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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/
After School Clubs: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Clubs_-_Summer_2024.pdf

First Holy Communion



Our prayers and congratulations go out to the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion. This is a day that they will remember for the rest of their lives. God bless.

Caring Classrooms



Bexley Foodbank are very grateful for all of your generous donations so far which will help support thousands of Bexley residents who rely on foodbanks as part of their weekly shop. They are currently in need of long life milk, noodles, tinned fruit, custard, coffee, toothpaste, shower gel, razors and deodorant. Thank you for caring. Last date for donations is Friday 19th July 2024.

Sponsored Spelling



Mrs Yems has organised a sponsored spelling test. Before the half term, your child brought a letter home with their spellings and sponsor form. Please could any sponsor money be sent in via your child by Friday 14th June 2024. All money raised will go towards buying new reading books for the classrooms. Thank you for your support.

Book Fair



The Travelling Book Company will be visiting us on Thursday 13th June 2024 at 3.15 pm where parents are welcome to come in and purchase any books. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend you can send your child in with the money so that they can purchase a book during the day. Children from all classes will have the opportunity during the week commencing Monday 10th June 2024 to browse the latest book titles and buy from the book stand. Please send in any money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and how much is enclosed.

School Uniform

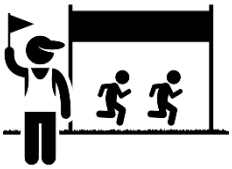


Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform as stated on our website: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/School_Uniform_-_with_Photos.pdf
We actively discourage school shoes that look like trainers and the wearing of earrings.
Thank you for encouraging your child to wear their uniform with pride (e.g. shirts tucked in, cardigans on shoulders etc).

Love, Learn, Live

Sports Day – Thursday 20th June 2024

Please be advised that Sports Day will be at the usual venues.



Infants (Years R, 1 and 2)

Will take place from 9.30 am on the school grounds. The school gate will be open from 9.00 am to parents. Light refreshments will be on sale. Donation of biscuits would be appreciated.

Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Will take place from 1.30 pm at the VCD Sports Club which is just across the road.

All children need to come into school dressed ready to take part. PE kits will be sent home on Wednesday 19th June 2024. The children should come to school in the correct coloured house t-shirt (red, yellow, blue or green – no logos please), their PE shorts and trainers (plimsolls if trainers are not available) also a school cardigan/jumper and cap (both labelled).

All children to bring in a bottle of water clearly labelled with their name. Please apply sun cream before coming to school.

Sun Safety

As the weather warms, please send your children into school, 'sun safety ready'. Sun cream applied at home, a labelled school cap and labelled water bottle brought in every day.



Pupils Suffering with Hay Fever

As the weather brightens, hay fever begins! If your child suffers from hay fever, please let the office know. Please administer hay fever medication before your child comes to school in the morning. Sunglasses may only be worn by pupils who suffer with hay fever, parents please contact the school via a note in the contact book.



Parental Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire. Please find attached a summary report for your information.



PTA

The PTA will shortly be sending out a newsletter. Please keep a look-out for it as there will be information about the Summer Fete.



Any use of cameras/recording equipment at school events is permitted on the understanding that it is not to be uploaded onto any public/social media site.

Online Safety

As a parent/carer, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. Click the link below for useful guides and resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre:



https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

Messages from Crayford Police

There have recently been some car thefts in the Crayford area – please take a few moments to review the security of your vehicle.

Please take a few moments to check out crime prevention tips to protect your vehicle on the link below.
https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/preventing-car-vehicle-theft/

For more crime prevention advice please see information on our web pages www.met.police.uk

Congratulations

We congratulate all of our staff who have 'tied the knot' so far this year: Mrs Bradford (Miss Smith), Mrs Reynolds (Miss Smith) and Mrs Eames (Ms Fulling). We wish them all the best in their married life.



We also congratulate Mrs Partridge on the birth of her baby, Dotty, in January. Both mother and daughter are doing well and we look forward to when Mrs Partridge returns to St Joseph's.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY 2024 CORE FINDINGS

98%

of parents would recommend St Joseph's to another parent.



94% of parents think the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.



95% of parents think that their child is happy at St Joseph's.

"Brilliant sense of community and welcome. Our child feels very secure and happy in the teacher's class. The children are building strong, respectful relationships even with children in different year groups."

95%

of parents believe their children do well at St Joseph's.

