



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Thursday 9th February 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dates for your Diary

Friday 10th February

School closed – Teacher Training Day

Thursday 16th February

School finishes for half-term

3.15pm

(Friday 17th is a MAC teacher Training Day)

Monday 27th February

School re-opens

8.45am

Friday 3rd March

Book Character Dressing up Day - £1 per child

Wed 8th – 15th March

Book fair in school

Wednesday 15th March

Parents' Evening

2.30 – 5.30pm

Friday 17th March

Mother's Day INSPIRE – *details to follow*

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 written by Y1

Dear God,

We want to pray for all the people in Turkey and Syria, because sadly their country has been affected by the earthquake. Please look after all the people who have died and are in Heaven with you. Please help bring back the survivors to their families.

Thank you God,

Amen.



A Prayer written by Isahak - Y6

Dear Prince of Peace,

Please help all the people in Turkey and Syria, who have been affected by this week's Earthquake. Support and help all of those people affected to seek a place of refuge as we ask for God's strength to support them through this difficult time.

Let your perpetual light shine upon those who are now in your kingdom of rest. Look after those who mourn and grieve the loss of loved ones.

St. Joseph - pray for us.

Amen.

SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW

Just a reminder that school is closed TOMORROW for teacher training day. We are back in as normal on Monday at 8.45am

ADVANCE WARNING - HALF TERM BREAK

We close **NEXT THURSDAY 16th February** for our half-term break as **Friday 17th February** is a **MAC Teacher Training day**. The children return to school on **Monday 27th February** at **8.45am**



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

School Mass takes place on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm. Our Mass next week will be led by Y3. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

Welcome!

You may have seen a new face in and around the playground this week in the mornings... I would like to welcome Mr Webster to St. Joseph's, who will be with us this term as our temporary caretaker. It is lovely to have him with us as part of our school family and we hope that he will be very happy here.

Book Week / Dressing Up Day – Friday 3rd March

World Book Day takes place in school on 3rd March and to celebrate this we are holding a 'Book Week' in school. Children will be encouraged to talk about their favourite authors and books (and maybe bring them into school to share) and will take part in activities and lessons based around books. It is going to be a very exciting week in school, which we are all looking forward to.

Friday 3rd March will be 'Book Character' dressing up day, where children (and staff!) can pay £1 to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. You will receive a letter about this next week. Remember costumes don't have to cost a lot of money. Why not think about making your own costume? Or using items of clothing you may already have to make a costume.



Building Works

We have been informed this week that work will be starting on Monday in the immediate local area to demolish the garages at the side of the school site in Charles Drive. This may mean that parking will be restricted in that area over the next week or two so please bear this in mind when coming to school in the morning or afternoon. The plans are to create extra parking space in that side street, which will hopefully be accessible to more parents during the pick-up and drop off times. Also, please ensure that while the building work is going on, children are kept well clear of the area and are not allowed to play on or near the building site during out of school hours.

Confirmation Group

As you know, some of our children in Y5 and Y6 were confirmed a few weeks ago. To help to support the children further on their faith journey, Sister Catherine has organised a 'Confirmation Group' meeting for all of those children and their parents. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th March at 7.00pm in the Community Room at St. Joseph's Church. You should have received a letter about this today; please fill in the reply slip and return it to school.

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Bring it on Brum – Nechells POD Taster Session

There will be a FREE 'taster' sessions of the services and activities available through Bring it on Brum taking place at the POD on Monday 20th February from 10am – 2pm. This is parents to attend WITH children and is open to all children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals. As well as all the usual HAF activities there will be the opportunity for parents and children to receive Covid vaccinations, speak to Information, Advice and Guidance advisors, the local Adult Social Care team members, the Community Network Support Officer and Early Help Community Connectors. If you would like to attend please book a place by scanning the code on the right, dropping into the POD or calling 0121 681 2173.



The SEND Local Offer Website – now live

Check out Birmingham's refreshed SEND Local Offer website. It is the place to go to find information, support and services for children and young people with additional needs aged 0 - 25 years. The Birmingham SEND Partnership has worked with parents, carers, children, young people and professionals to make this site as useful and user friendly as possible. Please share it with families, children and young people and anyone else who could benefit from the information and support there.

The new site includes:

- Clear accessible SEND information, advice and support
- Specialist support services for children and young people with additional needs
- Information on leisure and things to do
- Advice on education, health, wellness and finance
- SEND Travel and Transport information and how to apply
- Information on childcare and Early Years education
- Information on Post 16 options and Preparation for Adulthood

You can watch our video via the home page below to find out more about Birmingham's SEND Local Offer, give us your feedback or tell us what you want to see there. Just follow the link – www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk

Safer Internet Use

The UK Safer Internet Company have produced a newsletter with some useful information about keeping your child safe online. This is different to the newsletter sent out last week and you can find it attached to the email with this newsletter today.

Feedback from Parents' Evening Questionnaire

Here are the responses from the final three questions....

Q10: The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
38% (45/119)	53% (63/119)	8% (10/119)	1% (1/119)	
91% positive responses		8% neutral	1% negative	

91% of respondents feel that the school communicate effectively regarding school events and activities. There was just one negative response to this question.

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Q11: I think the school is well led and managed

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
39% (47/119)	54% (64/119)	5% (6/119)	2% (2/119)	
93% positive responses		5% neutral	2% negative	

93% of respondents felt that school is well led and managed

Q12: I would recommend the school to other families

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
45% (53/119)	46% (55/119)	5% (6/119)	3% (3/119)	1% (2/119)
91% positive responses		5% neutral	4% negative	

91% of respondents stated that they would recommend the school to other families

This week's news...



NEWS FROM THE ECO COMMITTEE

Last Friday the Eco-Committee went on a litter pick around the school grounds. They found lots of litter that had been dropped or blown into the school premises.

We had fun but all agreed that the world would be a better place if nobody dropped any litter.

This week in Reception we have been looking at the symmetry on butterfly wings. We created our own butterflies using our own symmetrical patterns.



In Maths, Year 2 have been learning about money. We looked at the different coins we could use to make 20p.

Year 5 have been making sculptures in the style of Barbara Hepworth! We're so pleased with the outcome!



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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 9th February 2023

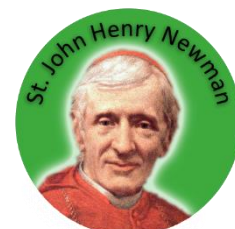
Well done to **Reception** and **Year Three** who had the best attendance this week with a fabulous 98%!! The full attendance figures are as follows:

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

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

House Champions

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



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

Reception	Abenab	Super progress in speaking & listening :)
Year 1	Damilola	Excellent drawings in our theme lessons
Year 2	N'Taya	Being an excellent role model
Year 3	Liliana	Working with independence and accuracy when ordering fractions
Year 4	Jessica	Having positive behaviour and always trying her best in every lesson
Year 5	Edom	Excellent participation and explanations in Maths
Year 6	Betty D	Your great effort in Maths this week!

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 –

Friday 10th February 2022
Friday 17th February
Monday 24th July
Tuesday 25th July

Bank Holidays –

Monday 1st May 2023
Monday 8th May 2023

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