



St. John's RC Primary School

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teaching of Jesus

Love one another, as I have loved you

Newsletter: Issue 1

Friday 8th September 2023



Head's News...

On behalf of all of us, we welcome you to the beginning of another exciting school year at St. John's. What a fantastic first week back we have had, the children have settled quickly into routines and are getting used to all of the daily routines of school life; it is so lovely to see them all playing together again. I have had the most wonderful first week and I thank you for entrusting us with the care of your beautiful children. I would like to say a very big thank you for the very warm welcome I have received from all of the parents and carers this week.

Uniform

It is wonderful to see all the children arriving looking so beautiful. Thank you for following our school uniform policy as it sets high expectations for everything at school. Don't forget to label or write on labels inside of uniforms too, that way we can re-unite items with their owners.

Attendance

Please can you make a real concerted effort for your child to be in school every day. It is vital after the disruption of the last few years that your child is in school for every single learning opportunity this year. As a school we are aiming for at least 97% whole school attendance, but 100% would be amazing

Celebration Assembly

Our Celebration Assembly's will continue to take place on a Friday morning at 9.05am. These will now be open to all parents and grandparents to attend. This will be open to all to attend but you will receive a top-secret email on a Wednesday if your child is being awarded with a certificate of achievement. If your child has achieved something outside of school, please encourage them to share their successes with us all in assembly, we love seeing the journey our children are on, both inside and outside of school.

Believe in yourself

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

- Year 1: Joseph
- Year 2: Caleb
- Year 3: Emilia
- Year 4: Fikile
- Year 5: Jack
- Year 6: Ilona

Attendance

'Attend today, achieve tomorrow'



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS			
Please note, one day is two sessions.			
190 days in school (a school year)	16 sessions absent	20 sessions absent	38 sessions absent
	182 days in school	180 days in school	almost 4 weeks of missed education
			171 days in school
100% Attendance Excellent record	96% Attendance Good record	95% Attendance Needs to improve	90% Attendance Cause for concern
Well done! Best possible chance of gaining the knowledge, experiences and confidence needed to enable choice now and later in life in order to live a happy, fulfilling life.		We are concerned. Fewer opportunities to gain knowledge, experiences and confidence, possibly leading to reduced choice and happiness later in life.	

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The week's Gospel

Today is a special day in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Today we celebrate Mary, our Blessed Mother's birthday. We had a beautiful mission assembly this week and we dedicated our whole school mass to her. Mary is such a wonderful role model of how we can all be as God's children. She said yes because she believed, she knew that God was giving her a very special task and she trusted in the Word of God. In summary the message here is that 'With God anything is possible!'

HOUSE POINTS

This will return next week.

Birthdays

A new, and important message about birthdays!!!

Children can come into school in non-uniform on their birthday. This is so wonderful as everybody within our school community who sees them will know that it is their special day. If their birthday falls on a weekend, on PE day or within a school holiday the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards.

This week we celebrate:

Sean on 1st September
Keanu on 3rd September
Noah on 3rd September
Ummayah on 7th September



Safeguarding

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or MASH on 0345 050 7666.

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email our DSL directly:

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Key Dates

Friday 1 st and Monday 4 th September	Inset Days - School Closed
Tuesday 5 th September	New Term
Tuesday 5 th and Wednesday 6 th September	Reception Parents Meetings
Thursday 7 th September	Whole School Mass to celebrate the beginning of a new academic year – 10.30am Meet The Teacher Meetings – KS1 3.30pm and KS2 3.45pm
Tuesday 12 th September	<u>Strike a Pose</u> Individual and siblings Photograph Day
Monday 25 th to Thursday 28 th September	Year Five Bikeability
Monday 2 nd October to Friday 6 th October	Year Six Residential in Kilvrough
Monday 9 th October	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 10 th to Tuesday 17 th October	Book Fair
Tuesday 10 th October	Parents Evening
Friday 20 th October	End of Term
Monday 30 th October	Term Begins at 8.55am

As a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, we have embraced the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which teaches the children a set of eight pairs of virtues to be internalised and cultivated - enabling them to grow in wholeness as fully rounded individuals in the image of God. This half term we are::

Grateful and Generous

Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, now and in the future... by encouraging them to know and be **grateful** for all their gifts, developing them to the full so that they can be **generous** in the service of others.

During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches the people those values that build up the kingdom of God. Assembly and reflection themes at St John's Catholic Primary School are rooted in the Catholic Pupil Profile.

