



# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter No 15

## Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Dates for Diary

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> April at 9.00am	Year 4 Palm Sunday Assembly – Y4 parents welcome
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am	Year 3 Last Supper Assembly – Y3 parents welcome
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April at 9:05am	Year 5 Stations of the Cross Assembly – Y5 parents welcome
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Non Uniform Day and Easter Egg Hunt £1.50 PTA donation for entry to both Children break up for Easter Holidays
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back after Easter Holidays
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Coffee & Chat parent drop in- all welcome
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday. School Closed</b>
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 9am	Feast day of St Joseph the Worker in school led by Foundation and Year 6
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 4B Swimming Lessons start
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closed: Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	End of KS2 SATs for Year 6 starts
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm	First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting in school hall.
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> 2:40pm	Year 1G Class Assembly
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast of the Ascension led by Year 2 at Holy Trinity Church
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2:40pm	Year 1S Class Assembly
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Class trip to Warwick Castle
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May 8:35am	Coffee & Chat parent drop in
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET DAY- closed to children.</b>
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Full MAC INSET DAY- closed to children.</b>

### Welcome

Lots going on at St Joseph's this week including preparation for next week's Holy Week Assemblies!

### Year Group News

#### Foundation

FY had a visit from Deacon Owen who spoke about what Jesus did at the Last Supper.

#### Year 1

As mentioned in the dates for diary, both Year 1 classes will be having their class assemblies next half term.

#### Year 2

We would like to say thank you to Mrs Korimbocus who has worked with Year 2M over the last few weeks. We hope to see you back again and thank you for all your hard work with the children.

#### Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic day with their friends from the Rosary Primary School where they discussed each others faith and how we lead prayer at St Joseph's.

#### Year 4

Just a reminder that Year 4B will be going swimming at Whitehosue Common baths after Easter. Year 4R will go later in the summer term.

#### Year 5

Year 5 have been busy getting scientific (and a little messy!) testing different shapes for their water resistance. We know you have had a lot of fun doing this!

#### Year 6

Just a reminder that any payments for the Year 6 residential will need to be paid as mentioned earlier in the year. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

### Our Prayer Focus This Sunday is Palm Sunday

The Jews were waiting for a king to lead them against rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, he was welcomed as this king, but he came as a king of peace and not to bring war.

### **Year 2 class Assemblies.**

Well done to both classes who have now presented their class assemblies. We were delighted with how well you learnt your lines and were able to speak with such confidence. Thank you to all the staff and parents involved for preparing the children for these assemblies.

### **Lenten Almsgiving**

Just a reminder that there are sponsored events that each year group will be taking part in. Each Year group will have sent out a letter explaining what their chosen event throughout Lent has been. Please give as much money as you can. The two charities that we are fundraising for are Father Hudson's and CAFOD.

### **After School Clubs**

Next half term our after school clubs will continue:

Tuesday- Irish Dancing for FY – Y6 .

Wednesday- Leapfrog Multisports for Year 1 & 2

Thursday- Football for Years 3-6

Friday- Rugby Tots for FY to Y2.

Information on how to book will be sent out to each year group the club applies to.

### **Free Walk and Talk Club – Every Thursday in Summer Term from 3.30pm-4.00pm**

Mrs Chambers will be starting a Walk and Talk Club after school on Thursdays for Children in Years 2,3,4,5 and 6. If your child would like to attend this club to have some exercise and a chat with friends and teachers, please let the office know and they will add your child to the list. Please note for health and safety there will be limited numbers so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Research shows that getting fresh air and exercising has many benefits and helps support children's positive mental health. The club will run from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Gymnastics Competition**

Last Wednesday, a group of children from KS2 took part in a gymnastics competition at the GMAC. They performed floor and vault routines to judges and had lots of fun! Well done to the children for representing St Joseph's, we are all very proud of you. Thank you to Miss Glass and Mrs Vickers for giving up their time to organize the children.

### **Football result**

Well done to the boys who took part in the 5-0 win at Moor Hall on Tuesday. The boys played brilliantly and showed respect to the opposition. To keep up to date with the league 3 standings please visit [Sutton Coldfield Schools League \(thefa.com\)](http://thefa.com)

**Summer Weather** -When we return with the better weather we will be allowing the children to use the fields more at lunch and playtimes. If your child suffers from severe Hay fever and is feeling the effects of the pollen etc... please ensure that you give them the appropriate medicine before coming to school.

**School Uniform** -May I remind you that after the Easter break the children should be wearing our summer uniform as described below and on our website:

#### ***Summer uniform***

*Pale blue polo-shirt*

*Blue/white dress*

*Grey trousers or shorts*

*Sensible Black shoes*

**Handbands/Alice bands** -We have seen a huge increase in the number of elaborate headbands being worn, some with coloured bows and with ears attached to name but a few. These are not part of the uniform and do cause a distraction in lessons. If children have long hair that needs to be tied back off the face we only allow plain 'Alice bands' in the school colours.

Children wearing the incorrect type once we return from the break will be asked to remove them. Thank you for your cooperation.

PE Kit- we are continuing to ask children to wear their PE kit on their allocated PE days however, could we again remind you that PE kits and track suits should be in the school colours of Blue/ Black - grey, pink, red white....are all against our policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr O'Hara  
Principal

Mrs Chambers  
Vice Principal

Mr Lynch  
Assistant Principal