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Dear Parents

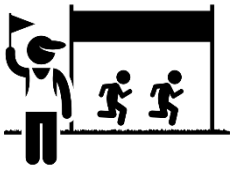
Please click on the links below to access calendar events and after school clubs:

School Calendar: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Diary/
Term Dates 2024/25 https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/2024-2025_Calendar.pdf
After School Clubs: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Clubs_-_Summer_2024.pdf

Prayer Competition – Knights of St Columba

Congratulations to Year 4 and Year 5 who took part in this competition and received certificates. Three of our children were placed in the top 10 in Bexley and won prizes. Well done!

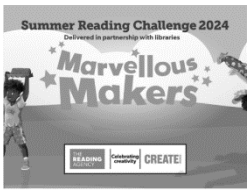
Sports Day Results



The overall winners of Sports Day were the blue team with 420 points. Thank goodness the sun shone. A good time was had by all.

1st Blue – 420
2nd Red – 397
3rd Green – 379
4th Yellow – 278

Library Summer Reading Challenge 2024



'Marvellous Makers' – free sign up at your local library. This year it is all about getting creative. Music, junk modelling, photography, dancing, story writing … the possibilities are endless.

Discover fantastic new books, unlock rewards along the way, and achieve something amazing this summer. We encourage you to get involved.

Summer Holiday Homework



The Summer Holiday Challenge will be set again this summer. Children will gain points for completing set holiday appropriate activities/tasks. These will be handed out when the children have 'Meet the Teacher' at the end of term.

Return of School Books



Please return any school books you may have at home. Replacing reading books is expensive and the return of all stock would be appreciated.

Love, Learn, Live

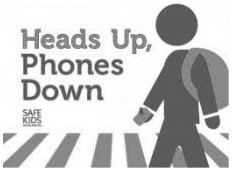
Year 6 Leavers



We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 class in a couple of weeks. The children have worked hard and achieved some excellent results. Well done.

The children move to a number of secondary schools, 38% are moving to Catholic secondary schools, St Columba's and St Catherine's, 34% to Grammar schools and the remaining children to secondary schools across Bexley. We wish them success and much happiness.

Road Safety



As we approach the Summer holidays and Year 6 children practise travelling to/from school on their own, here are some reminders for safe travels:

- Children: be aware of traffic, use allocated crossings, and put away distractions like phones.
- Parents: review road safety with your child and practise their route with them.

Holiday Activity and Food Programme



The HAF programme provides healthy food and enriching activities to children and young people, with free places available for those on free school meals during some of the school holidays. Please click on the link below for further information: https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/holiday-activities-food-programme

Smiley Ark



If you would like to secure a place at Smiley Ark next year, please email Smiley Ark to make a booking. Smiley Ark is located on St Joseph's premises and has access to many of our facilities including playgrounds and computer suite. Smiley Ark will also be running a Summer Holiday Club. For further information please contact them via email - enquiries@smileyark.com

Safeguarding



Here are some useful links about how to keep your child safe, especially during the summer holidays:

- **Water Safety** – RNLI
  https://rnli.org/safety/float
- **E-Safety**
  Keeping your children safe online https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/
  TikTok - what parents need to know https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/
- **Sun Safety**
  https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids

School Uniform



Please be advised that children return to school in September in full school uniform (either summer or winter) and shoes. PE kits will be needed from the first week. Correct uniform is listed on the school website: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/School_Uniform_-_with_Photos.pdf We actively discourage school shoes that look like trainers. Earrings, nail varnish and expensive Smart watches are not permitted.

Term Dates – 2024-2025

Please find attached the term dates for 2024-2025 for your information. There is also a link at the top of this newsletter that takes you to our website.

Yours sincerely

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