



To follow Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.

Newsletter No.7

Friday 10th December 2021

We have had an incredibly busy past couple of weeks at school as the children have been busy preparing for advent. This Sunday will be the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for rejoice, and this Sunday is the time for us to rejoice because Jesus came and died so that we may live forever with him. To celebrate this, we light the pink candle on the advent wreath to represent joy.

Family Mass Dates

Please find below the Family Mass dates for the rest of the academic school year, all Family Masses will start at 9.00 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church:

6th February 22	Sunday	1st Sunday Children's/Family Mass (5th Sunday)
6th March 22	Sunday	1st Sunday Children's/Family Mass (1st Sunday of Lent)
3rd April 22	Sunday	1st Sunday School Children's / Family Mass (5th Sunday of Lent)
1st May 22	Sunday	1st Sunday School Children's / Family Mass (3rd Sunday of Easter)
3rd July 22	Sunday	1st Sunday School Children's / Family Mass (14th Sunday)

Bambenelli Competition

Father Michael and Deacon Daniel would like to invite all families to join the **Children's Mass at 9:00 on the 3rd Sunday of Advent** (12th December) where they will bless figurines of the baby Jesus. Please see the competition poster at the end of the newsletter.

FY and Year 1 and 2 Nativities

Over the last two weeks, we have been lucky to watch amazing Nativity performances from all the children in FY, Year 1 and Year 2. We're sure all the parents who came to watch will agree that the children and staff worked incredibly hard and the performances were a joy to watch. We would like to thank everybody who helped contribute to the performances to make them a memorable occasion for all. We are also very thankful for all of the lovely messages and comments that parents have given.

Inset Days

Our remaining inset days for this academic year will be as follows:

Friday 18th February

Friday 1st July

As also noted in the previous newsletter, in line with Birmingham City Council, Directors have agreed that, for all schools in the St John Paul II MAC, the last day of the summer term will now be Thursday 21st July 2022, not Friday 22nd July 2022 as previously published. This is due to the additional bank holiday which has been agreed on Friday 3rd June 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our schools will already be on their summer half-term holiday on this day. The





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additional one-day holiday will therefore be taken on Friday 22nd July 2022, meaning that the Summer Term 2022 will now end on Thursday 21st July 2022.

Staffing

Today we say Goodbye to Mr Sheehan. We would like to thank Mr Sheehan for his dedication and hard work while working at St Joseph's school and we wish him well on his future endeavours.

Next week we will also be saying farewell to Mrs Scouler, after 13 years of working at the school. Mrs Scouler is taking a well-earned early retirement, we thank her for all of her work over the years as both a HLTA and Governor at the school.

Mrs Smith will be leaving next week (a separate letter has been sent to Y5S parents) to pursue an exciting acting career in London. Thank you to Mrs Smith for all her hard work she has given to the school and children.

In Spring term, we will be welcoming Miss Round as our new Y5 teacher. Miss Round is an experienced teacher who is excited to start with us in school. In Year 2, Mrs Laskowska will be joining the team as a teaching assistant working across both classes. We thank you in advance for making them feel welcome in our school community.

Birmingham City Council is consulting on proposed admissions arrangements

Birmingham City Council is consulting on the proposed admissions arrangements and proposed published admissions numbers for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2023/2024 academic year.

The consultation starts on **Monday 6 December 2021** and finishes on **Monday 24 January 2022**.

The proposed admissions arrangements and published admissions numbers can be viewed here: [Proposed Admissions Arrangements 2023-2024](#). Any comments on our proposed admission arrangements and published admissions numbers can be made here at the Birmingham City Council consultation website: [Birmingham Beheard](#).

St Edmund Campion Vacancy

Please see the advert for an exciting opportunity to work within one of our MAC schools, St Edmund Campion, who are advertising for a Vice Principal.

Cultural Capital – December

Musician of the Month: Ed Sheeran

Artist of the Month: Frank Bowling

Word of the Month: ad-lib

Inspirational Person of the Month: Kadeena Cox





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Key Dates for your Diary

Dates for your diary - December / January		
Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 14 th December	8.35 am-3.20pm	Virtual Pantomime Children's Christmas Lunch Christmas Parties in Classrooms
Friday 17 th December	8.35 am-3.20pm	The last day of Autumn Term
Tuesday 4 th January	8.35 am-3.20pm	Return to School for Spring Term 1

This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent



God our Father,

As we look forward to Christmas the excitement is growing.

Just as the light from the Advent wreath grows brighter,

We pray that the light of Jesus will grow brighter in our lives too.

Help each of us to make a fresh start this advent;

to put right what is wrong and to truly live as Jesus showed us.

Amen

Yours sincerely,

G M O'Hara
Executive Principal

Mrs N Hill
Acting Head of School

Mrs L Chambers
Acting Vice Principal





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Bambinelli Sunday - Sunday 12th December

9:00 am @ Holy Trinity Catholic Church

What is Bambinelli Sunday?

In Rome, families bring their baby Jesus figures to be blessed by the Pope on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. The beautiful Advent Tradition was introduced by Saint Pope John Paul II during his Papacy. The tradition follows that on the when children and adults brought their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to St Peters Square where they are blessed by the Pope. Pope Francis has continued the tradition, blessing the statuettes which children bring before him in the Square. Parishes around the world now join in the celebration, encouraging young children to make the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local church where they worship each weekend.



How are we continuing this tradition?

Father Michael would like to invite all families to join the **Children's Mass at 9:00 on the 3rd Sunday of Advent** (12th December) where he will bless figurines of the baby Jesus.

If you do not have a figure of Jesus to be blessed, there are lots of ideas online of how to create your own.



During the next week, the children will have the opportunity to make their own baby Jesus with the Chaplaincy Team at lunch time.

If you choose to create your own baby Jesus, we will be holding a competition for KS1 and KS2 for the most creative model.

Please email a photo of your baby Jesus to yr6@stjosutton.net by Monday 13th December.





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Archdiocese of Birmingham



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Vice Principal: Personal Development, Pupil Welfare, Behaviour and Attitudes

Salary Range: L18-22

Required for April or September 2022

Working Pattern: Full Time

The St John Paul II Multi Academy is a highly successful Catholic Multi Academy encompassing seven Primary Schools and two Secondary Schools. Our schools are based in Sutton Coldfield, Erdington and Aston.

The ethos of St John Paul II Multi Academy is Catholic and was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families.

As a Catholic multi academy, we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. As a Catholic multi academy, Catholic doctrine and practice permeate every aspect of every one of our school's activities. It is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education be fully supported by all staff within the multi academy. We therefore hope that all staff will give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the St John Paul II Multi Academy.

The Board of Directors of the St John Paul II MAC, together with the local governing body of St Edmund Campion Catholic School and the Archdiocese of Birmingham are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, inspirational and ambitious Vice Principal to join our committed, effective and friendly senior leadership team. The post is for either April or September 2022 and the role will oversee the personal development and behaviour and attitudes of pupils within the school. The successful candidate will line manage the pastoral and safeguarding aspects of school life including pupil attendance. Our dedicated staff are committed to the provision of an excellent academic education for every pupil in our care and the successful candidate will play an integral role in delivering this.

St Edmund Campion Catholic School is a successful 11-19 secondary school located in the north of Birmingham largely serving the Erdington community. Applications are welcome from existing senior leaders and the successful candidate will be required to demonstrate:

- being a practising Catholic who will uphold and role model the Catholic values of the school
- exceptional knowledge of matters around pastoral care, behaviour, attendance and safeguarding
- the capability to shape the vision and direction for the school, setting high expectations with a clear focus on student achievement and their pastoral care
- excellent role modelling for all members of staff and for students in all aspects of school life
- outstanding classroom practice
- the ability to analyse data effectively, identify areas of improvement and implement strategies to address them
- the ability to contribute significantly to continuous school improvement in the context of the School's Ethos and Mission Statement



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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to all necessary pre-employment checks, including: an enhanced DBS; Prohibition check; Childcare Disqualification (where applicable) qualifications (where applicable) medical fitness; identity and right to work. The school promotes equal opportunities for all. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to all necessary pre-employment checks, including: an enhanced DBS; Qualifications (where applicable); medical fitness; identity and right to work. The school promotes equal opportunities for all. This post is covered by Part 7 of the Immigration Act (2016) and therefore the ability to speak fluent and spoken English is an essential requirement for this role. An ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence through the medium of English' or 'The ability to converse at ease with parents/pupils and members of the public and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post'

Prospective candidates are welcome to visit the school in advance, please contact Julie Turner at turnerj@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk

For more information about St. Edmund Campion Catholic School please visit our website: www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk

All application packs are to be requested by contacting hr@sjp2.net and completed applications must be received by hr@sjp2.net by midday on Friday 14th January 2022.

Interviews will take place on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th February 2022.

