

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter. It has been lovely to hear the children tell us all about their holidays.

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, 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 "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" 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 Term our topics are:

R.E.: Easter, Pentecost and Special Celebrations.

Phonics: Introduction of RWI.

Numeracy: Subitising, number recognition, touch counting and counting independently higher than 10.

Science: To know and understand the importance of caring and showing concern for living creatures.

Topic: Transport.

ICT: To explore how mechanical toys work.

Special days / Dates:

- W/B 19th May – Anti-bullying and anti-racism week
- Friday 23rd May – Poetry recital 2.30
- W/B 26th May – Half term
- Thursday 26th June – Nursery trip to Dudley Zoo
- Monday 7th July – Brilliant in Britain dance performance 2.20
- Wednesday 9th July – Morning Nursery sports day 10.30 and Afternoon nursery sports day 1.30
- Thursday 10th July – Optional Parents Evening
- Friday 18th July – School closes for the summer!

<p>PE: Team games, throwing and catching and moving to music in a variety of ways.</p> <p>EAD: To construct and build with a wide range of resources. To develop stories using small world equipment and to make imaginative small worlds using blocks, construction kits and small world figures.</p>	<p><u>The class charity we have chosen to support</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><u>Values for Summer Term:</u></p> <p>Compassionate and Loving– before half term</p> <p>Compassionate: Being compassionate to others and sharing the importance of compassion.</p> <p>Loving: Showing love and care to our brothers and sisters in all we do.</p> <p>Faith-filled and Hopeful- after half term</p> <p>Faith-filled: Being filled with faith knowing that Jesus loves us so very much.</p> <p>Hopeful: Having hope for a better world and hope in each other.</p>	<p><u>Children as leaders</u></p> <p>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>
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching & 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 & Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor & Vulnerable, Human Dignity & Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect & Tolerance.</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>