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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_-_Autumn_2024.pdf

Poppies – Supporting the Royal British Legion



These are on sale until the morning of Monday 11th November 2024 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.

Caring Classrooms



In response to the Laudato Si letter from Pope Francis, our Eco-Warriors are restarting collecting food donations in each classroom box. These donations will be 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.

Primary Reception Places – September 2025



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 2025).

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

- Friday 15th November 2024 - 9.15 am
- Monday 9th December 2024 - 5.00 pm
- Wednesday 8th January 2025 - 1.30 pm

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 2025. 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 the Certificate of Catholic Practice (available from the school office or from our website) by appointment only. However, if you are not religious, you must still complete the Supplementary Form and return it to the school office.

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.

Parents' Evening



Online bookings will open on Tuesday 19th November 2024. Please go to https://stjosephscrayford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ and book a slot to see your child's class teacher on either:

- Tuesday 3rd December 2024 or
- Thursday 5th December 2024

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 3rd December and other year groups on Thursday 5th December 2024. Please bear this in mind when booking your appointment.

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/

Online Safety



Please read this article about how apps could be used for grooming:
https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cze3p1j710ko

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 links relating to internet safety can be found on our school website:
https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Supporting_Online_Safety.pdf

Football Team



Well done to St Joseph's Year 5 and 6 football team for taking part in their first few football matches this term. The results were:
Tournament at Goals – St Joseph's came runners up

- Eastcote (lost 6 - 3)
- St Peter Chanel (won 7 – 0)
- St Paulinus (won 3 – 1)

Barnehurst (lost 7 – 5)

PTA Children's Disco – Friday 22nd November 2024



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.

Parish Christmas Event and Raffle



Christmas Event and Raffle

St Mary of the Crays Church are holding a Christmas Raffle to raise funds for further expenditure in the Church. They are also planning a Christmas Event on Sunday 15th December 2024. Raffle tickets are available from the Church after Weekend Masses to buy or take away and sell to friends. The draw for the Raffle will take place during the Parish Christmas Event at 3.00 pm. The Parish Carol Service will also be taking place on Sunday 15th December at 3.00 pm. Please support these to celebrate the Parish.

Yours sincerely

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