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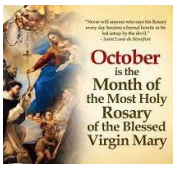
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Dear Parents

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

October the Month of the Holy Rosary



Parents and children are invited to join one of our parishioners in saying a decade of the rosary before school. The prayer group will meet on Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 21st October at 8.30 am in the school prayer room.

Harvest Donations



Thank you for the marvellous response to our harvest collection. The harvest display reminded the children to give thanks for the wonderful bounty God gives us. The food that you have generously donated will be collected by the Salvation Army for their food bank. The last day for donations is Friday 4th October 2024.

Emergency Contacts - updates



It is essential that the school holds up to date contact information for your child. If you have changed your address, email and/or telephone number, please contact the school office with your updated information via your child's Contact Book.

School Fund and School Funding in General



Thank you to those parents who have already paid the school fund. If you still need to pay, please send your £20 school fund contribution as soon as possible. Please log on to your School Gateway Account to pay. We rely on parents to send this amount in at the beginning of the Autumn Term. The money collected is for the extra expenses the school has to incur during the year, this includes end of term treats, subsidy for outings, in-school guest speakers and theatre productions.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thank You!



Thank you to all who attended our Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' last week by staff and parents. Cakes and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Particular thanks to parents who contributed cakes for this event. The total money raised was £117.30 and will go to Macmillan to support someone affected by cancer.

Love, Learn, Live

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. Please continue to send items into school. Thank you for caring.

Hello Yellow Day



The wellbeing and mental health of our children is incredibly important. On Thursday 10th October 2024, we are asking the children to come to school wearing an additional yellow coloured item (still wearing full uniform) to brighten up the school for the day. Each class will take part in activities in their classes to reflect on the different ways that we can look after ourselves better #HelloYellow.

Winter Uniform



Please be advised that after half term, winter uniform must be worn. Please remember to label all uniform. A reminder of the school uniform is attached, on the parents' noticeboard and school website. The children look very smart in their uniform and the wearing of school coloured hair bands completes the overall look. Please take note of the information about boys haircuts at the bottom of the poster. Girls are reminded to remove their earrings and nail varnish before they come to school. Your co-operation is appreciated.

School Lunch Menu



The lunch menu will change to the Winter Menus after the October half term. The new menus are currently being updated and will be available on the school website from Monday 21st October 2024. Please be advised that the school office and kitchen staff need a notice period of one week for any changes to dinner arrangements.

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:

- Tuesday 10th September 2024 - 9.15 am
- Thursday 10th October 2024 - 1.30 pm
- Friday 15th November 2024 - 9.15 am
- Monday 9th December 2024 - 5.00 pm
- Wednesday 8th January 2025 - 1.30 pm
- Tuesday 4th February 2025 - 9.15 am
- Monday 17th March 2025 - 5.00 pm
- Wednesday 2nd April 2025 - 1.30 pm
- Thursday 1st May 2025 - 1.30 pm
- Monday 30th June 2025 - 5.00 pm
- Friday 4th July 2025 - 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 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.

E-Safety Presentation for Parents



As part of our work on Safeguarding, the school has organised its annual e-safety presentations for children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6), staff and all parents. The sessions will be led by Tim Wilson a UK Lead (ISC) Safe and Secure Online speaker.

The presentations are aimed at making children and parents aware of some potential dangers associated with mobile phone and internet use. The presentations will be held on Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 2.00 pm and repeated at 6.00 pm. A separate letter with more information about the presentations will be sent out shortly.

St Mary's Playgroup (above St Mary of the Crays Church)



St Mary's Playgroup have spaces available for children aged 2-5.
They provide 2 year funding (15 hours) and 3 year funding (15 and 30 hours).
They have flexible sessions (8:30am to 11:30am/11:30am to 2:30pm/8:30am to 2:30pm.
Sessions are also available for fee paying children.
Please email stmarysplaygroup.crayford@gmail.com for further Information.

Yours sincerely

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