

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I would like to wish you all a warm welcome to our Nursery at St. Joseph's. It has been lovely meeting new children and families and welcoming back our returning families. The children are busy settling into Nursery life and are taking part in new routines. They have made a super start and we are very proud of them. This year, our Nursery staff is myself, Nursery teacher and Miss Newey, Nursery teaching assistant. The children will soon be moving into their key worker groups. The groups are: 'The Bees' with myself and 'The Butterflies' with Miss Newey. These groups allow the children to spend time in smaller groups during teaching times.

I would like to thank you for your support as the children have moved into a new school year and we look forward to working with our families as we support the children as we work, learn and grow together.

Mrs Boyle

What are we learning about?

Our topic this half term is: About Ourselves.

Our focus books will include, Topsy and Tim Start School, What Colour is Love and Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes.

In RE we will be learning about Creation. We will listen to the Creation story, go on learning walks, talk about everything that God created and talk about why we are special. The children will also learn how to make the sign of the cross.

Communication and Language: We will be encouraging the children to talk about their thoughts, and to listen to, and enjoy and join in with stories. We will be exploring the meaning of new words.

Physical Development: We will be working on how to use the resources in the environment, and to use one-handed tools and equipment, such as snipping with scissors. We will be exploring moving in different ways, and to develop independence when putting coats on and washing their hands.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We will be supporting the children as they settle into new routines and environment, and to develop their sense

Special days / Dates:

Thursday 26th October – Break up for Half Term

Friday 27th October – Training Day

30th October to 1st November – Half Term

Monday 6th November – School reopens

Friday 8th December - Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our class saint is St Mary. The children will be invited to come to Nursery wearing their own clothes for a celebration.

Thursday 21st December – End of Term

Friday 22nd December – Training Day

Monday 8th January – School opens

Letters will be sent out with dates of future workshops.

of belonging into their new class, and building relationships with the children and adults in Nursery.

Values for Autumn Term:

Grateful and Generous – before half term

Grateful: Showing gratitude for all the blessing God gives to us.

Generous: Sharing our blessing and talents with others.

Attentive and Discerning after half term

Attentive: Being attentive to the type of person God is calling us to be.

Discerning: Making good choices and trying to do the right thing – even when this can be difficult.