

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break; it has been lovely to welcome you all back. All the children in Reception have settled in well and back to our routines in the classroom, well done to everyone! I cannot believe we are in the final term of the academic year, where has the time gone!

There are lots of exciting things during this term which I hope the children will look forward to. We will be working together to make the smooth transition into Year 1. We have already begun this journey and the children are really embracing this independence. We are so proud of them. Their improvements across all areas of learning have been fantastic and I am so proud of all their hard work!

A few notices and reminders I would like to share with you:

- Your child will need a labelled water bottle in school every day.
- Please ensure ALL uniform items are clearly labelled, this will help locate any missing clothing items quickly especially in PE. PE will be every Wednesday morning.
- Reception children will be sent home every Friday with their Homework bags and their Home School Link Book. These will need to be school for the following Wednesday.

Please don't hesitate to speak to myself or anyone in Reception if you have any questions, queries or concerns. We are all here to listen and support. Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Many Thanks

Miss Bate

What are we learning about?

Our book this half term is The little Red Hen.
In RE we will be focusing on Easter, Pentecost, People who help us, Prayer, God's Family, Special Celebrations

In Maths, alongside our daily number sense lessons, we will be focusing on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, positional language and 3-D shapes.

In English we are continuing to develop our phonics awareness through our Read Write Inc

Special days / Dates:

- WB Monday 27th April; Anti-bullying and anti-racism week
- WB Monday 8th June: NSPCC speak out stay safe week.
- Wednesday 3rd June; Reception's trip to the farm
- Friday 3rd July; Reception's class assembly at 9:15am
- WB 29th June; Brilliant in Britain week-learning about other faiths
- Friday 10th July EYFS and KS1 Brilliant in Britain dance performances at 2:20pm

<p>(RWI) programme. We are looking at sequencing narrative texts, looking at describing settings and developing our sentence writing thinking about finger spaces and capital letters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 9th July; Reception's Sports Day at 9:15am <p><u>The class charity we have chosen to support</u> 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 injustice. CAFOD work on long-term development as well as responding to emergencies.</p>
<p><u>Values for Summer Term:</u> Grateful and Generous – before half term Grateful: Taking the time to appreciate the blessing from God and being thankful to Him. Generous: Sharing our special talents and gifts with others.</p> <p>Attentive and Discerning- after half term Attentive: Being attentive to the type of person Jesus is calling us to be. Discerning: Thinking carefully about the choices and decisions we make.</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>

Catholic Social Teaching & British Values

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.