

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 in the next couple of weeks, children will be sent home every Friday with a piece of homework. This will be a handwriting letter formation booklet, completing a sound a week. Could we ask these are back into school by Wednesday at the latest.

Today, your child has gone home with a home school link book. In here your child's key person will write comments about your child's week and some activities they have been up to. Please take time to read your child's home school link book and add comments about the weekend, we use this to form conversations with your child to aid their communication and language.

From next week, your child will be sent home each day with reading folder, which will consist of 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 Term our topics are:

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. In Autumn Term 2, we move on to looking at Advent and Christmas.

Special days / Dates:

WB 22nd September; MVVP Week

WB 20th October; Black History Week

WB 10th November; Anti-Bullying, Anti-Racism, and Internet Safety week

Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th November; Maths parent workshops.

Monday 15th December: EYFS nativity play 2.20pm

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.

Across the world they bring hope and compassion to poor communities, standing side by side with them to end poverty and

<p>In Maths, we are focusing on number. We are looking at recognising numbers, subitising numbers, writing numbers accurately and comparing numbers (one more and one less).</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>in justice. CAFOD work on long-term development as well as responding to emergencies.</p>
<p><u>Values for Autumn Term:</u></p> <p>Eloquent and Truthful– before half term</p> <p>Eloquent: Speaking clearly to shared 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 - 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>	