



Archdiocese of Birmingham

St. Joseph's News

Friday 27th January 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd February

'Safer Internet' day in school

Friday 10th February

School closed – Teacher Training Day

Thursday 16th February

School finishes for half-term

3.15pm

Monday 27th February

School re-opens

8.45am

Prayer

God of love,
you bless those people who are poor,
who are sad,
who are hungry and thirsty
and who are hurt because they stand up for what they believe in.
Help us to follow in your way.
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

From now on, School Mass will now take place on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm. Our Mass next week will be led by Y5. You are all very welcome to attend – you do not have to be Catholic to come to Mass.

Confirmations

Congratulations to our 12 Y5 & Y6 children who were confirmed by Bishop David last night at St. Joseph's Church. The children represented our school so well and also read wonderfully. It was a lovely special occasion for them and I'm sure they will have lots of lovely memories. Please continue to pray for the children in the weeks ahead.



Blessing of St. Joseph's Shrine

As you know, Bishop David also visited school yesterday to see our Confirmation children. While he was here he blessed our new St. Joseph's shrine at the front of school. The Confirmation children came outside to share in this special blessing and Bishop David led a lovely prayer service for us.

National Strike Action - NEU

You should have received a letter from the MAC regarding potential strike action being taken by teachers across the country next Wednesday 1st February. Please be aware that at present, **school will be open as normal on Wednesday** and we are hoping to not have to close any classes. If this should change in the coming days we will contact you.

Feedback from Parents' Evening Questionnaire

As you know, at Parents' Evening last term we conducted a questionnaire amongst parents and carers in order to find out your views on the provision delivered by school. Of 142 families within school, we received 119 completed questionnaires which is amazing! And also the reason why it has taken so long to collate all of the data!!! This represents 84% of our families in school. All of the questions asked had a majority of positive answers, with 75% of all questions having a 90% or higher positive response rate.

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

Q4: Behaviour is of a good standard at school

| Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 51% (61/119) | 44% (52/119) | 3% (4/119) | 2% (2/119) | |
| 95% positive responses | | 3% neutral | 2% negative | |

95% of respondents felt that behaviour is of a good standard at school.

Q5: The school deals with bullying effectively

| Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 33% (39/119) | 49% (58/119) | 14% (17/119) | 3% (4/119) | 1% (1/119) |
| 82% positive responses | | 14% neutral | 4% negative | |

82% of respondents agreed that school deals with bullying effectively. 14% answered neutrally however this may be because they have not had any experience of this within school.

Q6: My child is taught well at school

| Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 39% (46/119) | 57% (68/119) | 4% (5/119) | | |
| 96% positive responses | | 4% neutral | | |

96% of respondents agreed that their child was taught well at school.

Warm Welcome Spaces – Birmingham City Council

BCC are coordinating an initiative across the city which brings together a directory of organisations that are opening their facilities as 'warm, welcome spaces' during the winter months. This gives you a place to go during the day time if, due to heating costs, you are unable to heat your home in order to be able to comfortably stay in the house. You can find a list of facilities that are open and what they offer by visiting https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/73/warm_welcome_spaces_in_birmingham

This week's news...

Reception have produced some beautiful art work this week!! They have been using different materials to collage bird pictures 🐦🎨

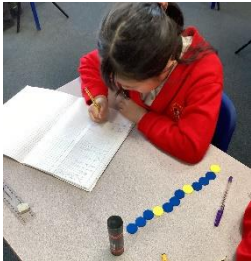


Year 3 have been learning to be brilliant bowlers, during their cricket lesson.

Year 5 have been playing our brand new glockenspiels. It was great accompaniment to our music lessons building on our @Adele unit. #makeyoufeelmylove 🎹🎵



Y6 have started to explore ratio and proportion this week! We used our counters to investigate patterns and whether the ratio would change if we added more of the same coloured counters. We used our multiplication knowledge to help us spot some patterns! 🧮



Year Two have also really enjoyed playing the new glockenspiels this week. They did a fabulous job of keeping in time with the music!



NSPCC 'Look, Say, Sing, Play' campaign

The NSPCC have launched a 'Look, Say, Sing, Play' scheme in Birmingham. This includes free flash cards for all families with new babies to encourage interaction and brain development. 'Look, Say, Sing, Play' gives parents easy tips to incorporate activities for 0-2 year olds into their daily routine. This helps parents to be more sensitive to their baby's cues and respond to their needs. You can see the resources by visiting https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/look-say-sing-play-early-years-resources-parents?_ga=2.255749967.676678395.1674749447-927776499.1629810203

After-school Clubs

Just a reminder that clubs must be paid for in advance each week, and **children must attend every week** unless they are absent from school, as places will be withdrawn and offered to other children in the event of non-payment and regular non-attendance. Clubs are very popular and we do have a waiting list of children for places and so it is unfair to keep a place for children that are not paying or not attending.

All clubs finish at 4.15pm and children must be collected on time. Clubs are run by outside agencies and their staff leave at this time.

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Activities at the POD

Please see a list below of the current activities offered at the POD during the week.

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| Monday | 9:00 -10:00 | Walking Group – Everyone is Welcome to Join |
| | 9:30 – 11:30 | Sewing For Charity |
| Tuesday | 9:30 – 11:00 | Knit and Knatter |
| | 10:00 – 11:30 | Pre-entry ESOL at the Hope Centre |
| | 10:30 – 11.00 | Story Tots with Bloomsbury Library |
| | 12:30 – 14:00 | BCAT art course (pre-book with Bloomsbury Library on 07745 261978) |
| | 14:30 – 16:00 | Men’s Group |
| | 15:30 – 16:30 | Family Arts and Crafts (Please pre-book a place) |
| Wednesday | 10:30 – 11:30 | FiNs Keep Fit - Over 50s Seated Fitness |
| | 11:30 – 12:30 | Coffee & Chat Session |
| | 13:00 – 15:00 | Job club |
| | 14:30 – 16:30 | Share Shack – Borrow toys and a range of household equipment |
| | 15:30 – 16:30 | Family Arts and Crafts (pre-book a place) |
| | Thursday | 10:00 – 11:30 |
| 10:30 – 11.30 | | Tai Chi |
| 12.30 - 14.30 | | Phonics play stay & play session |
| Friday | 9:30 – 11:00 | Place of Welcome – Coffee morning (pre-school aged children allowed) |
| | 9.00 – 11.00 | Advice service drop in |
| | 10:00 – 12:00 | Talking Tables Foodbank (Emergency Food Parcels) |

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Snow!

In the event of any heavy snow over the coming weeks or extreme weather which causes significant disruption, any school closures will be listed on local radio stations, as follows: Free Radio 96.4, Heart FM 100.7 and Radio WM 95.6. If you do not hear our school name or any mention of 'blanket closures', then school is open!! Remember that there are several St Joseph's schools and you must listen out for ours. We will also send a text message out so please ensure that you keep us up-to-date with any changes of contact numbers. Thank you!

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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 27th January 2023

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

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|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|----------|-----|------------|-----|
| Rec | 97% | Year One | 97% | Year Two | 98% | Year Three | 98% |
| Year Four | 96% | Year Five | 97% | Year Six | 97% | | |

This gives a whole school attendance of 97%

House Champions

Well done to St Josephine Bakhita who were our House point Champions this week!



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

| | | |
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| Reception | Elora | Amazing work in every subject, especially maths :) |
| Year 1 | Ariam | Excellent effort all week |
| Year 2 | Yandeh | Being a super student and offering valuable contributions during discussions Keep up the amazing work! |
| Year 3 | Suren | Trying hard this week |
| Year 4 | Tian | Always helping out in the classroom and for showing lovely manners |
| Year 5 | Noel | Wonderful questions and answers when speaking to the Bishop |
| Year 6 | Iqra | Always setting a good example! |

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 |

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| Teacher Days – Friday 10 th February 2022 Friday 17 th February Monday 24 th July Tuesday 25 th July |
| Bank Holidays – Monday 1 st May 2023 Monday 8 th May 2023 |

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