

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and a special welcome to our new children and families in Nursery. All the children in EYFS have settled in well and back to our routines in the classroom, well done!

A few notices and reminders I would like to share with you:

- Nursery am session begins at 8.30 – 11.30 and Nursery pm session begins at 12.30 – 3.30 (with flexible collection from 3.15) We have a flexible arrival time for am session until 8.45 and pm session until 12.40. If children do arrive after this time then you will need to drop your child at the office.
- Reception timings are 8.45 – 3.15 – We will close the door and gate at 9.00. If children do arrive after this time then you will need to drop your child at the office.
- Your child will need a labelled water bottle in school everyday
- Please ensure uniform items are clearly labelled (jumpers and cardigans especially) this will help locate any missing clothing items quickly.
- Reception children will be sent home every Friday with their Homework bags and their Home School Link Book. These will need to be school for the following Wednesday
- Nursery children will take their Home School Link book home every Friday to be brought back to school the following week.

Please don't hesitate to speak to myself or anyone in Nursery or Reception if you have any questions, queries or concerns. We are all here to listen and support. Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Many Thanks

Miss Marsh (Reception Teacher and EYFS Leader)

What are we learning about?

This half term our topic is Superheroes and after February half term our topic is On the Move. Some of our focus stories will be, Supertato, Max the Brave, A Superpower like mine, This Bus is for us, The Jolly Postman and Emma Jane's Aeroplane.

In RE both Nursery and Reception, are focusing on Baptism, looking at what it means to belong to God's family. Later in the term, we will be focusing on Lent and beginning our Easter unit.

Special days / Dates:

Wb Monday 29th January – Brilliant in Britain Week and Module 2 of 10:10 RHE Lessons
Monday 5th February – Parents Evening
Friday 9th February – Break for Half term today
Wb Monday 12th February – Half Term
Monday 19th February – Spring 2 begins
Friday 8th March – Reception Class Assembly at 9.15am
Wednesday 13th March and Thursday 14th March – Reception Parent Workshop – Reading Focus

<p>Nursery will be looking at repeating patterns, and continue to explore a number each week, as well as identifying 2D shapes, such as circle, rectangle, triangle and square.</p> <p>Reception will be continuing our daily Number Sense lessons, as well as looking at shape and measures.</p> <p>Nursery will be using small world and role play to explore familiar stories and developing mark marking skills.</p> <p>Reception will be describing key characters, write recognisable letters and developing sentence building.</p>	
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Values for Spring Term:

Compassionate and Loving – before half term

Compassionate: Having sympathy and empathy for other people, thinking about others near and far, especially the less fortunate.

Loving: Showing Christ-like love for all others, even when this is difficult to do, thinking of others, acting with fairness and equality, being just and showing true forgiveness in the ways of Jesus.

Faith-filled and Hopeful after half term

Faith filled – learning to keep our faith and trust in God almighty even when things are difficult or we are challenged.

Hopeful – keeping our faith and believing in hope – the hope and trust that our prayers are heard, god knows us, loves us, hears us and helps us. Having hope in our faith in Lord Jesus Christ