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Dear Parents/Carers

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 2023/24: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/2023-2024_Calendar.pdf
After School Clubs: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Clubs_-_Spring_2024.pdf

Pray for Peace
We pray for peace in Israel and Gaza and to a rapid end to the suffering of innocent people.



Wear Red for ECHO
Following the School Council Fundraising event in February in order to raise awareness for a charity called ECHO (Evelina Children's Heart Organisation) as part of National Heart Month, the school raised a total of £204.11. Thank you to everyone for your donations.

Connecting the Children's Heart Community

Easter Enterprise Events - CAFOD
During Lent, each junior class will organise an Easter Enterprise fund raising event. Please see the main calendar for dates – thank you in advance for your support.

Little Red Box Scheme – Mission Together
Mission Together is the Catholic Church's official children's charity for overseas mission. During Lent, each infant class, will take home a Little Red Box to collect money to help support Pope Francis' favourite charity. Boxes need to be returned by Monday 25th March 2024.



World Book Day
This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8th March 2024.**



Each child will also be given a book token to use towards the purchase of a book of their choice from participating retailers.

World Book Day provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure.

Costumes: we would love the children to dress up as a character from their favourite book and bring that book in with them to share with others. It will be a fun day for all.

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Parents' Evening



Online bookings will open on Monday 25th March 2024 at 9.00 am. Please go to https://stjosephscrayford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ and book a slot to see your child's class teacher on either:

- Tuesday 23rd April 2024 or
- Thursday 25th April 2024

School Uniform Changes



Everyone comments on how smart our children look! After the Easter break, the children will be able to wear their summer uniform. Please note that the school uniform guidelines have recently been reviewed and updated and these are available for you to view on our website: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/School_Uniform_-_with_Photos.pdf

The main changes to consider when purchasing new uniform are:

Boys - Wear plain sky blue polo shirts (boys may still wear polo shirts with school logo if you still have these at home). Grey tailored shorts if they wish.

Girls - Years R – 4 wear pale blue/white gingham summer dresses or playsuit (girls may still wear blue/white striped summer dresses if you still have these at home).

School Lunch Menu



After the Easter holidays, the lunch menus will change to the Summer Menus. Menus are available on the school website. Please be advised that the office and kitchen staff need one week's notice of any changes to dinner arrangements.

SATs Tests – Year 6



Year 6 SATs tests take place Monday 13th – Friday 17th May 2024 – it is essential that all children attend school. No absences granted this week.

PE Kit



Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor PE kit in their PE bag.
Indoor PE and hot weather outdoor PE: plain white T-shirt and navy shorts (no skorts).
Outdoor PE (cold weather): plain white T-shirt, navy jogging bottoms, navy hoodie/sweatshirt, trainers (plimsols for infants). It is also advisable to keep a spare pair of socks in your child's PE bag.
Please label everything! Thank you.

Car Park Gate



Please note that this gate is for wheelchair access only.

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Message from Crayford Police

Please be aware that there has been an increase in theft of motor vehicles, theft from motor vehicles and motor vehicle interference in the local area recently.

Ensure your vehicle is locked and items of value are removed. More information can be found at:
https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/vehicle-safe-and-sound/
https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/preventing-car-vehicle-theft/

Yours sincerely

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