



Archdiocese of Birmingham

# St. Joseph's News

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Reconciliation for First Holy Communion children	1.30pm
	School Mass – St Joseph's feast	2.00pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND Coffee Morning	10am – 11am
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

## A Prayer by Hallelujah Y3

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for all the gifts you give us. Please help me to shine my light to others and please help me to share all of the talents I have. Please help me to share my love with others. 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 to celebrate our Patron Saint St. Joseph. St. Joseph's day is a very special day for our school! Also before Mass our Holy Communion children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the time, and so we pray especially for them in this Mass.



## Mother's Day INSPIRE

Thank you to everyone who attended our Mother's Day craft sessions over the last few days. We have had a wonderful turn out and some lovely feedback from the parents and children, who have all really enjoyed the activities.

## Mother's Day

We would like to wish you all a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday and a happy day with your families. We especially think of all expectant mothers and pray that they and their unborn child are kept safe from all harm. We also remember at this time mothers who have lost children, mothers who are no longer with us and those who have lost their mothers, as Mother's Day is also a time of celebrating the happy memories that we have shared. You are very much in our thoughts and prayers at this time.



## 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 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.

## 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.



## Easter Egg Raffle

There will be an Easter Egg Raffle taking place in school over the next few weeks. Each member of staff has donated Easter Eggs and I would like to thank them for that. 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. 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.

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

## School Virtues

Our Virtues this half term are

**Learned** Pupils are growing to be learned, finding God in all things

**Wise** Wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good

## NSPCC Online Safety Blog

The NSPCC have a blog with internet safety tips for parents, which features information and advice on various aspects of online safety. This month their focus is on WhatsApp and BeReal, but there are also articles about Minecraft and various other platforms that your child may be accessing. You can learn more about this by visiting [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog)

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

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

Rec	96%	Year One	92%	Year Two	93%	Year Three	98%
Year Four	98%	Year Five	99%	Year Six	97%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 96%

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

Reception	Naode B	Super progress in reading
Year 1	Ariam	Trying really hard in Maths
Year 2	Aryam	Trying really hard in all that she does
Year 3	Jack	Always trying his best
Year 4	Mackenzie	His knowledge and understanding of telling the time
Year 5	Faiza	Trying her best, even when she is finding the work tricky.
Year 6	Rebecca	Always trying your best in everything you do!

## 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

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