



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 10th March 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dates for your Diary

Wed 8th – 15th March

Sunday 12th March

Book fair in school

First Holy Communion Commitment Mass
at St Joseph's Church

9.45am

Wednesday 15th March

SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 2.15PM

Thursday 16th March

Friday 17th March

Parents' Evening

Y5 & Y6 Mother's Day INSPIRE

Reception, Y1 and Y2 Mother's Day INSPIRE

Y3 & Y4 Mother's Day INSPIRE

2.30pm – 5.30pm

1.45pm – 3.00pm

9.15am – 10.30am

1.45pm – 3.00pm

Monday 27th March

SEND Coffee Morning

10am – 11am

Thursday 6th April

School closes for Easter holiday (2 weeks)

1.00pm

(PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE DIFFERENT TO OTHER BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS)

Monday 24th April

Return to school

8.45am

A Prayer

God of peace, you care for all people in our world. Move us to do the same and to do all that we can to help others, no matter where in the world they are. 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.

School Mass

Sadly there will be no school Mass next week. Our next Mass will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 2.00pm.

Snow

I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding over the last few days with the closures due to the snow. It's never an easy decision to make, and obviously one that needs to be made early on as many of our staff (and some of our children) travel a long distance to school. The health, safety and wellbeing of our children, families and staff is at the heart of all that we do and so unfortunately, in agreement with Dr Dirk Hermans, our Chair of Governors and Mr Paul Ryan, our MAC lead, we had to take the decision to close early yesterday and also today due to the poor conditions onsite and with the uncertainty over the predicted weather. I hope that the children were able to enjoy their snow days! Hopefully winter is finally coming to an end and we can look forward to some warmer days!



Parents' Evening - NEXT Wednesday 15th – school closing at 2.15pm

Our Parents' Evening will take place next Wednesday 15th March. Appointment times will be sent home on Monday due to us not being in school today and yesterday. Apologies for the short notice, however we will try our best to accommodate people in their selected time slots.



PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.15PM ON WEDNESDAY AND ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THE USUAL PLACE EVEN IF YOU HAVE AN EARLY APPOINTMENT.



Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school until next Wednesday. Due to us being closed on Thursday and Friday, it will be open from 3.20pm until 3.40pm for parents on both Monday and Tuesday.

Mother's Day INSPIRE

Our Mother's Day INPIRE Craft sessions take place next week. Letters were sent out about this on Tuesday. Please return your reply slips if you are intending to come along. Times are as follows:

Thursday 16th March	Y5 & Y6	1.45pm – 3.00pm
Friday 17th March	Rec, Y1 and Y2	9.15am – 10.30am
	Y3 & Y4	1.45pm – 3.00pm



Please ensure that you arrive in school by 1.35pm. Late arrivals will not be admitted. For health and safety reasons, we are also unable to accommodate younger siblings or babies in pushchairs, as mentioned in the letter.

SEND Coffee Morning

Do you have concerns or worries about your child? Are you a parent of a child with already identified special educational needs? On 27th March 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!). Catherine Mohan from the Communication and Autism 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.

Stations of the Cross



We are now in Lent and in school we are spending time thinking about the 'Stations of the Cross'. We pray the Stations of the Cross to journey through Jesus' suffering in Holy Week. The stations are a physical journey where, as pilgrims, we travel from station to station. At each one there is time to pray and reflect on that particular part of the story. People pray the Stations of the Cross as a Lenten devotion. If you visit <https://www.catholicicing.com/printable-stations-of-cross-for/> you can find a resource that you can use with your family at home.

School Virtues

Our Virtues this half term are

- Learned** Pupils are growing to be learned, finding God in all things
Wise Wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good

This half-term's virtues are: Learned & Wise

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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.

Cost of Living Support

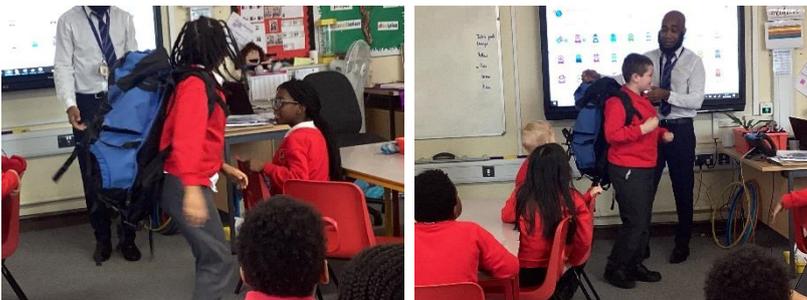
As the cold weather continues, many families will be struggling with the cost of basic living expenses. Ideally, we want to support these families at an early stage before their children experience harm caused by neglect. Birmingham City Council has a number of initiatives and resources listed on its website including where to find foodbanks and Warm Welcome Spaces. Warm Welcome Spaces are community buildings that are heated and free for anyone to access. Some also have additional free services such as internet access, activities and hot drinks and snacks. To find out more about the cost of living support available, go to <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/livingsupport>

NSPCC Look, Say, Sing, Play campaign

The NSPCC have launched 'Look, Say, Sing, Play' in Birmingham. This includes free flash cards for all families with new babies to encourage interaction and brain development. Look, Say, Sing, Play gives parents easy tips to incorporate activities for 0-2 year olds into their daily routine, helping parents to be more sensitive to their baby's cues and respond to their needs. You can view and download the resources on the NSPCC website [here](#)

There will be a free Look, Say, Sing, Play family event at the Children's Library on Friday 24th March. A flyer for this is attached to the email with the newsletter on today.

This week's news...



We found a bag on our playground and Year 4 had to find out who it belongs to. After going through the items in the bag, we came to the conclusion that it belongs to a refugee. We will be collecting items to donate to charity to support refugees.

Reception have been learning about Holi - The festival of colours 🎨🌈🙏

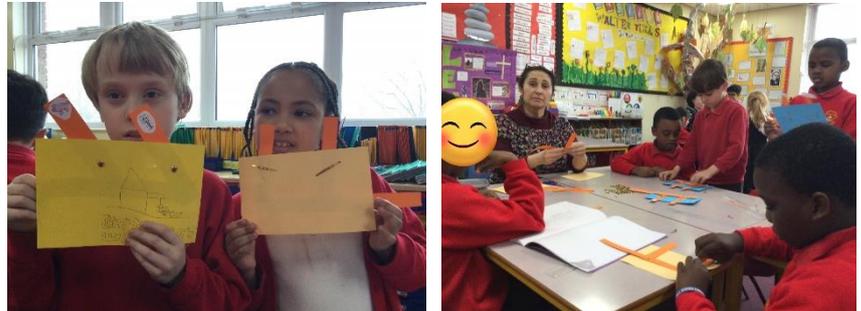


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Some of the Y6 children led a wonderful collective worship liturgy this morning all about the promises we make during Lent. The children offered up their Lenten promises and prayed for those in need...🙏✝️🙏

As part of their DT project, Y3 made a lever and pulley system storyboard for Charlottes Web.



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.

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 10th March 2023

Well done to **Year Two** who had the best attendance once again this week with an amazing **100%!!** The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	98%	Year One	89%	Year Two	100%	Year Three	97%
Year Four	99%	Year Five	96%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96.4%

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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