



St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No. 25

Friday 22nd March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who were able to attend the stay and pray sessions this week and we look forward to welcoming the other classes next week.

Well done to our Key Stage One Athletics team for taking part in the Athletics competition on Tuesday at Bishop Vesey, we are very proud of you.

Thank you to Miss Sheppard and Miss Evans organising the children at the event.

Well done to the children who had a late night on Wednesday as they represented St Josephs at the Musical Ensemble at the Birmingham Conservatoire- A great experience for you! Thank you to Mrs Chambers, Mrs Bates and Miss Georgiou who accompanied them and made it possible.

Dates for next week

9am Monday 25th March- Year 4 Palm Sunday Assembly

9am Tuesday 26th March- Year 3 Last Supper Assembly

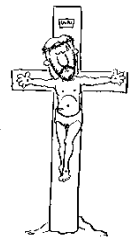
9am Wednesday 27th March- Year 5 Stations of the Cross Assembly

Wednesday 27th March from 12.30pm -KS1 Easter Egg hunt & KS2 Easter Egg Design Competition deadline

Thursday 28th March- Non-Uniform day for CAFOD & Father Hudsons (donate £1)

Thursday 28th March- Last day of the Spring term.

Friday 29th March- Good Friday (School closed for bank Holiday)



Clubs for Summer Term

Clubs already confirmed for next term are Yoga Jo, Leap Frog, Drama Club, Rugby Tots, Magical Maths, Walk & Talk and The Choir. In next week's newsletter, please look at the full list of other clubs that will be being provided. However, please note that many of these clubs will have a restriction on numbers.

Lenten Charity Appeal

Another reminder that this year, for Lent, all Catholic schools in our Diocese of Birmingham have pledged to give £400 to both CAFOD and the Father Hudson's Charity. So far, on our Parent Mail we are quite far off this target. If you have not done so already, please donate via parent mail as soon as you can so that we are able to meet this pledge.

Ask the children about 'Kevin's Assembly' where he spoke to them about the work Father Hudson's do for the homeless in our city.

On Thursday 28th March we will also be having a Non-Uniform day with proceeds going to these charities. We ask that you also donate £1. Thank you in advance for your support.

PTA Easter Events

Another reminder that this year we will be asking the KS2 children to get creative by creating an Easter Egg design at home. We will be looking for entries to be colourful, designed by the child themselves and on paper no bigger than an A4 sheet. The top 3 entries will win an Easter egg donated by the PTA. For a chance to win this prize please ensure that your child brings their entry into school by Wednesday 27th March 2024. For our KS1 children there will be an Easter egg hunt competition taking place on this day.

Prayer Garden Work

Thank you to Mr Goddard for your time and skill in putting up a new fence in our prayer garden that has really helped improve the look of the garden. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for helping to fund this project.

Message from Yoga Jo!

Dear St. Joseph's Parents,

We are thrilled to announce that our yoga classes for kids will be back starting April 15th! After the fantastic response and incredible benefits witnessed since September, we're eager to continue this journey of well-being with your children. Yoga isn't just for grown-ups—it's an amazing practice for children too! Here's why you should consider signing up your little ones:



Healthy Body, Happy Mind: Yoga helps kids develop strength, flexibility, and coordination, all while promoting mindfulness and relaxation.



Emotional Balance: Through breathing exercises and gentle movements, yoga empowers children to manage stress, anxiety, and big emotions in a positive way.



Fun and Engaging: Our sessions are filled with laughter, games, and creative poses, making each class an exciting adventure for your child!

The classes will run for 12 Mondays, from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm, offering a perfect after-school activity for your little yogis. Plus, we've made it affordable for families with a cost of £5 per session (£60 for the course) and just £4 for siblings (£48 for the course).

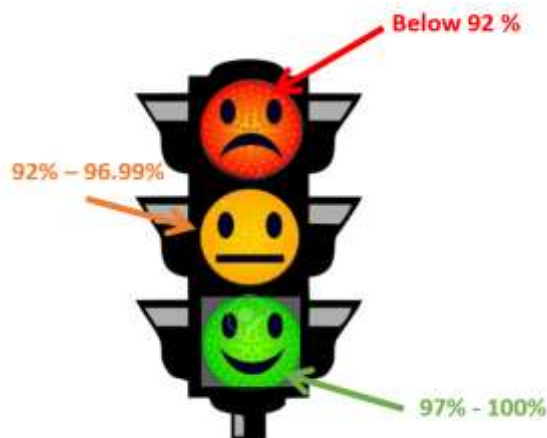
Spaces are limited, so don't miss out! To secure a spot for your child, simply email Joanna Fletcher, a certified yoga teacher at joasiafletcher@gmail.com.

Let's continue fostering a healthy, balanced, and happy environment for our children together. We can't wait to see your kids on the mats, ready to stretch, breathe, and grow!

Attendance

FYBS	98.5%
FYM	98.5%
Y1S	98.3%
Y1L	94.4%
Y2E	96.7%
Y2K	96.4%
Y3J	95.7%
Y3G	96.6%
Y4L	97.6%
Y4R	100%
Y5W	93.5%
Y5R	96%
Y6J	91.7%
Y6H	97.2%

ATTENDANCE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM



Holy Week next week

Next week the Church enters into the solemn Triduum (a word meaning three days) including Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the great Easter Vigil, held on Saturday night. Father Michael and Father Ryan have asked me to ask you where possible to try to bring the children to at least one of the services over these days. As a Catholic School, with 301 catholic children, it is our duty to ensure that St Joseph's continues to remain the wonderful Catholic institution that it is for our grandchildren when they are applying for places!

Well done to all the children and staff for all their efforts as we journey through Lent in such a holy and reverent way.



Dates for your diary Spring/Summer 2024

Mon 25 th March	9am	Year 4 Palm Sunday Assembly
Tues 26 th March	9am	Year 3 Last Supper Assembly
Wed 27 th March	9am	Year 5 Stations of the Cross Assembly
Wed 27 th March		KS1 Easter Egg hunt & KS2 Easter Egg Design Competition
Thurs 28 th March		Non-Uniform day for CAFOD & Father Hudsons
Fri 29 th March		Good Friday and School closed for Easter Holidays
Mon 15 th April		Children return from Easter Holiday
Thurs 18 th April	All day	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle
Mon 22 nd April	All day	Photographers in for Class photos
Tues 23 rd April	All day	Year 3 trip to Think Thank
Thurs 25 th April	3:30-4:30pm	PTA Meeting
Thurs 4 th July	All day	MAC INSET Day- School closed

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

Mrs L Chambers
Vice Principal

Mr J P Lynch
Assistant Principal