St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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June 2022

Dear Parents

Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Queen Elizabeth II is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee this year – 70 years on the throne as the Queen of England.

To mark this occasion, we will be having a special celebration day on Wednesday 8th June 2022:

- The children come to school wearing red, white and blue clothes
- Bring in silver coins to place on a large portrait of the Queen (money will be donated to the British Red Cross, which the Queen is patron of).
- All children have a packed lunch so we can have a whole school picnic on the grass at lunchtime.
- Monday 6th June 2022 is an extra bank holiday where the school will be closed that day.
- 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee' – we will be planting a silver (platinum!) birch later in the year.

The reinstatement of the obligation to attend Mass 5th June 2022



From the 18th March 2020 through to the 5th June 2022 the Bishops of England and Wales suspended the obligation to attend mass in England and Wales. As of the 5th June 2022, Pentecost, the Bishops will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Parents applying for a place at St Joseph's, under a faith based criteria will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form. Evidence of practice will be measured by frequency of attendance at Mass as validated by either a priest or minister, as was the case prior to 18th March 2020. These arrangements apply to the admissions round for 2023 and subsequent rounds.

Sponsored Spelling



Thank you for all the sponsored spelling money so far. Please could any outstanding sponsor money be handed in to your child's class teacher by Friday 10th June 2022.

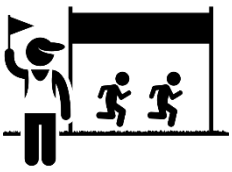
Book Fair



We have the Travelling Book Company visiting us on Thursday 23rd June 2022 at 3.15 pm where parents are welcome to come in and purchase any books. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend you can send your child in with the money so that they can purchase a book during the day. Children from all classes will have the opportunity during week commencing Monday 20th June 2022 to browse the latest book titles and buy from the book stand. Please send in any money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and how much is enclosed.

Love, Learn, Live

Sports Day – Friday 1st July 2022



Please be advised that Sports Day will be at the usual venues.

Infants (Years R, 1 and 2)

Will take place from 9.30 am on the school grounds. The school gate will be open from 9.00 am to parents. Light refreshments will be on sale. Donation of cakes would be appreciated.

Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Will take place from 1.30 pm at the VCD Sports Club which is just across the road.

All children need to come into school dressed ready to take part. PE kits will be sent home on Thursday 30th June 2022. The children should come to school in the correct coloured house t-shirt (red, yellow, blue or green – no logos please), their PE shorts and trainers (plimsolls if trainers are not available) also a school jumper and cap.

All children to bring in a bottle of water clearly labelled with their name. Please apply sun cream before coming to school.

Any use of cameras/recording equipment at school events is permitted on the understanding that it is not to be uploaded onto any public/social media site.

A Day for Ukraine



A Day for Ukraine raised a total raised £446.71. Thank you so much for your generous donations. All monies raised will be sent to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal. We continue to keep our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in our prayers.

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. Thank you for caring. Last date for donations is Friday 1st July 2022.

Live Simply Award

St Joseph's have accepted the challenge to go for a Live Simply award. We are listening to the call of Pope Francis to 'take our duties towards nature and our Creator and make it an essential part of our faith'. Thank you for helping us by contributing towards our Caring Classroom boxes. Your support has been amazing.

Pupils Suffering with Hay Fever



As the weather brightens, hay fever begins! If your child suffers from hay fever, please let the office know. Please administer hay fever medication before your child comes to school in the morning. Sunglasses may only be worn by pupils who suffer with hay fever, parents please contact the school via a note in the contact book.

LGFL E-Safety

Find out how to help to keep your child safe online by clicking on this link https://national.lgfl.net/digisafe

This LGfL DigiSafe website is full of top tips, from talking to your child about their life online, to monitoring their screen time.

PTA

Please look out for up-coming events on the PTA newsletter. The Inflatable Event will need parent helpers on each bouncy castle. The Summer Fete will need volunteers to organise each stall. Please keep these dates in your diary. Thank you to all who attended the Quiz Night – it was a great night!

Amazon Smile

Please remember to use Amazon Smile for all your Amazon purchases. Every time you do they will donate a percentage to your chosen charity (St Joseph's PTA, Crayford). If you download the Amazon App, you don't need to visit the AmazonSmile website first every time you want to order something.

We are now registered with Amazon Smile to select **St. Joseph'S Pta, Crayford** you must go to Amazon Smile or link it to your account. Amazon smile does not cost you anything they donate 0.05% of your purchase to the school from AMAZON. Make sure you use the spelling as it appears above. The link to register is: https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1154834-0

Registration for 2022 Bexley Selection Tests – Year 5 Parents

The registration period opens on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 and closes on Friday 1st July 2022. Parents need to register online at www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests

The tests are planned for week commencing Monday 12th September 2022. If your child should require special arrangements to access the tests, an additional form is required with supporting evidence and the closing date for this is Friday 17th June 2022. Don't leave this to the very last moment as the school will need time to collate information. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Kent Selection Test registration opens Wednesday 1st June 2022 and closes Friday 1st July 2022.

Medway registration opens Wednesday 1st June 2022 and closes Thursday 30th June 2022. This is the responsibility of the parents to register.

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.

JUNE 2022	
Tuesday 7th	Children return to school pm - Year 6 out at Junior Citizenship (Erith Fire Station)
Wednesday 8th	Whole School Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration
Thursday 9th	9.15 am – Year R Class Assembly – parents invited Year 5 trip to Wingham Wildlife Park
Friday 10th	Year 4 Adopt a Chef
Monday 13th	Year 3 Walkability - Pedestrian Training 5.00 pm – Open Evening for prospective Reception 2023 parents
Tuesday 14th	Year 3 Walkability - Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 15th	Year 3 Walkability - Pedestrian Training Year 2 Environmental Day – children wear own clothes
Thursday 16th	9.15 am – Year 3 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 17th	Year 4 Adopt a Chef Year 6 Swimming Gala Practice – no Year 5 swimming
Monday 20th	Book Fair this week Year R Environmental Day – children wear own clothes Year 6 Swimming Gala
Tuesday 21st	Year 6 Environmental Day – children wear own clothes 9.15 am Welcome meeting for new Reception parents
Wednesday 22nd	Year R trip to Tyland Barn Walkability visit from Sara De Freitas and Year 3 children 6.30 pm – PTA Meeting
Thursday 23rd	Year 4 trip to Aylesford Priory – One Mind, One Heart 9.15 am - Year 2 and Year 3 Class Mass in church – parents invited After School – Book Fair in school hall
Friday 24th	Year 1 Environmental Day – children wear own clothes Year 4 Adopt a Chef
Tuesday 28th	Year 5 Bexleyheath Geography Fieldwork
Wednesday 29th	9.15 am - Feast of St Peter and Paul - whole school mass in church (led by parish)
Thursday 30th	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited
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 – details to follow
Tuesday 5th	9.15 am - Open Morning for prospective Reception 2023 parents Year 3 Environmental Day – children wear own clothes
Wednesday 6th	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
Wednesday 13th	Catholic Social Teaching Workshops – Years R, 3 and 4 1.45 pm – Year 5 and 6 end of year production – afternoon performance – parents invited 7.00 pm - Year 5 and 6 end of year production - evening performance – parents invited
Thursday 14th	Bexley Music Festival 2022 - Fairfield Halls, Croydon by coach
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
Thursday 21st	3.30 pm - Year 6 Leavers' Picnic – parents invited
Friday 22nd	Last day of term

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 25th April – 11th July 2022
	Netball Club – Miss Whitaker Three terms of netball for Years 3 and 4. 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 25th April – 11th July 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 26th April – 12th July 2022
	Choir – Mrs Tylee Please contact via your child's Contact Book	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm 26th April – 12th July 2022
Wednesday	**Cricket 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.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 27th April – 13th July 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 28th April – 14th July 2022
	Orchestra – Mrs Tylee Invited pupils only Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 28th April – 14th July 2022
Fridays	**Mandarin Club – Years 3, 4 and 6** Mandarin lessons led by a teacher from Dartford Grammar School This club is free of charge	3.15 pm – 4.15 pm 29th April – 15th July 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 Smiley Ark Kids Office on 07947 910282 or e-mail enquiries@smileyark.com
The telephone number for Smiley Ark is 07947 909082