St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

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

NOVEMBER 2021	
Monday 1st	Children return to school
Wednesday 3rd	School Photographs being taken – all children must wear winter uniform
Thursday 4th	Year 6 – Mexican Theme Day – Mexico topic 9.15 am – Year 5 Class Assembly - only junior children watching – parents invited
Friday 5th	Year 4 - Harley Davidson visitors – USA topic Year 5 – Class Heritage Theme Day
Wednesday 10th	Year 3 – Let's Get Physical – PE Theme Day 6.30 pm – PTA Meeting – main hall
Thursday 11th	9.15 am – Year 6 Class Assembly - only junior children watching – parents invited 11.15 am – 12.15 pm – Year 2 walk into Crayford – Alcock and Brown topic
Friday 12th	Open Morning for prospective parents to look around the school (9.15 am presentation followed by a guided tour – let friends know)
Monday 15th	Anti-bullying week – One Kind Word Odd Socks Day the first day of Anti-Bullying Week, to celebrate what makes us all unique
Wednesday 17th	9.00 am – Reception class trip to the Library
Thursday 18th	1.30 pm – Year 5 Godly Play – in school event only
Friday 19th	PTA Discos - Infants – 4.30 – 5.30 pm - Juniors – 6.00 – 7.30 pm – details to follow shortly
Wednesday 24th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – whole school
Thursday 25th	Bexley Councillors visiting St Josephs to meet School Council
Friday 26th	Open Morning for prospective parents to look around the school (9.15 am presentation followed by a guided tour – let friends know)
Sunday 28th	England Netball – selected children to watch match
Tuesday 30th	Feast of St Andrew – children wear club clothes 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm – Parents' Evening – online appointments will be available from Tuesday 16th November 2021
DECEMBER 2021	
Thursday 2nd	9.15 am - Year 4 and Year 3 Class Mass in church – parents invited 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm – Parents' Evening – online appointments will be available from Tuesday 16th November 2021
Friday 3rd	9.15 am – Infant Nativity – Reception Class - parents invited Last swimming session for Year 6
Sunday 5th	Church Christmas Fayre after Mass
Monday 6th	2.15 pm – Infant Nativity – parents invited - ticket only event (maximum 2 tickets per family)
Wednesday 8th	Christmas Pantomime Workshops for Years 1 – 6 – more information to follow
Thursday 9th	Year R visit to Miskin Theatre to see pantomime

Love, Learn, Live

Monday 13th	1.30 pm - Junior Carol Service in church – parents invited
Tuesday 14th	CRIBS Christmas Performance – in-school event only
Wednesday 15th	Christmas Party Day – children to wear own clothes, school Christmas dinner
Christmas Holidays Monday 20th December 2021 – Wednesday 5th January 2022 (children return on Thursday 6th January 2022)	
JANUARY 2022	
Thursday 6th	9.15 am – Epiphany - Whole School Mass in church – parents invited
Tuesday 11th	Open Morning for prospective parents to look around the school (9.15 am presentation followed by a guided tour – let friends know) Year 6 – Godly Play – in-school event only
Thursday 13th	9.15 am – Year 3 and 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Friday 14th	Year 6 – first swimming lesson this term
Thursday 20th	9.15 am – Year 6 Class Assembly - only junior children watching – parents invited
Wednesday 26th	Year 3 – Godly Play – in-school event only
Thursday 27th	9.15 am – Year 5 Class Assembly - only junior children watching – parents invited

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

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 4th October – 6th December 2021
	Orchestra – Mrs Smith Invited pupils only Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 1st November – 6th December 2021
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 21st September – 30th November 2021
Wednesday	**Football/Sports Club – Mr Brady** 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 22nd September – 1st December 2021
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 23rd September – 2nd December 2021
	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 30th September – 9th December 2021
	Choir – Mrs Smith Please contact via your child's Contact Book	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm 7th October – 9th December 2021
Fridays	**Mandarin Club**	3.15 pm – 4.15 pm 24th September – 3rd December 2021

*Any clubs cancelled due to Covid will be reimbursed.

NEWSLETTER

Midday Supervisor Post



We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. 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.



Flu Vaccination Offer – Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 at School

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 still in circulation, it is important to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them, the NHS and social care. Research also shows that if you get both flu and COVID-19 at the same time you may be more seriously ill. The nasal flu vaccination will take place in school on Wednesday 24th November 2021

Please follow the link to complete an online consent form (one for each child) to ensure your child receives their vaccination. https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2021/bexley

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

The healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure children are safe when being offered the vaccine.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

Primary Reception Places – September 2022



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 2022).

The school is holding a number of Open Mornings between 9.15 am and 10.15 am on the following dates:

- Friday 12th November 2021
- Friday 26th November 2021
- Tuesday 11th January 2022

A 9.15 am presentation by the Head of School will be followed by a guided tour of the school. Please remind friends and neighbours to put this date in their diary. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2022. The school welcomes applications from Catholics and non-Catholic families (who are sympathetic to values and practice).

Please note, if you are Catholic, Fr David, will be available to sign Supplementary Forms by appointment only (after school or evening). However, if you are not religious, you must still complete Part 1 of the Supplementary Form and return it to the school office.



Poppies – Supporting the Royal British Legion

These are on sale until Thursday 11th November 2021 in class. Children may bring in some change in order to make a donation.

We are also selling other poppy related items supporting the Royal British Legion. The Year 5/6 Chaplaincy Group will be bringing these round to classes to purchase.

Covid-19



Your child must not come to 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.

Get a free PCR test for your child to check whether it is COVID-19. If the test is positive, your child must isolate for 10 days from start of symptoms/test result. Other members of the household can continue with their usual activities, including siblings coming to school, as long as they are not showing symptoms, are under 18 or have been double vaccinated. We would recommend that siblings take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) each morning before coming to school.

Children and staff will sanitise their hands on arrival at school each day, and then wash them regularly during the school day, particularly before and after eating food.

Practise good respiratory hygiene. Children will have access to tissues in every classroom and staff will encourage the **"catch it, bin it, kill it"** approach. Windows and internal doors will be kept open to keep the school well ventilated.



Parents' Evening

Online bookings will open on Tuesday 16th November 2021. Please go to https://stjosephscrayford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ and book a slot to see your child's class teacher on either:

- Tuesday 30th November 2021 or
- Thursday 2nd December 2021

Parents whose children have special educational needs, please be advised that Mrs Partridge, as SENDCo, will only be available on Tuesday 30th November 2021.

PTA Children's Disco – Friday 19th November 2021



The PTA have organised an autumn term disco for the children. The infant disco will take place in the school hall between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm and the junior disco will take place between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm. The cost is £3.50 each. A place can be booked using our Pay 360 (SIMS Pay) https://www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home Please note tickets will not be issued as SIMS Pay will generate a paid list for the door.



Amazon Smile

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

Uniform and Coats



The children look very smart in their winter uniform. Thank you. As the days get colder, please ensure that the children come to school wearing a coat. A dark, waterproof, hooded coat with reflectors is preferred.

Bright Kids, Dark Nights – (Road Safety)

As the evenings are getting darker earlier, it is important to keep our children safe when they are walking home from school. Mrs Webber and the JRSOs will be leading assemblies to help us all to be road safety heroes.

E-Safety Parent Presentation (Safeguarding)



Following the positive feedback from the recent E-safety presentation to parents, led by Tim Wilson, please find some useful links relating to internet safety.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/
http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers
https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers

More can be found on our school website:
https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Supporting_Online_Safety.pdf



Football Team

Well done to St Joseph's Year 5 and 6 football team for taking part in their first few football matches this term. The results were:
St Michael's (drew 0 – 0 and lost 1 – 0)
Eastcote (drew 2 – 2 and lost 2 – 0)
St Paulinus (won 7 – 0)

Netball Team



Well done to St Joseph's Year 5 and 6 netball team for participating in their first netball match this term. The results were:
St Paulinus (lost 1 – 0)
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Parish Christmas Raffle and Afternoon Tea

St Mary of the Crays are holding a Christmas Raffle to raise funds for further expenditure in the Church. Tickets will be available from this weekend from the church to buy them or take away and sell to friends. They are also planning a Christmas Afternoon Tea on the afternoon of Sunday 5th December at 3.30 pm. Tickets will be on sale soon. The draw for the Raffle will also take place at the Afternoon Tea. Please support the Raffle and Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Parish.

Absence and Sickness



Please telephone the school office (Option 1) to report your child absent.
If your child is absent from school due to vomiting and/or diarrhoea they need to be kept at home for a full 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting/diarrhoea. This will help in reducing any spread of infection.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Truss

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