



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND Coffee Morning	10am – 11am
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3/4 Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service	2.15pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5/6 Stations of the Cross service	2.00pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school	8.45am
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED – May Day bank holiday	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED – Coronation bank holiday	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs tests	

## A Prayer by Eliab Y3

Dear Father in Heaven,  
Help us to be like you, to share everything that we do  
and to share with our community. 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

Our School Mass next week will be on Wednesday at 2.00pm and will be led by Y2. All parents and carers, are very welcome to attend Mass. It is lovely for the children to have their families here, especially when they are reading.

## ADVANCE WARNING – school closes for Easter – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1pm

School closes for the Easter holidays on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm**. As you are aware, this is different to other Birmingham schools. Please ensure that an adult is here to collect your child at 12.55pm.

## SEND Coffee Morning - Monday

Do you have concerns or worries about your child? Are you a parent of a child with already identified special educational needs? On Monday morning (27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Chickenpox

We have had a few cases of Chickenpox in school this week, especially across Reception and KS1. Please can you check for any rash or spots that your child may develop and if they have any spots, **please do not send them into school!** Chickenpox is very contagious and can be very dangerous for people who have lowered immunity or are pregnant. Chickenpox spots are very itchy. They look like small blisters and may be quite red in appearance. They may also be filled with a liquid that looks like milky water.



The incubation period for chickenpox is generally around 3 weeks. This means that your child can have the virus in their bodies for 3 weeks before any spots appear. Just before spots come out, they may have a temperature, feel especially tired, have a headache or stomach ache that lasts for one or two days. If you child has any symptoms like this, please be extra vigilant. Some children only get one or two spots.

## 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.

## Birthdays / Allergies

It is lovely that so many people send in treats for their child's class when they are celebrating a birthday. I would just ask that you please bear in mind that we have a number of children with severe allergies in school, and therefore **we cannot have any nuts, or cakes and sweets containing nuts (e.g. Snickers in 'Celebrations', certain sweets in Quality Street & Roses)** in school.

We are also unable to give birthday cakes in school as items that are brought in to share must be given to children to take home and cannot be eaten within school. Any items that are sent in for birthdays must be pre-packaged and cannot be homemade due to food health and safety regulations.

Nuts or sweets of any type are also not permitted in school lunchboxes. Thank you for your support with this important health and safety issue.



## Holy Week Services

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

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

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

There will be an Easter Egg Raffle taking place in school over the next few weeks. 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. I would like to thank our wonderful staff, who have purchased and donated the Easter Eggs. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

## 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. In particular, it covers fostering and adoptions, family support, care for older people and care for adults with disabilities. 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. Thank you!



## 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 will be starting a drop-in law Clinic for anyone who needs advice about money issues or benefits. It will run every Tuesday from 28<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

## Keep Britain Tidy

The Keep Britain Tidy organisation are launching 'The Great British Clean Up' this Friday. Our school Eco Committee and our Reception Class will be taking part in this within school, but anyone can join this campaign - you pledge how many bags of litter you will collect. You can find out more information about taking part at <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/home>



If you are joining in, let us know and if you have any photos of how you are helping we would love to see them!

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

Rec	93%	Year One	90%	Year Two	95%	Year Three	99%
Year Four	97%	Year Five	92%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95%



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

Reception	Amen	Super writing
Year 1	Adonay	Fantastic artwork
Year 2	Matthew	Trying his best with all of his assessments this week
Year 3	Nahor	Always working hard and trying his best
Year 4	Jessica	Excellent performance on her maths assessment
Year 5	Jannah	Her excellent progress in maths!
Year 6	Dejanae	Her prayerful and reverent responses in RE

## School Term Dates 2022 -2023

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

<b>Teacher Days –</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Bank Holidays –</b> Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023 Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023