



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 4th November 2022



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,
 Creator God, who made our beautiful world,
 appointed us as its guardians
 and gifted us with everything we need,
 forgive us for the times we cause it harm;
 for the times our way of life affects our neighbours.
 Inspire us to care for the environment;
 to help rebuild lives and communities;
 to share in the griefs and anxieties,
 joys and hopes of all your people,
 so that all your creation may flourish.
 Amen.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 8th November

MAC Health and Wellbeing Strategy Meeting

9.00am

School Term Dates 2022 -2023

Autumn Term 2022	Spring Term 2023	Summer Term 2023
Monday 5 th September 2022 to Friday 21 st October 2022	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 to Friday 17 th February 2023	Monday 24 th April 2023 to Friday 26 th May 2023
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Monday 31 st October 2022 to Friday 16 th December 2022	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 TERM	END OF YEAR
<p>Teacher Days - Monday 5th September 2022 / Tuesday 6th September 2022 / Friday 10th February 2022 / Monday 24th July / Tuesday 25th July + MAC teacher day - Friday 17th February</p>		

Our teacher days have now been allocated as Friday 10th February, Friday 17th February, Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th July. School will be closed on those days.

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.

MAC Health and Wellbeing Strategy Meeting

The MAC health and wellbeing strategy meeting is taking place here **NEXT WEEK** on Tuesday 8th November from 9:00-10:30am which all parents and carers are welcome to attend. The MAC are very keen for parents, schools and community GPs to work together for the benefit of the local community and also it would be wonderful if we could have a good turnout of parents for this event.

Remembrance Day – Poppies

Poppies are now on sale in school. They will be available to the children during the day, priced at 20p per poppy. We have been able to get quite a large number of the ever-popular snap bands this year too! They are priced at £1.50 each, and there are also other items available priced between 50p and £1 each. Please send your child with the correct money as change cannot be given. Thank you!



Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We are currently looking for two Lunchtime Supervisors to start as soon as possible. If you know anyone who may be interested in this **who does not have a child at St. Joseph's**, please ask them to contact the school office for more information and an application pack. The closing date for applications is 12:00pm on Wednesday 16th November 2022.

PE Kits

For those children in Y3 – Y6 who choose to wear PE kit to school on their PE day, now that the weather is getting colder you may want to consider sending them in jogging bottoms instead of their shorts. Please note that these must be plain with no big logos and either black or grey in colour.

Nechells Ward Meeting – Housing Issues

free@last are hosting a Nechells Ward meeting with the local councillor for Nechells, Lee Marshall. It will take place on Thursday 17th November at 6.30pm in the free@last building and all local residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The specific theme of the meeting is housing and this is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is experiencing issues around housing to have their voice heard. This could be problems with the state and repair of housing, issues with antisocial behaviour, litter, or anything that falls under the category of housing and local neighbourhood.

Stay and Play – free@last

free@last also run a stay and play session every Friday from 1.30pm for children under 5 at the free@last building, 49 Nechells Park Road. Everyone is welcome to attend – just drop by! This is also a lovely way of meeting other parents with young children and making new friends, especially if you are new to the area.

Help with employment

free@last are also holding a drop in session for anyone who would like help with finding employment. The sessions will run every Tuesday morning, between 9am and 1pm. You can get help and advice with finding jobs, cv writing, interview technique or any aspect of job hunting that you need support with. Please feel free to drop in any Tuesday.

Starting School - Reception 2023



If you have a child that was born between 01-09-2018 and 31-08-2019, online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website for Reception school places for September 2023. Please note that paper applications are no longer available and applications must be submitted via the website. Preferences for school places must be submitted to the city council by **15th January 2023**. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice

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Parents Evening

We had some lovely feedback on the parental questionnaires that were filled in at Parents' Evening. A few comments included:

"Happy with everything. Very supportive with the children, no issues"

"My child is happy at her new school. I am also happy to see my child being happy and safe. Amazing school, awesome teachers, and a brilliant report. Many thanks."

"It is a great school with a high standard. I'm happy with everything."

"I love the school."

This week's news

During super science day, year one have been learning about their senses. We played a game of 'what's in the box?' It got very messy!



On Tuesday it was All Saints Day so we all dressed up as our favourite saint. Year 4 also enjoyed a tasty afternoon treat in celebration of All Saints Day.



Year 3 have had an amazing Super Science Day! We started exploring the creation story, then created an explosion using cola and mentos to simulate a volcanic eruption. Next we made aeroplanes to test how aerodynamic they were and finally we made a papier-mâché volcano.



Year 2 dressed up as their favourite Saint for All Saints' Day. Can you guess who their favourite Saints' are?

Year 5 LOVED super science day! We learnt how we would walk on the moon, tested how gravity works/how meteorites create craters, using flour and balls, created the solar system, using yarn AND showed moon phases, using Oreos. What a busy day!



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Reception had lots of fun during our Super Science Day. We learnt about the different types of birds, we looked at how they are similar and how they are different. Then we made bird feeders, to make sure they are fed during the winter months 🐧

Y6 had a brilliant time celebrating super science day! We presented our 3D models and our understanding about why we have daytime and night time 🌞🌍🌙



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

As you know, it is very important that children attend school every day, both for their wellbeing and academic achievement and also to encourage good habits of their future working life.



Every week, the class with the highest attendance will be 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 4th November 2022

Well done to **Year Two** who had the best attendance this week with a fabulous 99%!!

The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	93%	Year One	95%	Year Two	99%	Year Three	96%
Year Four	97%	Year Five	96%	Year Six	98%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96.4%

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;

Reception	Noad K.	Making super progress in reading
Year 1	Jasmine	A super effort in both handwriting and phonics
Year 2	Abigail	Super Science knowledge
Year 3	Emanuele	A super effort in English this week!
Year 4	Agape	Showing acts of kindness to her classmates
Year 5	Meron	A beautiful War poem
Year 6	Rebecca	Super effort in Maths

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