



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 14th July 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Production/assembly	9.30am
Wednesday 19th July	Special Retirement assembly for Mrs Watchorn <i>(Parents and Carers welcome to attend)</i>	10.00am
	Y6 Leavers' Mass	2.00pm
Friday 21st July	End of school year – school closes at 1.00pm	

A Prayer based on the words of John Henry Newman

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life.

Until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,

and the busy world shushed,

the fever of life is done,

and our work over.

Through your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest,

and peace at last.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

End of School Year

We break up for the summer holidays at 1.00pm NEXT Friday 21st July. Please ensure that a responsible adult is here on time to collect your child on this day.

After-School Clubs

All after-school clubs have now finished

Y6 Leavers' Assembly/ Mass

Next Tuesday 18th July is our Y6 Leavers' Assembly starting at 9.30am. Parents, carers and family are very welcome and encouraged to come along for these special events. **Please note that the times given are the times that they will start at, so please arrive by 9.15am for the assembly so that we can get everyone in and seated.** Due to the way that the hall will be set up, **if you arrive late we will not be able to allow you to come in**, so please ensure that you are here on time to avoid disappointment.

On Wednesday 19th July we will be having our Y6 Leavers' Mass starting at 2.00pm, where we will also say goodbye to Miss Malik, Miss Saghir and Miss Jackson-Courts. If you will be attending the leavers Mass, [please ensure that you are here by 1.50pm.

Children's School Reports

School reports have been sent home today. Once you have read the report, if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher regarding it please contact the school office and they will arrange a telephone call with the teacher for you. Your child's report will inform you about the progress your child has made across this academic year and what their attendance has been like this school year.



Goodbye!

Sadly at the end of this term, we shall be saying goodbye to Miss Saghir, Miss Malik, Ms Jackson-Courts and Mrs Watchorn. Miss Malik and Ms Jackson-Courts have been here working as teaching assistants over the last year and have done a wonderful job supporting our children. Miss Saghir has been with us for two years, and prior to that on placement with us and has done an amazing job teaching our Y5 children for the last two years. We will be saying goodbye to them during our Leavers' Mass on Wednesday 19th July. We will miss them all very much and wish them all the best in their new ventures!

As you know, Mrs Watchorn will sadly be retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs Watchorn has been an important part of our school family for 26 years. As our Senior Office Manager, she has worked so hard behind the scenes in ensuring that our school and staff are supported and that everything is running safely and as it should be every day. She has looked after the needs of the children and school loyally and with great care, going above and beyond her role. During her years here, she has seen over 1000 children pass through St Joseph's, some of which are parents of our current children!



To thank her for all of her years of hard work and dedicated service to St. Joseph's, we will be holding a special celebration/presentation assembly for her on Wednesday 19th July at 10.00am with a few surprises. We would like to invite you to attend this and come along to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Watchorn.

Teachers for September

Reception –	Mrs Holmes & Mrs Peplow
Year 1 –	Miss Young & Miss Dalziel
Year 2 –	Miss Jordan, Mrs Emmott & Miss Crane
Year 3 –	Mrs Aldridge & Mrs Dalziel
Year 4 –	Mr Tobias & Ms Bailey
Year 5 –	Mrs Scarrott & Mrs Govani
Year 6 –	Miss Teague & Mrs Koumi



Mrs Badhan will also be supporting in classes

New Staff Members / Staff Changes

Mrs Scarrott, Ms Bailey, Mrs Govani and Mrs Corbett will be joining us as full time members of staff in September. Mrs Govani and Ms Bailey have been working here over the last year as agency staff so already know the children very well. Mrs Scarrott is joining us as a new, full time teacher. Mrs Corbett will be joining our office team and is very much looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you and the children. She will be taking over Mrs Farnan's role, who will be our new Senior Office Manager. We would like to welcome them to our St. Joseph's family and hope that they will be very happy in their time here with us.

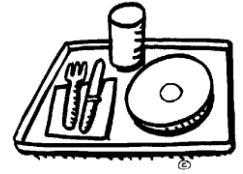
Kids Eat Free

With your newsletters today is some information about places that are offering free meals or meals for £1 for children.

*This half-term's virtues are: Intentional & Prophetic
If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact one of the safeguarding team;
Mrs Ashley, Mrs Pattinson, Mr Caffrey, Miss Teague and Mrs West*

School Meals price increase

The price of school meals will be increasing from September by £1 per week. This means that the costs will be £2.70 per day or £13.50 per week. Unfortunately this is due to rising costs through our catering company and the costs of food increasing.



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 14th July 2023

Well done to **Year Six** who had the best attendance this week with an amazing 99%!! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	90%	Year One	86%	Year Two	92%	Year Three	83%
Year Four	95%	Year Five	97%	Year Six	99%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 92%



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

Reception	Michelle	Super effort in writing
Year 1	Caden	An excellent retelling of the Three Little Pigs
Year 2	Matthew	Giving 100% effort in everything he does
Year 3	Nahor	Trying very hard this week and attending club every week to help with his English skills
Year 4	Tian	Always being focused and attentive during swimming this term 😊
Year 5	Divora	Being a supportive friend for those in need.
Year 6	Rebecca	Super swimming skills at the Swimming Gala last week!

School Term Dates 2023 -2024

Autumn Term 2023	Spring Term 2024	Summer Term 2024
Monday 4 th September 2023 to Friday 27 th October 2023	Monday 8 th January 2024 to Friday 9 th February 2024	Monday 15 th April 2024 to Friday 24 th May 2024
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Monday 6 th November 2023 to Friday 22 nd December 2023	Monday 19 th February 2024 to Thursday 28 th March 2024	Monday 3 rd June 2024 to Monday 22 nd July 2024
END OF TERM	END OF TERM	END OF YEAR

Teacher Days –
Monday 4th September
Tuesday 25th July

Bank Holidays –
Friday 29th March 2024
Monday 6th May 2024

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