



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 3rd March 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6 th March	First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting	3.30pm
Wed 8 th – 15 th March	Book fair in school	
Friday 10 th March	Number Dress Up day - £1 per family or 50p per child for the NSPCC	
Wednesday 15 th March	Parents' Evening	2.30 – 5.30pm
Thursday 16 th March	Mother's Day INSPIRE – <i>details to follow</i>	
Friday 17 th March	Mother's Day INSPIRE – <i>details to follow</i>	
Monday 27 th March	SEND Coffee Morning	10am – 11am
Thursday 6 th April	School closes for Easter holiday (2 weeks) <i>(PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE DIFFERENT TO OTHER BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS)</i>	1.00pm
Monday 24 th April	Return to school	8.45am

A Prayer written by YuYan 45

Dear Heavenly Father,

Please help Turkey, which is suffering a lot due to an enormous, terrible earthquake. Help also another country, which is Syria, because they are affected by Turkey's devastating earthquake. Please keep the ones grievously wounded, hurt and dying, alive because life is precious. Bless the ones who died in the abhorrent, horrifying earthquake with the Holy Spirit and with eternal life with you in heaven, forever and ever. 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 for the next two weeks. Our next Mass will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 2.00pm.

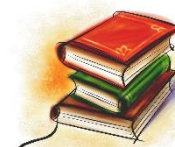
National Number Day – NEXT Friday 10th March

Next Friday 10th March we will be taking part in a Number Day at school to raise money for the **NSPCC charity**. All children from Reception to Y6 will be able to come into school wearing an item of clothing with a number on it. EG: a sports top with a number on the back.

Please can we ask families to make a donation of £1 and all other pupils to make a donation of 50p. All money raised will go to the NSPCC. Thank you for your support!

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school from next Wednesday 8th – Wednesday 15th March. Further details about times that you can visit this will be sent home early next week.



Book Week / Dressing Up Day – Friday 3rd March

Thank you to everyone who made such a fantastic effort with dressing up for World Book Day today. We had some amazing costumes and the children had a fabulous day.



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.

Confirmation Group

Just a reminder that the Confirmation Group takes place this coming Tuesday 7th March at 7.00pm in the Community Room at St. Joseph's Church for all of our Confirmation children and their parents.

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.

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.

This week's news...

Some pictures from our Dressing up day today!



This half-term's virtues are: Eloquent & Truthful

*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.

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 3rd March 2023

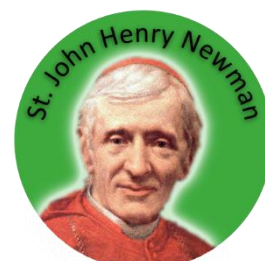
Well done to **Year Two** who had the best attendance this week with an amazing **100%!!** The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	86%	Year One	96%	Year Two	100%	Year Three	97%
Year Four	99%	Year Five	97%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96.5%

House Champions

Well done to St John Henry Newman and St Maximilian Kolbe who were our joint House point Champions this week!



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

Reception	Noad K	Recalling the names of lots of spring flowers
Year 1	Caden	Great effort in Maths
Year 2	Jayden	Some lovely sentences
Year 3	Jay	Excellent progress in handwriting and English.
Year 4	Huda	Having a mature approach to her learning this week
Year 5	Orion	Enthusiasm in his lessons this week
Year 6	Jasper	Great responses in RE.

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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