



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 19th May 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dates for your Diary

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| Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th May | Y2 SATs continue | |
| Monday 22 nd May | SEND Coffee Morning | 10-11am |
| Tuesday 23 rd May | First Holy Communion meeting | 3.30pm |
| Friday 26 th May | School closes for ONE WEEK half-term holiday | 3.15pm |
| Monday 5 th June | Return to school | 8.55am |
| Sunday 11 th June | First Holy Communion Mass at St. Joseph's Church | 12.00pm |
| Friday 16 th June | Father's Day INSPIRE (time tbc) | |
| Friday 16 th June | BALANCE OF WESTON TRIP MONEY TO BE PAID | |
| Tuesday 18 th July | Y6 Leavers' Production/assembly | 2.00pm |
| Wednesday 19 th July | Y6 Leavers' Mass | 2.00pm |
| Friday 21 st July | End of school year – school closes at 1.00pm | 1.00pm |

A Prayer

God our Father, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to love. Help us learn to work together in love, and to make the world a better place for everyone. Amen.



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.

Year 2 SATs Week

Year Two have been working so hard this week on their SATs tests and these will continue over the coming week (22nd – 26th May). It is VERY IMPORTANT that your child is at school every day during these two weeks, and also that they are in on time each day.



First Holy Communion Parents' and Carers Meeting

There will be a meeting for all parents and carers of First Holy Communion children in school this coming Tuesday 23rd May from 3.30pm until 4.00pm to discuss arrangements for the day.

SEND Coffee Morning - Monday

OUR COFFEE MORNING TAKES PLACE THIS COMING MONDAY!

Do you have concerns or worries about your child? Are you a parent of a child with already identified special educational needs? On 22nd May we will be holding a Coffee Morning in school from 10am – 11am. Join us for a hot drink and a chance to socialise with other parents in the hall (younger non-school age siblings are welcome too!). Sophie Lewis from the NHS Occupational Therapy Team will also be here to answer any questions you may have. Please let Mrs West or Mrs Pattinson know if you plan to attend.



Mr Reynolds

We would like to say a huge welcome to Mr Reynolds who started with us this week as our new Caretaker. You may have already met him at the gates in a morning, but please say hello! He has been working really hard this week and has done a wonderful job of tidying up around the front of the school entrance already. We hope that he will be really happy here at St Joseph's.



Breakfast Club entrance

Just a reminder to please use the pedestrian gate and **not the car park gates** when bringing your children into breakfast club. This is for the health and safety of your families. The car park is very busy in the morning with lots of cars and delivery vans coming in and out of the school and the view is partially obstructed by the trees and hedges around the perimeter of the school. Also, please remember that your child must be accompanied to the door and signed into Breakfast Club each day by the adult that is bringing them to school.

Weston-Super-Mare Trip

Thank you to all families that have paid deposits for the visit to Weston on Friday 30th June. Sadly, as so many people who initially requested seats did not pay deposits or said they no longer required seats, we have had to cancel two coaches. There are a very limited number of places available on the remaining coaches and these will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the coach is full no more places will be made available. If you would still like to book seats, please come into school as soon as possible.



Also, just a reminder that final balances for your seats must be paid by Friday 16th June. You can pay in installment. Just come into school at any time and pay off as much as you wish. A receipt will be given and you will be notified of how much you still have left to pay.

News from Eco Club

Our Eco Committee have been working hard trying to improve the local environment they live in. As part of this they have written to our local MP Shabhana Mahmood about litter and fly-tipping in the area. This week they received a very nice reply which outlines the work that Shabana and her team are doing to help solve this problem.

Online Application - Grammar School Entry September 2024 (Y5 children)

Applications are now open online for those children wishing to apply for Grammar School Entry in September 2024. 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 register online by 4pm on Friday 30th June 2023. The test will take place on Saturday 16th September 2023. You can get more information and apply online at <http://www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk/>

Digital Parenting Magazine

Attached to the email with your newsletter today is a "Digital Parenting" magazine produced by Vodafone. This has lots of useful information and tips regarding keeping your child safe online.

*This half-term's virtues are: Curious and Active
If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;
Mrs Ashley, Mrs Pattinson, Mr Caffrey and Mrs West*

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



Reception class have enjoyed making pear, apple and banana crumble this week. We hope you enjoyed sharing these at home!

Watch out for the future Wimbledon stars! Y3/4 thoroughly enjoyed the King Edward's tennis event this week.



Year 6 learnt a great deal today about the messages of many Catholic traditional prayers, as well as what they tell us about our Lord 🙏🙏



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 19th May 2023

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

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| Rec | 99% | Year One | 94% | Year Two | 99% | Year Three | 98% |
| Year Four | 98% | Year Five | 97% | Year Six | 97% | | |

This gives a whole school attendance of 97.5%

House Champions

Well done to St Josephine Bakhita who were our House point Champions this week!



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

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| Reception | Mariam | Super progress in reading |
| Year 1 | Inaaya | Really good independent writing |
| Year 2 | Benjamin | A really great effort and being a super role model |
| Year 3 | Hallelujah | An excellent English assessment, well done! |
| Year 4 | Lidya | Developing excellent tennis skills |
| Year 5 | Amir | Trying super hard in all lessons, this week |
| Year 6 | Xi | Great progress with her writing! 😊 |

School Term Dates 2022 -2023

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| Summer Term 2023 |
| Monday 24 th April 2023 to Friday 26 th May 2023 |
| HALF TERM |
| Monday 5 th June 2023 to Friday 21 st July 2023 |
| END OF YEAR |

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| Teacher Days – Monday 24 th July Tuesday 25 th July |
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