.00pm
	<i>(PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE DIFFERENT TO OTHER BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS)</i>	
Monday 24 th April	Return to school	8.45am
Monday 1 st May	SCHOOL CLOSED – May Day bank holiday	
Monday 8 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – Coronation bank holiday	
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th May	Y6 SATs tests	

A Reflection for Holy Week

Jesus, You were the one who freed us, but You were arrested.
 You were sad and afraid, so we could have comfort and joy forever.
 You were thirsty, so we could have Living Water.
 You died in sudden darkness, so we could live in constant light.
 You were rejected, so we could be accepted by God.
 You were shamed and despised, so we could be honoured and loved.
 You were wounded and pierced, so we could be healed and whole.
 You were defeated, so we could win over death and sin.
 You died, so we could live.
 Thank you, Jesus.



St Joseph's Parish

Mass at St Joseph's Church takes place every Sunday morning at 9.45am. Please do try to attend Mass as often as you can.

ADVANCE WARNING – school closes for Easter – Thursday 6th April 1pm

Just a reminder that **we are still in school next week** for Holy Week. School finishes for our two-week Easter holiday **NEXT THURSDAY** at 1.00pm. Please ensure that a responsible adult is here at that time to collect your child at 12.55pm.

After School Clubs

Please note that all afterschool clubs have now finished until after the holidays.

Coffee Morning / Uniform Swap/Sale – NEXT Wednesday 5th April

We will be holding a coffee morning and uniform swap/sale in school next Wednesday 5th April from 9.00am until 10.00am. If you have any items of good quality, clean uniform that you are able to donate, we would be very grateful!

Vomiting / Diarrhoea

If your child has any symptoms of vomiting and diarrhoea, you **MUST NOT send them into school!** Your child must have been clear of any vomiting or diarrhoea for 48 hours before they can return to school. This is, and always has been, school policy and it is in place to protect our children and staff from illness. Stomach bugs spread very quickly amongst children and it is important that we all work together to ensure the health and wellbeing of our school family.

Holy Week Services

During Holy week, the children will be preparing and presenting some special services in school.

On Tuesday 4th April Y3/4 will be leading a Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service at 2.15pm

On Wednesday 5th April Y5/6 will be leading a Stations of the Cross service at 2.00pm.

Parents and carers are warmly invited and encouraged to come into school for these services and share this very special time of year with us.

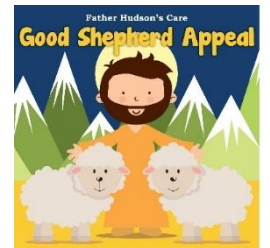


Easter Egg Raffle

The last day to buy raffle tickets will be Tuesday of next week as the raffle will be drawn on the last day of term. Tickets are priced at 20p each and all money raised will go to our Lenten Charities. If your child would like to buy some, please send in the correct money in an envelope marked clearly with your child's name and 'Easter Raffle'. Many thanks to all of the staff who have donated the eggs.

Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

We will be collecting in the Father Hudson's boxes next week. Please bring them back into school as soon as you can. Thank you!



Weston-Super-Mare trip

As you know we sent out a letter this week regarding a proposed family trip to Weston-Super-Mare in June. Please ensure that if you are interested in attending you return your slips by Tuesday. No further requests for places will be accepted after this date.

Year 6 SATs Week

Year Six SATs will take place during the week of 9th – 12th May. It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child is on school for the whole of this week, and also that they are in on time each day. To help with this, we will provide a free breakfast club for all Y6 children for the duration of the week. Research has shown that a good, healthy breakfast improves brain function and helps children to function better in their lessons! We will send out a letter to Y6 families regarding this after the Easter break.

Online Safety Newsletter/ New Reporting Buttons

Attached to the email with your newsletter today, you will also find our monthly online safety newsletter. Also from this weekend you will see some new features on our website. There will be two new safeguarding 'reporting' buttons where children and families can find how to report websites and information that is inappropriate online. There are also some links for further information alongside this.

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Place2Be Mental Health Support

Place2Be have launched a 'Parenting Smart' site, filled with a number of resources for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds. Their latest articles on supporting healthy gaming habits, developing a child's talent and safe social media for younger children can all be read or watched in under ten minutes. Visit <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/> for more information.

Free@Last Law Clinic

Free@Last is hosting a drop-in law Clinic for anyone who needs advice about money issues or benefits. It runs every Tuesday, between 6pm and 8pm (term time only). Please go along if you would like any advice or support with these issues – you don't need an appointment.

Pastoral Team

In school we have a team of safeguarding DSLs, Wellbeing staff and we also have a Pastoral Team. Our Pastoral Team is made up of myself (Mrs Ashley), Mr Caffrey, Miss Teague, Mrs Pattinson, Mrs West, Mrs Koumi, and Miss Crane.

This Week's News

This week we have been celebrating World Art Day and had our own school Art Day on Thursday where all classes spent the day on Art projects. We came together at the end of the day to share what we had created.

Reception celebrated World Art Day by creating Rainbow Forests. We used a variety of techniques including leaf printing.



Year 1 created spiral snails 🐌 for their contribution to our world art day. The children have worked hard starting with crayons, moving on to using chalks and oil pastels!

Year 2 created this ecological mural. They painted over old newspapers to create this amazing piece of art work to ensure it was sustainable. /



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Year 4 spent the day exploring colours to make colours for nature. We used yellow, cyan and magenta to start off with. We then painted different flowers using our mixing skills.



Year Six learned about the contemporary British artist Kurt Jackson. They have used many of his landscape pieces to inspire their own artwork, using water colours, sponges, brushes as well as other materials.

Class Attendance – weekly attendance treats

Every week, the class with the highest attendance are rewarded with a certificate and an extra day during the week to attend our lunchtime 'Board Games' club. At the end of each half term, the class with the most certificates will be given a treat!



Attendance – week ending 31st March 2023

Well done to **Year Four** who had the best attendance this week with a fabulous 99%!! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	91%	Year One	90%	Year Two	97%	Year Three	96%
Year Four	99%	Year Five	96%	Year Six	96%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%



Congratulations to the following children who have shone in school over the last week;

Reception	Kebba	Super work in Maths
Year 1	Alfie	Trying hard in phonics
Year 2	Mikaeel	Super progress in Maths. Well done!
Year 3	Emanuele	His amazing, attitude and effort this week, well done!
Year 4	Yongqing	Excellent painting skills during Art Day. Keep it up!
Year 5	Malgorzata	An excellent lighthouse in DT!
Year 6	Inniyah	Excellent artwork!

School Term Dates 2022 -2023

Spring Term 2023	Summer Term 2023
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 to Thursday 16 th February 2023	Monday 24 th April 2023 to Friday 26 th May 2023
HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Monday 27 th February 2023 to Thursday 6 th April 2023	Monday 5 th June 2023 to Friday 21 st July 2023
END OF TERM	END OF YEAR

Teacher Days – Monday 24 th July Tuesday 25 th July
Bank Holidays – Monday 1 st May 2023 Monday 8 th May 2023

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