

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Easter 2018 Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Happy Easter

Everyone at St Joseph's would like to wish you and your family a very happy Easter. Easter is a most important celebration in the Church Year – it is the time when we remember Christ's sacrifice at the cross for us all and celebrate his resurrection on Easter Sunday. We wish you joy, peace and love at this important time.

Thank you very much indeed for your continued support for the school and thank you for the many kind words you exchange with us from day to day.

Every smile, hello and friendly word means a great deal to all of us – from the cleaning and site staff through to the head and the deputy. We want you to know your support and kindness is always noticed, appreciated and always means a lot. Thank you again and again.

Likewise, you can be very assured that the happiness, safety and educational progress of your children is **everyone's** top priority at the school and as this term draws to a close we promise you we will keep trying our best to provide a safe and effective school for you and your children after the holidays. Once again, a big thank you for your support.

Newsletter

This is an end of term newsletter with some important information, lots of thanks to you all and **one important uniform request at the end!** We promise we are not nagging about uniform and would really, really appreciate your support! Thank you in advance!

Diary Dates – full list to follow after the holidays

Back to school: School reopens from 8.45am on Monday 16th April 2018

Children break up for May Day Bank Holiday: THURSDAY 3rd May 2018

School is CLOSED TO PUPILS on Friday 4th May (Training Day)

School is CLOSED on Monday 7th May for May Day Bank Holiday

Kind hands, kind words...like Jesus

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Back to school: School reopens from 8.45am on Tuesday 8th May

*First Holy
Communion*



Year 3 First Holy Communion: Saturday 19th May at 10am in Church

Children break up for Spring Bank Holiday: Friday 25th May

Back to school: School reopens on Monday 4th June

Year 6 Confirmation: Wednesday 11th July at 6.30pm in Church

Confirmation



Children break up for Summer Holidays: Friday 20th July

Back to school: School reopens to children on Tuesday 4th September

Times of Masses and Services for Easter

Thursday 29th March: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm at Sacred Heart, Victoria Road, Tipton

Good Friday 30th March: Passion of the Lord 3pm at St Thomas of Canterbury, St Joseph Street, Dudley. Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7pm at Sacred Heart in Tipton.

Holy Saturday 31st March: Easter Vigil at 6pm at St Thomas of Canterbury in Dudley.

Easter Sunday 1st April: 9.30am at Sacred Heart in Tipton, 11am at St Thomas of Canterbury in Dudley.

Thank you for your generosity during Lent



A huge thank you for your generous support of good causes this Lent. You made very kind contributions to our sponsored pancake flip and also Cafod Lent Fast Day. In total the sponsored pancake flip raised £440 and we also collected £64 for Cafod Lent Fast Day. As usual we are supporting a range of charities this year and each class has chosen their own charity to send some money to as well. We have made a donation to The Teenage Cancer Trust and our Chair of Governors,

Andrew Bant, is also running the London Marathon for this cause in a few weeks' time. Your donations have been made as follows:

Teenage Cancer Trust: £200

Church Maintenance Fund: £60

Nursery chose to support Marie Curie Cancer Care: £20

Reception chose to support St Vincent de Paul Society: £20

Year 1 chose to support Become Charity: £20

Year 2 chose to support Church Maintenance Fund: £20

Year 3 chose to support Birmingham Children's Hospital: £20

Year 4 chose to support Shelter: £20

Year 5 chose to support Macmillan Cancer Care: £20

Year 6C chose to support Water Aid: £20

Year 6M chose to support WM Air Ambulance: £20

CAFOD: £64

Uniform reminder for next term – please support us.

Looking ahead to next term, a polite reminder that earrings and jewellery are not allowed. If you are having your child's ears pierced, the best time to do this is at the very start of the Summer Holidays so they have chance to settle before school starts. Earrings are not allowed for safety reasons.



Also please can we remind everyone that all long hair must be tied back at all times. Single strings or braids of hair over the children's faces are not allowed and must be tied back. This fashion has crept in during the last term and we now need to remind everyone that all long hair must be tied back.

After the holidays, where children have strings of hair, fabric or braiding over their faces, we will be contacting parents to ask for the hair to be tied back.

Why?

The uniform policy is clear that long hair must be tied back. This ensures fairness and compliance in line with the uniform policy.

Hair over the face is an obvious distraction to learning because it either impedes the child's ability to see things or has to be constantly brushed off the face by hand – which is in itself a distraction from learning. Long hair that is loose is a potential hazard during both playground play and also P.E.

Please help and support the high standards of uniform and safety that this school is well known for. We appreciate your support such a lot. Thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter holiday

Once again, we wish you a very Happy Easter. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and we really look forward to working with you again next term.

With every kind wish,



Mr M Hinton,
Principal

