

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

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.

Could we kindly ask you to make sure water bottles, and all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. It is also part of our uniform policy that children do not wear jewellery in school.

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?

As our new term begins, the children will be learning our school rules and how we learn through the 'St. Joseph's Way'. The children will be learning a variety of nursery rhymes, and they will have a nursery rhyme of the week to learn. We will also be learning about the season of Autumn. In Maths, we will be learning about number, shape and colour. In RE, we are focusing on Creation. We will be looking at everything that God created and how to look after our world. The children will have daily opportunities to develop all areas of learning through continuous provision.

Special days / Dates:

Thursday 23rd October – Break up for half term
Friday 24th October - Teacher training day
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October – Half term
Monday 3rd November – School re-opens

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 of these children and their families have spent many weeks/months in hospital undergoing major heart surgery.

<p><u>Values for Autumn Term:</u></p> <p>Eloquent and Truthful– before half term</p> <p>Eloquent: Speaking clearly to share the Gospel and support each other.</p> <p>Truthful: Being honest and truthful in all we say and do.</p> <p>Learned and Wise- after half term</p> <p>Learned: Taking time to consider the Gospel and learn from Jesus’ teachings.</p> <p>Wise: Thinking carefully and making good choices.</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 & British Values</u></p> <p>Throughout the curriculum and beyond children learn about the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching -</p> <p>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>	