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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_-_Spring_2025.pdf

New School Mission Statement



We are excited to introduce our new St Joseph Mission Statement which has been co-created by all of our staff and approved by our school governors.

The children will be introduced to it this half term (please see attached).

Free School Meals – Are you eligible?



You can apply for your children to receive free schools meals if you are receiving certain welfare benefits. All children get free school meals, but if you receive any of the benefits below you should still apply so that the school gets extra funding. This money could go towards things like learning support and after-school activities (eg discount on class trips; full cost of after school clubs; full cost of instrument tuition; full cost of instrument hire).

You must already be receiving any of the following benefits to apply:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - you must annually take home £7,400 or less in Universal Credit payments. This equals an average of £616.67 per month in net earned income (after deductions).

(You are not eligible for free school meals if you receive Working Tax Credit or other support payments that are not mentioned above).

If you feel you are eligible, here is the link to apply online:
https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/how-apply-free-school- meals/free-school-meals-form

Alternatively, please pop in to the School Office to collect a form to complete.

Learning and growing together with Christ

Parents' Evening



Online bookings will open on Monday 10th March 2025 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 25th March 2025 or
- Thursday 27th March 2025

Parents whose children have special educational needs, please be advised that Mrs Partridge, as SENDCo, will be available to see Year 2 parents on Tuesday 25th March 2025 and other year groups on Thursday 27th March 2025. Please bear this in mind when booking your appointment.

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.

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 31st March 2025.

Easter Bonnet – all children in Years R to Year 6



The St Joseph's traditional Easter Bonnet Competition is here again on Friday 4th April 2025. We hope that the whole family will contribute towards making the Easter creations at home; giving the judges some difficult decisions to make! (A separate letter was already sent out to parents last week).

Message from Crayford Police

Please be aware that distraction theft has been reported. This has happened at the ATMs at Sainsburys, Crayford.

Take a few moments to consider these ATM safety tips and be sure to share with those you consider could be vulnerable:

- If you have a choice, use a cash machine within a bank rather than on the street.
- Be aware of your surroundings. If someone is crowding or watching you, cancel the transaction and go to another machine.
- Do not accept help from seemingly well-meaning strangers and never allow yourself to be distracted. Stand close to the machine and always shield the keypad to avoid anyone seeing you enter your pin number.
- Once you have completed a transaction, discreetly put your money and card away before leaving the cash machine.

If you are a victim of fraud, contact your bank or credit card company and report it on-line at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

The London Children's Flower Society - Spring Bulb Competition



The Spring Bulbs will be judged at school on Tuesday 11th March 2025. Please ensure the children bring in their bulbs even if they do not have a flower by the **morning of Monday 10th March 2025**. Even bulbs that are past their best will be judged. Your child may like to provide a photograph of how it looked in full bloom. Good luck!

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon

Mrs Truss

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Executive Head Teacher

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Head of School

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	At St Joseph's we strive to:
Education for All	Welcome every person, so that we all grow together as people loved by God, in our families, our school, our parish and our communities
Educating the Whole Person	Nurture each person to care about others, championing peace and justice for all
The Search for Excellence	Support every person to be an excellent learner, encouraging them to achieve their best within a safe learning environment
The Uniqueness of the Individual	Build and form positive relationships between all our people, based on trust and respect
The Development of Moral Values	Educate every person to understand the consequences of their actions, making choices that promote the common good.

Our mission can be summarised in the words of Jesus:

"Love one another as I have loved you."