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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 2023/24: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/2023-2024_Calendar.pdf
After School Clubs: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Clubs_-_Autumn_2023.pdf

Poppies – Supporting the Royal British Legion



These are on sale until Friday 10th November 2023 in class. Children may bring in some change in order to make a donation.

We are also selling other poppy related items supporting the Royal British Legion. The Year 5/6 Chaplaincy Group will be bringing these round to classes to purchase.

Uniform and Coats



The children look very smart in their winter uniform. Thank you. As the days get colder, please ensure that the children come to school wearing a coat. A dark, waterproof, hooded, sleeved coat with reflectors is preferred. As the evenings are getting darker earlier, it is important to keep our children safe when they are walking home from school. Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name. Our JRSOs will be distributing 'Be Bright, Be Seen' zip reflectors soon.

Primary Reception Places – September 2024



The Bexley online site has now opened – www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions (for Bexley residents) and https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places and closes on 15th January 2024).

The school is holding a number of Open Events on the following dates:

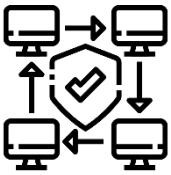
- Monday 27th November - Open Evening - 5.00 pm
- Tuesday 5th December - Open Afternoon - 1.30 pm
- Wednesday 10th January - Open Morning - 9.15 am

A presentation by the Head of School will be followed by a guided tour of the school. Please remind friends and neighbours to put these dates in their diary. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024. The school welcomes applications from Catholics and non-Catholic families (who are sympathetic to our values and practice).

Please note, if you are Catholic, Fr David, will be available to sign Supplementary Forms by appointment only. However, if you are not religious, you must still complete Part 1 of the Supplementary Form and return it to the school office.

Love, Learn, Live

Online Safety



Please watch this video about keeping your child safe online:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk

Here are some other useful links relating to internet safety:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/
http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers
https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers

More can be found on our school website:
https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Supporting_Online_Safety.pdf

Parents' Evening



Online bookings will open on Tuesday 14th November 2023. Please go to https://stjosephscrayford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ and book a slot to see your child's class teacher on either:

- Tuesday 28th November 2023 or
- Thursday 30th November 2023

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 28th November and other year groups on Thursday 30th November 2023. Please bear this in mind when booking your appointment.

Caring Classrooms – message from Mrs Pinto



In response to the Laudato Si letter from Pope Francis, our Eco-Warriors have begun to collect food donations in each classroom box. These donations are collected regularly by Churches Together and taken to Bexley Foodbank. Thank you in advance for your continued support to help families who are struggling in our local community.

Football Fixtures



Well done to St Joseph's Year 5 and 6 football team for taking part in their first few football matches this term. They played against the following schools:

- Castilion – Year 6 won 1-0
- Goals - Year 5 came 5th out of 6 teams

Financial Support



The Mayor of London is ensuring all primary school children who attend state schools in London receives free school meals for this academic year. Your child will receive their free school meal automatically, but it is really important to still complete the Government's registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth £1,345 per year. This money forms a significant part of the school's overall budget. The registration process is straightforward and confidential. Please click on the link to check your eligibility https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/

PTA Children's Disco – Friday 17th November 2023

The PTA have organised an autumn term disco for the children. The infant disco will take place in the school hall between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm and the junior disco will take place between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm. The cost is £4.00 each. A place can be booked using our School Gateway https://schoolgateway.co.uk/get-started/ Please note tickets will not be issued as School Gateway will generate a paid list for the door.



Yours sincerely

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