

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to St Joseph's Catholic School. It has been wonderful to begin to get to know your wonderful children, they have settled into school life well and we are so enormously proud of all of them. The children have begun to adapt to our routines, and this will continue throughout the Autumn Term.

Could we ask you to make sure water bottles, cardigans, and jumpers etc are clearly labelled with your child's name, this will be appreciated.

We have external Music lessons delivered by Dudley Performing Arts weekly, this will take place on a Wednesday.

PE lessons will be on Thursday afternoons, however for Autumn term, children will do this in their school uniform. In spring term, children will begin to change themselves for PE.

Starting next week, children will be sent home every Friday with a piece of homework and their Home School Link Book. Could we ask these are back into school by Wednesday at the latest. Please take time to read your child's home school link book and add comments about the weekend.

From Monday, your child will be sent home each day with a reading book and reading record, please date and comment when you have read with them at home. We kindly ask you to make sure your child has their reading record and book in school each day, so we can read with the children also. Until children move through the phonics scheme, they will have picture books.

We are so looking forward to continuing to watch them grow and learn and we are so grateful to be a part of your child's journey at St Joseph's.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask either of us.

Thank you again for your continued support,  
Miss Bate and Miss Giovenco

What are we learning about?

This half term we are focusing on nursery rhymes and 'All about me.'

Some key texts we will be Topsy and Tim start school, Super Duper You, What Colour is Love, The Fox in the Dark, Laura's Star and Whatever Next, as well as a selection of nursery rhymes.

In RE, we are going to be focusing on the Creation story and looking at the things God created and how to look after our world. Our next topic will be people who care for us. In Autumn Term 2, we move on to looking at Advent and Christmas

In Maths, we are focusing on number. We are looking at recognising numbers, subitising numbers, comparing numbers (one more and one less). In Autumn 2, we

Special days / Dates:

WB 23<sup>rd</sup> September; MVVP Week

WB 21<sup>st</sup> October; Black History Week

WB 11<sup>th</sup> November; Anti-Bullying, Anti-Racism, and Internet Safety week

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November Maths parent workshops.

Dates for Christmas will be provided soon.

The class charity we have chosen to support.

In Reception we have chosen to support CAFOD for our charity, CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is the official Catholic aid agency, They work through the local Church to reach people and places that others can't

<p>will start to focus on shape looking at comparing and sorting objects, compare capacity, length, height and size and repeating patterns.</p> <p>In Literacy, we are going to explore a range of books and stories to develop children's sequencing. The children will have many opportunities for writing during this term and beyond.</p> <p>In Phonics, we will be focusing on initial sounds and oral blending CVC words to read.</p>	<p>Across the world they bring hope and compassion to poor communities, standing side by side with them to end poverty and in justice. CAFOD work on long-term development as well as responding to emergencies.</p>
<p><u>Values for Autumn Term:</u> Curious and Active— before half term</p> <p>Curious: Curious about the life of Jesus and finding out more about his life and teachings. Active: Putting our faith into actions – actions speak louder than words!</p> <p>Intentional and Prophetic— after half term</p> <p>Intentional: Being intentional with our words and actions – making good choices. Prophetic: Speaking clearly treating others the way Jesus showed us.</p>	<p><u>St Joseph's Way – See our website for more details</u></p> <p>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 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> 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>	