

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the summer break and welcome to Year 2! We hope you all enjoyed the holiday and we hope that all is well with you and your family.

A few quick bits of information...

This term we take part in PE lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit for both sessions. Children will receive homework on Fridays, to be returned by Thursday please.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday to learn for a test the following Monday.

May we kindly ask that you read regularly with your child, help and encourage them to complete and return their homework and learn their spellings each week.

As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Thank you for all your support, Miss Cresswell and Mrs Wroblewski

What are we learning about?

This Term our topics are:

R.E.: Old Testament stories and prayers, Sharing in the life of Jesus, Advent and Christmas

English: Traditional Tales and Writing for Real Purposes

Numeracy: Numbers up to and beyond 100, addition and subtraction facts, properties of shape, place value.

Science: Materials and Growing Plants

Topic: Where do I live? and Guy Fawkes

ICT: iSearch and iAnimate

PE: Gymnastics and Throwing and Catching

Art: Can buildings speak?

DT: Puppets

Special days / Dates:

- Music lessons with Miss Green (DPA) every Wednesday.
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – We will be celebrating our class saints day – St Teresa of Calcutta. Children can wear their own clothes.
- Year 2 will be leading the Mass on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October / Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.15am.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Maths parent workshop. More information to follow.

The class charity we have chosen to support



Values for Autumn Term:

Curious and Active– before half term

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!

Children as leaders

In Year 2, the children have the opportunity to be:

Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie and part of the School Mission team.

<p>Intentional and Prophetic- after half term</p> <p>Intentional: Being intentional with our words and actions – making good choices.</p> <p>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></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>	