



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 23rd September 2022



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Prayer for our World

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.

Stephen Davies/CAFOD

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26 th September	Y2 Curriculum workshop	2.00pm
Tuesday 27 th September	Y4 Curriculum workshop	2.00pm
Wednesday 28 th September	Y6 Curriculum workshop	2.00pm
Thursday 29 th September	School Mass led by Y4	2.00pm
Friday 30 th September	Non-Uniform day – bring some harvest donations Y5 Curriculum workshop 2.00pm	
Friday 7 th October	Reception Welcome Service (details to follow)	2.40pm
Wednesday 19 th October	Parents' Evening (school finishes at 2.15pm)	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 21 st October	School closes for half-term	3.15pm
Monday 31 st October	Return to school	8.55am

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

Teacher Days - Monday 5th September 2022 / Tuesday 6th September 2022 / tbc / tbc / tbc
 + 2 MAC teacher days tbc

Bank Holidays - Monday 1st May 2023

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.

Harvest Festival – non uniform day ~~next~~ Friday (30th)

Next week, children will be learning about harvest and the importance of this. Next Friday, we will be holding our annual Harvest collection day, where we ask families to bring in some items that we can donate to our local foodbank. The Aston and Nechells foodbank have asked if we could especially collect:

- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE OR SQUASH
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED FISH – tuna, salmon etc
- UHT (LONGLIFE) MILK (not fresh milk!)
- CHOCOLATE & SWEETS
- VEGETARIAN TINS
- PASTA SAUCE
- TOILETRIES – eg shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, soap etc



Children may come in wearing their own clothes in return for a donation towards our harvest collection. Thank you for your generosity with this.

Parents Workshops

Our Parental Workshops continue in school NEXT week. These are based on the National Curriculum and designed to show you a little of what your children are learning in school, so that you can help them at home.

Monday 26 th September	2.00pm	Y2 workshop
Tuesday 27 th September	2.00pm	Y4 workshop
Wednesday 28 th September	2.00pm	Y6 workshop
Friday 30 th September	2.00pm	Y5 workshop

School Dinners / Sandwiches – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that due to the way dinners are ordered it is not possible for you to change your child's meal type on a day-to-day basis. Recently we have had a number of children coming in with sandwiches on certain days, or coming with money for dinners when they usually have sandwiches. The kitchen produces almost 200 meals a day and has to account for various allergies and dietary conditions, and it is not possible for them to keep track of who is having different meals on different days. If a meal has not been pre-ordered for your child, we may not have enough food available to provide them with a meal. Meal types can be changed at the end of each half-term if you wish to, but this must be pre-arranged through the school office.

Y6 Secondary Transfer Applications for September 2023

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter before the holiday with details on how to apply for a secondary school place for September 2023. Online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website at <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php> If you need any assistance with this, please come into school and we will be happy to help.

Secondary Transfer preferences for school places must be submitted to the City council by Thursday 31st October 2019. Please ensure that you have applied for places by then, as late applications are less likely to get the school of their choice.

This half-term's virtues are: Compassionate & Loving

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Holy Trinity Catholic School Y6 Open Mornings

Holy Trinity Catholic School in Small Heath are holding two Y6 Open Mornings on Tuesday 27th and Friday 30th September from 9.15am – 10.15am. All prospective new students for September 2023 and parents are encouraged to go along and have a look around the school. If you are intending to take your child to one of these sessions, please let us know in the school office that your child will be late into school that day.



Goodbye!

Sadly at the end of next week, we shall be saying goodbye to Miss Painting. As you may know, Miss Painting has been with us here at St. Joseph's for over 26 years (having worked with some of our parents even when they were here!). She has always been a wonderful asset to our school family and a much-loved member of staff, and she will be missed very much by staff and children alike. We would like to wish her all the very best in her new exciting venture!

Reception Welcome Service – Friday 7th October

We will be holding a special service on Friday 7th October at 2.40pm to welcome all of our new Reception children and their parents and carers. It would be lovely if all Reception parents or carers could come, as the children will be taking part in this service too. Please come along to this first special event for your child; we are looking forward to seeing you.



Parents Evening

Our Parents' Evening will take place in school on Wednesday 19th October between 2.30-5.30pm. Letters will be going out soon for you to request times for this. **Please note that school will close**



at 2.15pm on this day. All children must be collected at this time by an adult

During the time that you are in your appointment, your child can go into our Creche facility (**only for children who attend our school**) but please only bring children along if they cannot stay at home with another adult.

This week's news

This week, Reception have been thinking about all of the things that God created 🌍 🌳 🐦

A - he made the stars

M - he made the trees

S - he made all the people



Year 3 have been learning different ways to represent hundreds Tens and ones as part of their maths lessons this week.

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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

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 23rd September 2022

Well done to **Year Two** who had the best attendance once again this week with another amazing **100%!!** This is fabulous Year Two – well done!!! The full attendance figures are as follows:

Rec	93%	Year One	96%	Year Two	100%	Year Three	93%
Year Four	97%	Year Five	97%	Year Six	94%		

This gives a whole school attendance of 95.6%



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

Reception	Amen	Excellent work in Maths
Year 1	Isaiah	Excellent work in Maths
Year 2	Whole Class	Being so welcoming and friendly to our new friends in Y2
Year 3	Yostina	Always doing the right thing and being eager to learn.
Year 4	Tian	Being supportive and helpful to her peers
Year 5	Natanem	Writing a really nice prayer
Year 6	Anton	Always being a super role model in school

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