

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas. It has been lovely to hear the children tell us all about their holidays. We have welcomed some new children into nursery, and they are settling into their new class very well, and our existing nursery children have come back and are settling back into nursery routines and helping our new friends. Well, done everyone!

A few notices and reminders:

- Our session times are: morning nursery 8.30 – 11.30. We have a flexible arrival time until 8.45. Please make sure your child is in nursery by 8.45. Our afternoon nursery time is 12.30 until 3.30. We open our nursery doors for a flexible collection at 3.15.
- We would ask that all water bottles, coats and jumpers and cardigans are named, please.
- Please make sure any jewellery has been removed before your child comes to nursery, including stud earrings.

We would like to thank you for your continued support, and we are looking forward to an exciting new term. Our book this half term is "One Snowy Night" The children have shown lots of excitement about this story so far, and are already busy exploring fun activities!

Mrs Boyle

What are we learning about?

This half term we look at a selection of books connected to our story "One Snowy Night" Books will include Winter based stories. In RE we will be learning about Baptism. The children will have the opportunity to act out a Baptism.

Communication and Language: We will be encouraging the children to talk about their own thoughts, and to listen to, and enjoy a variety of stories.

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

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We will be supporting the children as they settle into new routines and develop their sense of belonging at St. Joseph's. We will also begin our brilliant brushers programme after half term

Special days / Dates:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half term (school closed)  
W/B 27<sup>th</sup> January – Brilliant in Britain week – Be a hero!  
Story morning – date to follow

The class charity we have chosen to support

In Nursery we have chosen to support young at heart. Young at heart are a small local registered charity, founded in 1982, offering help and support to families of babies and children diagnosed with heart defects. All these children and their families have spent many weeks/months in hospital undergoing major surgery.

Values for Spring Term:

Grateful and Generous– before half term

Grateful: Being grateful for the blessings that we have in our lives.

Generous: Generous in sharing our gifts and talents with others.

St Joseph's Way – See our website for more details

At St. Joseph's we develop children's character through the 'St. Joseph's Way' curriculum. In order to build character, we define the behaviours and habits that we expect students to demonstrate. We want to support our pupils to grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who put others before themselves. We believe that, as pupils practise these behaviours

<p>Attentive and Discerning- after half term</p> <p>Attentive: Being attentive to God's call and being ready to follow His example.</p> <p>Discerning: Making good choices and always trying to do the right thing.</p>	<p>over time, they become habits that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them. As philosopher Will Durant states, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." (1926)</p>
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching &amp; British values</u></p> <p>Throughout the curriculum and beyond children learn about the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching - Working in Solidarity, Care for Creation, Community &amp; Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor &amp; Vulnerable, Human Dignity &amp; Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect &amp; Tolerance.</p>	