



*Archdiocese of Birmingham*

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents & Carers

What beautiful weather to return to in February! We hope you were able to take advantage of this over half-term as well to enjoy the time with your children. It is, however, still only February so do please continue to send your children in with their coats and hats/gloves so that they can get outside and run around at play and lunchtimes even if the weather should turn against us again.

The sunshine also prompts us to consider some Spring cleaning and we will have another Big Spring Clean at St Joseph's. We had originally set this date for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March but this will be changed now so I will be in touch again with a new date and a plan of action and request for assistance.

Next week is a very big week in the lives of our Year 6 children as they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. This is always a very joyful occasion and we are particularly blessed this year that Archbishop Bernard Longley has asked to come to St Joseph's to confirm the children himself. This is quite an honour and it would be wonderful if you would consider coming along to support the children and extend a warm St Joseph's welcome to the Archbishop.

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and this year, in addition to dressing as their favourite characters on that Thursday, we are also going to be reading a whole school book together. Each class has been bought a copy of the book and the children will be enjoying a drama workshop related to the book as well. We will send home more information about this but please do ask your children about this work and talk with them about the story they are reading together.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March is Ash Wednesday and you are all welcome to attend Mass in school at 9.30 that morning.

Our first family assembly will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at the usual time of 2.30 p.m. and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this assembly and at the other Friday assemblies this term.

Thank you for your attendance at the Parents' Evening meetings that have been held this week. These are such an important opportunity for you to discuss your child/children's progress with their class teacher. Please remember that we are always available to discuss any concerns or questions that you may have about the curriculum or your children's work and you need only ask for an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support of St Joseph's School and I look forward to meeting you all during the course of the term.

Yours sincerely

Clare Smith

Headteacher