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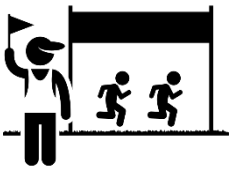
Dear Parents

Summer Fete



A massive thank you to the PTA for a really enjoyable and successful summer fete; the children and parents had a wonderful time and £2,230 was raised for the school. I would like to say a particular thank you to Mrs Martin who co-ordinated the event and to the huge number of helpers who gave their time and energy to run stalls; the effort is really appreciated.

Sports Day Results



The overall winners of Sports Day were the red team with 189 points. Thank goodness the sun shone. A good time was had by all.

1st Red – 189
2nd Blue – 175
3rd Yellow – 169
4th Green – 161

Congratulations to Miss Whitaker (our PE Subject Leader) who has achieved the Gold Award for our school.

Return of School Books



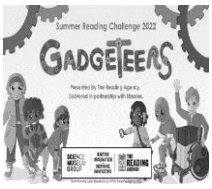
Please return any school books you may have at home. Replacing reading books is expensive and the return of all stock would be appreciated.

Holiday Homework



The traditional holiday challenge will be set again this summer. Children will gain points for completing set holiday appropriate activities/tasks. Look out for the homework letter at the end of term.

Library Summer Reading Challenge 2022



'Gadgeteers' – free sign up at your local Library. Science is all around you! What do you love doing? Are you a brilliant baker? Or a mega music fan? Are you the tech wizard amongst your friends? Join the Gadgeteers for the Summer Reading Challenge to **discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you**, including some of your favourite things! We would encourage you to get involved.

Website



Reminder that photos of any whole school events are available on the 'News' tab and individual class photos are available on the 'Class Pages'.

Love, Learn, Live

A message from Mrs Webber – School Travel Champion





I would like to draw your attention to the above picture. This is a picture of the speed table situated in Old Road. It is basically an elongated speed bump which forms part of an informal crossing for pedestrians (note the tactile pavement on both sides here).

We have had reports of a near miss involving a young child and a reversing car. Please be considerate when parking near the school and please keep this area clear so that pedestrians may cross safely. Your support is much appreciated.

Relief Midday Supervisor



We have vacancies for Relief Midday Supervisors. Are you available to work from 12.15 pm – 1.15 pm, or do you know someone who might be suitable? The position involves supervision of children on the playground and in the dining hall. Please contact the school office for further details.

Support our PTA – Asda Green Tokens



If you shop in Asda Bexleyheath, please use your green tokens to vote for St Joseph's PTA. Alternatively, click on the following link to register your vote:
https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4603

School Meals



Due to the ever increasing cost of living we have had to make the difficult decision to put the cost of a school meal up from £2.30 to £2.45 with effect from September 2022. This will not affect children in Years R, 1 and 2 who have Universal Free School Meals. Please notify the school office if your child is changing from packed lunch to school dinners, or vice versa.

Smiley Ark



If you would like to secure a place at Smiley Ark next year, please email Smiley Ark to make a booking. Smiley Ark is located on St Joseph's premises and has access to many of our facilities including playgrounds and computer suite. Smiley Ark will also be running a Summer Holiday Club. For further information please contact them via email - enquiries@smileyark.com

Holiday Activity and Food Programme



The HAF programme provides healthy food and enriching activities to children and young people, with free places available for those on free school meals during some of the school holidays. Please click on the link below for further information:
https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/holiday-activities-food-programme

Safeguarding



Here are some useful links about how to keep your child safe, especially during the summer holidays:

- **Water Safety** – RNLI
  https://rnli.org/safety/float
- **E-Safety** - TikTok - what parents need to know
  https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/
- **Sun Safety**
  https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids

Term Dates – 2022-2023



Please find attached the term dates for 2022-2023 for your information.

Year 6 Leavers



We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 class in a couple of weeks. The children have worked hard and achieved some excellent results. Well done.

The children move to a number of secondary schools, 51% are moving to Catholic secondary schools, St Columba's and St Catherine's, 21% to Grammar schools and the remaining children to secondary schools across Bexley. We wish them success and much happiness.

Classes/Teachers Next Year



Year R	Mrs Holdsworth
Year 1	Mrs Webber/Mrs Yems
Year 2	Mrs King/Miss Smith
Year 3	Miss Whitaker
Year 4	Mrs Pinto/Mrs Thomas
Year 5	Mr Hook
Year 6	Mrs Partridge/Mrs Royston
SENCo	Mrs Partridge
Music	Mrs Tylee
French	Miss Francois
Sports Coaches	Mr Monk/Mr Willis

We have had a busy year which has just flown past!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, parents and children at St Joseph's for a wonderful year.

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.

JULY 2022	
Friday 1st	Sports Day am – Infants – school grounds pm – Juniors – VCD sports field Last day for donations for Caring Classroom boxes
Monday 4th	Year 1 trip – Sikh Temple and Lesnes Abbey
Tuesday 5th	9.15 am - Open Morning for prospective Reception 2023 parents Year 3 Environmental Day – children wear own clothes
Wednesday 6th	am – Hinduism Talk – Year 6 2.00 pm - Year 6 parent meeting RSE
Friday 8th	Year 2 class trip to Joss Bay Year 5 Environmental Day – children wear own clothes
Monday 11th	Year 5 - Puberty Talk Year 6 – RSE talk Sun Safety Assembly - Juniors
Tuesday 12th	Year 3 trip to Horton Kirby
Wednesday 13th	Sun Safety Assembly – Infants Catholic Social Teaching Workshops – Years R, 3 and 4 1.45 pm – Year 5 and 6 end of year production – afternoon performance – Year 5 parents invited 7.00 pm - Year 5 and 6 end of year production - evening performance – Year 6 parents invited
Thursday 14th	Bexley Music Festival 2022 - Fairfield Halls, Croydon by coach Year 2 - Sikh Visitor Year R – Dental nurse visiting Year 3 – walking down to Mosque in Crayford
Friday 15th	Year 4 Environmental Day – children wear own clothes Year 5 – last swimming lesson End of year reports to be sent home
Tuesday 19th	2.00 pm – Year 6 Leavers' Mass in church – parents invited
Wednesday 20th	Catholic Social Teaching Workshops – Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 Library Reading Challenge Assemblies
Thursday 21st	3.30 pm - Year 6 Leavers' Picnic – parents invited
Friday 22nd	Last day of term
Summer Holidays Monday 25th July 2022 – Monday 5th September 2022 **Children return to school on Tuesday 6th September 2022**	
SEPTEMBER 2022	
Tuesday 6th	Children return to school
Sunday 11th	Education Sunday Mass at St Mary of the Crays

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 Smiley Ark Kids Office on 07947 910282 or e-mail enquiries@smileyark.com
The telephone number for Smiley Ark is 07947 909082

Details of our regular After School Clubs will follow