St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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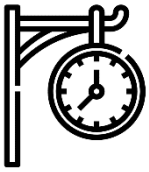
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January 2022

Dear Parents

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and would like to wish all a Happy New Year.



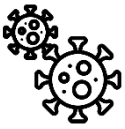
Start and End of Day Procedures
The gate opens at 8.45 am and closes at 8.55 am and children are officially late once the registers have been taken. For any lateness after 9.15 am, the children will be marked absent for that session. Being late is unsettling for your child and impacts on their learning and self-esteem. It really is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children are on time. If you arrive late, please remember to escort your child into the office to speak to the office staff and ensure your child enters the school building safely.

At the end of the day, the gate opens at 3.10 pm and closes at 3.25 pm. Any children that have not been picked up at this time, will be brought to the office. Please be prompt in collecting your child at the end of the day to avoid your child becoming anxious/worried.



Spring Curriculum Overviews
Please find attached (via email) the curriculum overviews for your child's year group. These are provided so parents can encourage and support their children's studies at home. In addition, all curriculum overviews are also posted on the school website.

Covid-19
Thank you for your ongoing support by not bringing children into school if they are displaying possible symptoms of coronavirus. This is a high temperature or a new, continuous cough or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste and smell. We would be grateful if parents could let the school office know the outcome (positive or negative) from any Lateral Flow or PCR tests that are taken as a result of these absences.



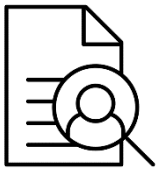


Primary Reception Places – September 2022
The closing date for applications is 15th January 2022. Parents applying for a place in Reception in September 2022 will need to complete both the Bexley or Kent online admissions form and the school's Supplementary Form. We welcome applications from Catholics, Christian and families of other faiths that are supportive of the ethos of the school.

Please note, if you are Catholic, Fr David will be available to sign supplementary forms by appointment only (after school or evening).

If you are not religious, you must still complete a Supplementary Form and return it to the school office with the relevant sections filled in.

Job Opportunity - Midday Supervisor



The school would welcome applications for the important role of Midday Supervisor. We can offer regular training and the opportunity to work alongside our strong existing team and fantastic children. If you, or someone you know, is available to work from 12.15 pm – 1.15 pm, Monday to Friday, or perhaps part of the week, please contact the school office for further details.



Cold Weather

Please ensure that your child wears a warm coat to school, preferably waterproof with a hood and sleeves. It would be most helpful if all garments are labelled, including gloves, scarves and hats. Please avoid animal hat/scarf combinations as these are so big that they are difficult to hang up.

Should there be adverse weather conditions, please find listed below the system to inform you that the school is closed or will be closing early due to poor weather.

To check to see if the school is open, the 'Open Check' service can be viewed on-line by following a link on the school website. The autotext system will be used if the school needs to close early during the school day.

For parents without access to the internet, the status can be checked by calling 0208 408 7508 and keying in our DfE code which is 3033502.

Second Hand Uniform



Thank you for all your kind donations that we have received so far. It's not too late to send in good quality donations. All clothing should be in great condition and freshly laundered:

- Boys grey trousers and shorts
- Girls navy blue pinafores and skirts
- Girls blue/white summer dresses
- Navy blue jumpers and cardigans
- St Joseph's elasticated and normal ties
- Navy PE Shorts and tracksuit bottoms

From Monday 10th January 2022, St Joseph's will have our new School Uniform Bank – 'Twice Blessed/Twice as Nice' ready for anyone who is in need of uniform for their children. Uniform donations will be available for parents outside the main entrance every Monday morning/Thursday after school. However, you are very welcome to enquire at the School Office at a time more convenient to you.



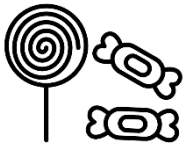
Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8th February 2022 – Theme '*All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online*'

The aim of Safer Internet Day is to inspire a conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Please take time to talk to your child about this issue; a small conversation might spare you and your family much heartache in the future. The school website has a great many links to support parents with these issues. Please go to the 'Parents tab' to 'Supporting Online Safety'.

Children's Mental Health Week – 7th – 13th February 2022 - Theme 'Growing Together'



If you follow current affairs, you will no doubt be aware of the growing concerns around the mental health of children. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Growing Together'. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt, and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.



PTA Tuck Shop

The PTA have informed us that the Friday Tuck Shop has been temporarily suspended until February, when hopefully the weather will start to warm up and Covid figures start to reduce. Thank you for your patience.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon

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Executive Head Teacher

Mrs Truss

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Head of School

The calendar is updated every month so please update your home/family calendar.

JANUARY 2022	
Thursday 6th	Epiphany - ~~Whole~~ School Mass in church – Years 5 and 6 only
Friday 7th	Year 1 Superhero Theme Day
Monday 10th	Other Faith Week – Judaism
Tuesday 11th	Year 6 – Godly Play – in-school event only
Wednesday 12th	6.30 pm – PTA Meeting - virtual
Thursday 13th	Year 3 and 4 Class Mass in church – no parents
Friday 14th	Year 6 – first swimming lesson this term
Thursday 20th	9.15 am – Year 6 Class Assembly - only junior children watching
Tuesday 25th	Year 6 Heart Dissection - a Science teacher from Haberdashers Crayford – (Healthy Living topic)
Wednesday 26th	Year 3 – Godly Play – in-school event only
Thursday 27th	9.15 am – Year 5 Class Assembly - only junior children watching
Friday 28th	Year 2 – George's Marvellous Medicine topic day
Monday 31st	Year 1 trip – Florence Nightingale Museum
FEBRUARY 2022 Parental participation to reviewed depending on the guidance received from Public Health	
Tuesday 1st	Year 5 - CRIBS CAP Money Kids workshop
Wednesday 2nd	Year 5 trip – Westminster Abbey
Thursday 3rd	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly - only infant children watching – parents invited (tbc)
Monday 7th	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8th	Safer Internet Day – whole school Year 3 Stone Age theme day
Wednesday 9th	Year 4 trip to London Aquarium
Thursday 10th	9.15 am – Year 1 Class Assembly - only infant children watching – parents invited (tbc)
HALF TERM **Monday 14th February 2022 – Friday 18th February 2022** **(children return on Monday 21st February 2022)**	
Tuesday 22nd	Missio Assemblies – in-school event only
Thursday 24th	9.15 am - Year 1 and Year 6 Class Mass in church – parents invited (tbc)
MARCH 2022	
Tuesday 1st	Feast of St David – children wear club clothes CAFOD assemblies – in-school event only
Wednesday 2nd	Ash Wednesday Mass – in church – junior children only – parents invited Distribution of ashes in Prayer Room - infant classes – in school event only
Thursday 3rd	World Book Day – details to follow
Friday 4th	am Years 5 and 6 - confessions with Fr David in Prayer Room
Monday 7th	Living Eggs arrive
Wednesday 9th	Lunchtime - Year 6 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Wednesday 16th	Year 2 trip to Chatham Dockyard Lunchtime - Year 3 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Thursday 17th	Feast of St Patrick – children wear club clothes 9.15 am - Year 1 and Year 6 Class Mass in church – parents invited (tbc)
Tuesday 22nd	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm – Parents' Evening – online appointments will be available from Tuesday 8th March 2022
Wednesday 23rd	Year 3 trip to Museum of Kent Life Lunchtime - Year 4 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Thursday 24th	11.15 am - Feast of St Joseph – Whole School Mass in church – parents invited 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm – Parents' Evening – online appointments will be available from Tuesday 8th March 2022

Friday 25th	Year 6 – last swimming lesson
Monday 28th	Year 3 and 4 Easter Play – parents invited (tbc)
Tuesday 29th	CRIBS Easter Performance – in-school event only
Wednesday 30th	Year 4 Alice in Wonderland theme day Lunchtime - Year 5 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Thursday 31st	Year 5 Explorer theme day

Details of all our regular school clubs are detailed below

Day	Club	Dates and Times
Mondays	**Mathletics – Mrs Webber** Invited pupils only Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 10th January – 21st March 2022
	Netball Club – Miss Whitaker Three terms of netball for years 5 and 6. The cost is £25.00 for the first term (£2.50 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360 (SIMS Pay) Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 10th January – 21st March 2022
Tuesday	**Sports Club – Mr Willis – Years 3 and 4** Autumn Term – Football Spring Term – Hockey Summer Term - Cricket The cost is £40 for the term (£4 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360 (SIMS Pay). Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 11th January – 22nd March 2022
Wednesday	**Football/Sports Club – Mr Brady – Years 5 and 6** Two terms football/one term cricket for Years 5 and 6. The cost is £40 for the term (£4 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360 (SIMS Pay). Please contact via your child's Contact Book. There is no charge for this club for Year 6	3.15 – 4.15 pm 12th January – 23rd March 2022
Thursdays	**Sports Club – Mr Brady – Years 1 and 2** Autumn Term – Game Skills Spring Term – Football Summer Term - Cricket The cost is £40 for the term (£4 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360 (SIMS Pay). Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 13th January – 24th March 2022
	Orchestra – Mrs Tylee Invited pupils only Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 13th January – 24th March 2022
	Choir – Mrs Tylee Please contact via your child's Contact Book	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm 13th January – 24th March 2022
Fridays	**Mandarin Club – Years 3, 4 and 5** Mandarin lessons led by a teacher from Dartford Grammar School This club is free of charge	3.15 pm – 4.15 pm 14th January – 25th March 2022

Smiley Ark Breakfast Club – 7.30 am – 8.45 am – Monday - Friday
After School Club – 3.15 pm – 6.00 pm – Monday - Friday

For further details please contact Susan Ikpefuran on 07956 263531 or e-mail kids@smileyark.com
The telephone number for Smiley Ark is 07549 244180