

# Remember the importance of attendance and punctuality!



St Jude's Catholic Primary School  
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**We live, love and learn together joyfully, in Jesus' name.**

## **WELCOME BACK!**

It has been a pleasure to welcome your children back to school after a long break. I would like to congratulate them on how beautifully they have come in. All pupils have been keen to get back in to the rhythm of things and have impressed us all.

Teachers are busy planning timetables and preparing their curriculum for pupils. Please be patient while they do this—you will receive more information from them next week.

### **PE**

You do need to know the days of the week that your child will have PE:

- Nursery & Reception—Friday
- Years One & Two—Monday & Thursday
- Year Three—Wednesday & Thursday
- Year Four—Wednesday & Friday
- Year Five—Tuesday & Thursday
- Year Six—Tuesday & Friday

We will continue the routine of asking the children to wear their PE kit on these days. Please ensure that this is the kit outlined in our uniform policy which can be found on our school website. This should be **plain blue/black** shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a plain white tee shirt or polo shirt. Trainers may be worn as lessons will take place outside as often as possible. Pumps may be needed for indoor activities such as gymnastics but children will need to bring these to school and change in to them. We will advise you when pumps are needed.

**PLEASE support school in adhering to this policy especially as PE kit will be worn twice a week.**

### **Reading Books**

Books will begin to be sent out next week. Please look after the books—we have spent a lot of money on them! If a book comes back in to school damaged or it is lost, you will need to pay £5 to replace it.

Books will be sent out on the following days:

- Y1—Thursday
- Y2—Tuesday
- Y3—Monday
- Y4—Monday
- Y5—Wednesday
- Y6—Wednesday

They should then be returned on the same day the following week for changing. Homework will be sent with reading books from the week commencing September 19th.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROFILE**

### **What do we mean by the Catholic Schools Pupil Profile?**

Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Birmingham ensure that, as part of their Catholic teachings from Learning and Growing as the People of God, Virtues are a key focus. These virtues show how pupils are growing in their faith, as well as how schools help children to grow.

Every half term there is a different focus.

These virtues are taken from the Jesuit Institute which is rooted in the teachings of St Ignatius. They have created a Pupil Profile in which 8 pairs of complementary words have been placed together. The Archdiocese of Birmingham have been allowed to use the Jesuit material and have renamed it the Catholic Schools Profile.

Each half term the whole school will focus on one pair of words; we will spend time reflecting on the meaning of the words; how we see these virtues in action in our lives and in the lives of others and how we can work to encapsulate these virtues in our lives.

This half term we are focusing on being

### **Compassionate & Loving**

**Compassionate:** We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away.

**Loving:** We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words.



### **Communication**

It is very important for the pupils in our care that we have ways of communicating with parents. We do this in a number of ways especially through text message and through the newsletter which is emailed out to you. It is essential that we have the correct information and that we are informed of any changes. Our website is also very useful for information. Thank you to the many of you who do read information carefully. If there are parents that you know of who don't access newsletters etc., please encourage them to begin! We do receive an enormous amount of phone calls asking for information that has already been sent.

Who will receive an attendance award this term?

Attendance which is 90% and below is persistent absence.

**You must telephone school to report an absence.**

### Dinners

- Please remember that if your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two they are entitled to a free meal in school.
- If your child has moved from Year Two in to Year Three you may be unsure of he/she is entitled to a free meal based on your level of income. It is very easy for us to check this for you; please contact the school office.
- The cost of dinners is as follows:
  - ⇒ Daily— £2.40
  - ⇒ Weekly— £12.00
  - ⇒ Milk—£6.38 ( this figure is up until October half-term, deadline Wednesday 14th please.)

### FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

**September 14th**—Year Six trip to St. Chad's Cathedral

**September 21st**—Year Six secondary transition meeting, 3.20pm

**October 3rd**—Parents' Evening 2pm to 5pm

**October 3rd to 7th** - Healthy Minds Workshops—Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

**October 13th**—Parents' Evening 3.30pm—6pm

**October 20th**— St. Jude's Feast Day celebration  
Pupils break for half-term

**October 21st**—Teacher Training Day. SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS.

**w/c 24th October**—Half-term week

**October 31st**—Pupils return to school#

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**November 10th**—Whole School Retreat

**w/c November 14th**—Anti-Bullying Week

**November 27th**—the start of Advent

**December 2nd** —non-uniform day in exchange for either £1 or a gift for the Christmas Boutique

**December 9th**—Christmas Jumper Day

**December 13th**—Christmas Dinner—Nursery, Reception, Years One and Two

**December 14th**—Christmas Dinner—Years Three, Four, Five and Six Year One Nativity Play at 2pm

**December 15th**—Christmas Parties

**December 16th**—Christmas Boutique, end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish

**January 3rd**—Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

**January 4th**—Pupils return to school

**February 7th**—**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR BAPTISED CATHOLICS IN Y6 AT ST.DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, 7PM**

**February 17th**—Pupils break up for half-term

**February 27th**—Pupils return from half-term break

**March 31st**—end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish.

**April 17th** -Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

**April 18th**—Pupils return to school

### Secondary School Applications

Now is the time for parents with pupils in Years 5 and 6 to think carefully about secondary schools. There are opening evenings in all local schools, A couple of examples are here:

- Bishop Challoner Catholic College—September 21st (6pm—8.30pm).
- St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School- 22<sup>nd</sup> September (6pm - 8.30pm), 26<sup>th</sup> September (9.15am - 10.45am), Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September (9.15am - 10.45am), Saturday 8th October (9am start)
- Christchurch CofE Academy—12th October, 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

I encourage you to find out more information about the open evenings on the actual websites of the various schools. **Some visits do need to be booked.**

An email was sent to all parents with children currently in Year Six before the end of the last summer term; this was re-circulated again this week. We know that it can be a confusing system to navigate. For this reason, there is an information meeting in school for parents on **September 21st at 3.20pm.**

It is essential that applications are completed and submitted to the Local Authority by you as parents no later than October 31st 2022. We are unable to make choices and applications for you but will support as much as we can.

### Staff in School

A reminder of some people and in their key roles in school:  
**Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Mrs. Smith, Mrs Orton, Mr McGarrigle and Mr Powell

**Mental Health First Aiders:** Mrs Orton and Mr Powell

**SEND Lead:** Mr Powell

**Office Manager:** Mrs Bevan

**Chair of Governors:** Mrs Thompson

A full list of class teachers and teaching assistants can be found on the school website.

### Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast Club runs daily in school cost of Breakfast Club is £2.50 if your child attends from 7.30am. Only pupils in Y6 can sign themselves in to this club; all other pupils must be signed in by an adult. If pupils arrive at 8.15am or later, the cost is £1 but no breakfast is provided.

After School Club continues to be run by Central Education. **PLACES MUST BE BOOKED ONLINE IN ADVANCE.** Please visit <https://www.centraleducation.co.uk/> for more information.



Communication and Autism



Access to Education

## CAT Parent Coffee Morning

The Communication and Autism Team are offering a chance for parents to meet up with other parents, and there will be topics for each session to help you understand various areas of needs and support when you have a child with Autism

All sessions are on a Friday 9.15-11.15am

16<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

13<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Based at GBNFC Chinbrook Centre

213 Trittiford Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham, B13 0ET

## All groups below will be closed the week of the 29th August

### Monday

9.30pm-11.00pm  
**Stay & Play**  
Under 5 years  
Masefield  
Community Centre,  
B31 2HL

12.30pm-3.00pm  
**Wellies In The Woods Well-Being Walk**  
Meet at the  
Chinnbrook  
Centre, B13 0ET

09.30am-10.30am  
10.45am-11.45am  
**Musical Babies**  
Birth-Walking  
Warstock  
Community  
Centre, B14 4QA

**No Group 5th Back 12th September**  
1.15pm-2.45pm  
**Stay & Play**  
Under 5 years  
Manningford Hall  
B14 5RY

### Wednesday

9.30am- 11.00am  
**Baby Sensory**  
Birth-Walking  
Selly Oak  
Methodist Church,  
B29 6HT



### Thursday

9.15am-11.00am  
**Stay & Play**  
Under 5 years  
Chinnbrook Centre,  
B13 0ET



### Friday

9.30am-11.00am  
**Stay & Play**  
Under 5 years  
Stirchley Baths,  
B30 2JT

1.00pm-2.30pm  
**Story and Craft**  
2-4 Years  
At Selly Oak  
Methodist Church,  
B29 6HT

This is the What's On Guide for September - October 2022 you may see extra groups added from October 2022 with lots of new faces joining the team which means lots more fun!

Most of our Groups are now **DROP-IN GROUPS** No need to book just turn up! Groups with the

Please call to book on 0121 464 4189

### ALSO THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

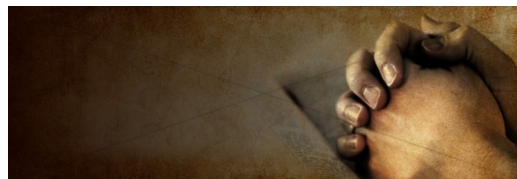
- Parenting programmes
- Speech and language support
- Antenatal Support
- CV Workshops, Employment Training & ESOL



Queen Elizabeth II  
1926-2022  
Rest in Peace Your Majesty

We pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We give thanks for her life of faith and service to God and to the people of this country, the Realms and the Commonwealth. We remember all those who mourn for Her Majesty, especially her family. May they be comforted by the love of the Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. Amen.



We pray for His Majesty the King Charles III. We ask that God blesses him and gives him the strength as he begins his reign. Amen.

We began our day in school today with an assembly where we celebrated the life of Queen Elizabeth II and gave thanks for her service to this country. The children were respectful and knowledgeable, I was incredibly proud of them.

