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Dear Parents

Pray for Peace



Please remember to keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers and for a swift end to war, suffering and tyranny.

Easter Enterprise Events – CAFOD (Juniors)

During Lent, each junior class will organise an Easter Enterprise fund raising event. Please see the main calendar for dates – thank you in advance for your support.

Little Red Box Scheme – Mission Together (Infants)



Mission Together is the Catholic Church's official children's charity for overseas mission. During Lent, each infant class, will take home a Little Red Box to collect money to help support Pope Francis' favourite charity. Boxes need to be returned by Monday 28th March 2022.

Parents' Evening



Online bookings will open on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 9.00 am. Please go to https://stjosephscrayford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ and book a slot to see your child's class teacher on either:

- Tuesday 22nd March 2022 for Years R, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 or
- Wednesday 23rd March 2022 for Year 3
- Thursday 24th March 2022 for Years R - 6

For parents whose children have special educational needs, please be advised that Mrs Partridge, as SENDCo, will only be available to join your meeting if it is on Tuesday 22nd March 2022.

World Book Day

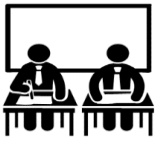


This year, World Book Day is celebrating its 25th birthday! We would like to celebrate on **Thursday 10th March 2022.** Our theme will be 'Everyone has a story to share'.

Costumes: we would love the children to dress up as a character from their favourite book and bring that book in with them to share with others. Please write your child's name inside their book.

We are very lucky to be taking part in workshops to learn how to share a story through dance. The day will be filled with exciting activities, where the children will be able to share different stories with each other and learn how to be a story teller in a variety of ways.

SATs Tests – Year 6



Year 6 SATs tests take place the week of Monday 9th May 2022 – it is essential that all children attend school. No absences granted this week.

Love, Learn, Live

The London Children's Flower Society - Spring Bulb Competition



The Spring Bulbs will be judged at school on **Friday 18th March 2022**. Please ensure the children bring in their bulbs even if they do not have a flower by the **morning of Monday 14th March 2022**. Even bulbs that are past their best will be judged. Your child may like to provide a photograph of how it looked in full bloom. Good luck!

School Uniform Changes



Everyone comments on how smart our children look! After the Easter break, the children will be able to wear their summer uniform. Please note that the school uniform guidelines have recently been reviewed and updated and these are available for you to view on our website: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/School_Uniform_-_with_Photos.pdf

The main changes to consider when purchasing new uniform are:

Boys - Wear plain sky blue polo shirts (boys may still wear polo shirts with school logo if you still have these at home). Grey tailored shorts if they wish.

Girls - Years R – 4 wear pale blue/white gingham summer dresses (girls may still wear blue/white striped summer dresses if you still have these at home).

School Lunch Menu



The lunch menu will change to the Summer Menus after the Easter holidays. The new menus are currently being updated and will be available on the school website from Monday 28th March 2022. Some Key Stage 2 children have had a sneak preview at the new menus and said they were very excited! Please be advised that the school office and kitchen staff need a notice period of one week for any changes to dinner arrangements.

Unfortunately, the issue with the Pay360 Dinner Money system is still ongoing. We are in regular contact with the company who are responsible for Pay360 and they are still trying to work out what the problem is.

You can still pay for your child's school meals by logging in to Pay360 and we will be able to see your payments on our school system. If you would like to know how much is owed for your child's dinner money, please put a note in your child's Contact Book and the School Office will send home a School Meal Statement of Account. We apologise for any inconvenience this is causing.

Keeping Safe

BEXLEY DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

The Bexley One Stop Shop are offering a range of advice all under one roof to help victims of domestic abuse. The service will be open every Wednesday from 12:30pm to 3pm at Central Library Bexleyheath, Townley Road, DA6 7HJ and will include legal representation, domestic abuse specialist support, plus other agencies, all offering advice on issues concerning domestic abuse. No appointment is required, all advice is free to anyone visiting the One Stop Shop. If you are in immediate danger call the police on 999. Contact details:

Telephone Number: 020 3198 4659
Email: bexley.community@solacewomensaid.org
Website: www.solacewomensaid.org

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon

Mrs Truss

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

MARCH 2022	
Tuesday 1st	Feast of St David – children wear club clothes CAFOD assemblies – in-school event only
Wednesday 2nd	10.15 am - Ash Wednesday Mass – in church – junior children only Distribution of ashes in Prayer Room - infant classes – in school event only
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) pm - Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Festival at Sporting Club, Thamesmead – selected children
Thursday 10th	World Book Day
Friday 11th	pm - Year 5 girls Tag Rugby Festival at Dartfordians RFU – selected children
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 10.15 am - Year 2 and Year 5 Class Mass in church –children only
Friday 18th	London Children's Flower Society Bulb Competition – (children to bring in their bulbs on Monday 14th March 2022)
Tuesday 22nd	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm – Parents' Evening – Years R - 6 – 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) 4.00 pm – 6.30 pm – Parents' Evening Year 3
Thursday 24th	11.15 am - Feast of St Joseph – Whole School Mass in church – children only pm - Year 3 and 4 Girls Regional Football Competition at Jack Pavilion, Ilford 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm – Parents' Evening - Years R, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 - online appointments will be available from Tuesday 8th March 2022
Friday 25th	Year 6 – last swimming lesson
Monday 28th	9.15 am - Year 3 and 4 Easter Play – Year 3 and 4 parents invited
Tuesday 29th	CRIBS Easter Performance – in-school event only 1.30 – 3.00 pm - Year R Easter Craft Parent Helper Session
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) pm – Year 5 - School Sports Organising Crew at Hurstmere School – selected children
Thursday 31st	9.15 am - Year 1 and Year 6 Class Mass in church – children only Year 5 Explorer theme day
APRIL 2022	
Friday 1st	am – School Choir out at Bexley Catholic Primary School's Choral Festival at Our Lady of the Angel's church
Easter Holidays **Monday 4th April 2022 – Monday 18th April 2022** **INSET Day – Tuesday 19th April 2022** **(children return on Wednesday 20th April 2022)**	
Thursday 21st	9.15 am - Year 1 and Year 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Friday 22nd	Earth Day Year 5 Victorian theme day
Monday 25th	6.30 pm – Year 6 School Journey Meeting – Main Hall – parents and Year 6 children
Wednesday 27th	Year 4 Viking theme day
Thursday 28th	9.15 am – Year 4 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 29th	Year 5 – first swimming lesson

MAY 2022	
Monday 2nd	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd	Crowning of Mary Assemblies – in-school event only
Thursday 28th	9.15 am - Year R and Year 5 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Monday 9th	Key Stage 2 SATS
Tuesday 10th	Key Stage 2 SATS
Wednesday 11th	Key Stage 2 SATS
Thursday 12th	Key Stage 2 SATS
Friday 13th	Key Stage 2 SATS
Monday 16th	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 18th	Science Fun Session for Year 5 and 6 girls at Townley Grammar
Thursday 19th	9.15 am – Year 1 Class Assembly – parents invited
Wednesday 25th	Year R Mini Beast Theme Day Year 6 – School Journey – Windmill Hill
Thursday 26th	9.15 am - Feast of the Ascension - whole school mass in church - parents invited - led by the parish Year 6 – School Journey – Windmill Hill
Friday 27th	Year 6 – School Journey – Windmill Hill
HALF TERM Monday 30th May 2022 – Monday 6th June 2022 (children return on Tuesday 7th June 2022)	

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
	Choir – Mrs Tylee Please contact via your child's Contact Book	12.45 pm – 1.15 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
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