

## Archdiocese of Birmingham

## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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23rd April 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy Easter!

I do hope that you were able to make the most of the beautiful weather that we have had over the Easter holidays. The children certainly seem to have grown fast over the two weeks and have come back refreshed and ready for the busyness of the Summer term.

We all know the weather can be very changeable at this time of year so do please continue to send your children in with a lightweight, shower-proof coat for the time being so that they can continue to get out onto the playground. Equally, it would be a good time to sort out sun hats. The children will be able to enjoy the field for as long as the good weather lasts but as you know there is little shade in the centre of the playing grounds.

As it is now the Summer term the girls may wish to wear our uniform summer dress worn with white or grey socks or tights. The children can also opt to wear shorts but these must be grey, tailored shorts worn with white or grey school socks.

**Our first whole school event will be our Big Spring Clean this coming Saturday.** All the jobs will be outdoor ones so please come dressed for sun and rain. We will gather in the EYFS garden and aim to start at **9.30 a.m**. and will lock up when we have completed our tasks. Even if you can only come for an hour, please do pop along to give us a hand. We need a team of gardeners and a team to hose the bike shed down.

We would also like to sand down and repaint the fence in the KS1 area. We will provide materials for specific jobs but if you are coming to garden and have a spade, rake or trowel of your own please do bring your tools with you as this helps keep everyone gainfully occupied. If you have any ideas for further planting, then do please bring along a plant or two. We will order pizzas for those staying for lunch and then we all usually bring along something to share like a salad or cake.

We will celebrate our Feast Day next Wednesday, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, and this will be marked by the parish Mass being celebrated in school at 9.30 a.m. All are welcome, so do please come along if you can.

Other key events for the term are posted on the calendar of events on the website and you will also be notified of these in due course. However, you may want to make a note now of the Fathers' Day lunch on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, the Summer Fete on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Sports Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely

Clare Smith Headteacher