

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Happy Easter



Dear Parents,

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Easter and a very enjoyable holiday. We hope you have a safe and happy time together over Easter. **School closes on Friday 7th April for the Easter holidays and reopens on Monday 24th April.** There will be a newsletter published at the start of next term to give you all of the important dates you need for the Summer Term.

Important dates coming up soon

Friday 7th April: Merit Assembly at 11am – all welcome

Friday 7th April: Stations of the Cross by Year 6: 2.15pm – please join us for this special, spiritual end to the Spring Term before the start of Holy Week – all welcome

Friday 7th April: School closes for Easter Holidays at 3.15pm

Monday 24th April: School reopens for the Summer Term at 8.45am

Monday 24th April: Year 3 start swimming lessons – please remember to make your contribution on ParentPay.

Tuesday 25th April: Year 3 First Holy Communion Parent's Meeting at 3.30pm

Wednesday 26th April: Internet Safety Workshop for Parents – it's very important to attend if you can – 9am

Monday 1st May: School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May: Year 6 Confirmation Parent's Meeting at 3.30pm



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Holy Week and Easter Services and Masses in our Churches (Tipton and Dudley)

Thursday 13th April: Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord: **6pm in Dudley** and 7.30pm in Tipton

Friday 14th April: Good Friday at **3pm in Dudley** and 7pm in Tipton

Saturday 15th April: Easter Vigil **6pm in Tipton only**

Sunday 16th April: Easter Sunday: Mass at 9.30am in Tipton and **11am in Dudley**



Dudley: Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury, St Joseph Street, DY2 7AX, **Tipton:** Sacred Heart, Victoria Road, DY4 8SN

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents on Wednesday 26th April at 9am

This session is highly recommended for ALL parents of ALL age groups. It will be led by PC Paul Davies of West Midlands Police and Mrs Juliet Joy of Dudley Grid for Learning. We strongly recommend you attend to find out about how to ensure your child is kept safe AND behaves safely on the internet. Please make every effort to attend as it will definitely help you to make sure your child is safe online and is behaving in a safe way online. PLEASE COME ALONG IF YOU CAN.

Thank you very much indeed for your charitable donations in Lent

The sponsored pancake flip raised a massive £362.35. We will now share this between a number of charities and also give some money to the Church maintenance fund. We will let you know precisely how the money has been shared out in the next newsletter.



CAFOD Lent Fast Day raised an astonishing £188.47. This figure is truly exceptional as the children are only ever asked to bring in a few pennies for the fast day. THANK YOU very much indeed for supporting people overseas who are facing hunger, thirst, danger and poverty.

School Council Updates

The school council have been busy sharing their ideas and have bought about the following improvements to the school:

- Brand new wet play games and toys for every classroom – paid for by the school fund (thanks again for your donations!)
- New sports equipment has been ordered for lunchtimes
- The school meals service will be providing Blackcurrant squash in addition to orange squash and water at lunchtimes from next term
- We will be providing new shaded areas on the playground for the summer so children can seek shade if they need it in hot weather



A big thank you to our school councillors and to Mrs Hancox and Mrs Chapman who convene the meetings.

Keep in touch

At St Joseph's we are genuinely committed to making sure your children are safe and happy. We try our best to prevent any problems from arising but inevitably things **can** and **do** go wrong from time to time. **Even an outstanding school can never be a perfect school and we know this.** If something goes wrong, if there is a problem or if you or your child are unhappy for any reason it is vital you **let us know straight away.** No problem is too small and the quicker we know about things the quicker we can sort them out.

Parentview

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their review on Parentview. We desperately need some more reviews! **All we ask is that if you have any problems with the school you let us know first so we can try to put things right.** Just go to www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk –Thanks for your support.



Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding leader in school is Mr Hinton and Mrs Chapman is the deputy. Our safeguarding policy is available on our website.

Catholic Schools Pupil Profile



We have been focusing on the values of 'attentive and discerning' this half term. Our values next half term will be '**compassionate and loving**' and the children will learn a lot about what it means to show compassion and love in their everyday lives.

Thank you for your support

Thanks for reading the newsletter. Have a good Easter holiday and we look forward very much to working with you and your wonderful children next term.

All the best,

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hinton'.

Mr M Hinton,

Head teacher

