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Dear Parents

Relief Midday Supervisor Post



We have a vacancy for a Relief 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.

Pray for Turkey/Syria



Thank you for all your generous donations. The final total which the school raised was £574. The donations were sent to the British Red Cross. We continue to keep the people of Turkey and Syria in our prayers.

Lent Charity Fundraising



The school would like to thank our parents for their generosity in supporting Missio and CAFOD, our school charities. Whilst the children have had a lot of fun they are also learning about the importance of charity. The Easter Enterprises raised £209.90 and so far the Missio boxes have raised £115.00.

Easter



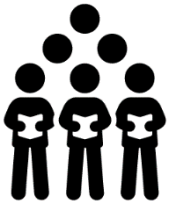
The Stations of the Cross Easter Service was a wonderful, moving, performance allowing us to reflect on the passion of Jesus, leading towards his resurrection. Well done to Years 3 and 4!

Easter Bonnet Competition



Well done to all the children who took part in the St Joseph's traditional Easter Bonnet Competition, it was very difficult for the judges to pick out the winners. You can see the photos on our website by clicking on the following link https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/News/Galleries-07092018141447/

Catholic Choral Competition



The choir also sang at the Catholic Schools Choral Competition, the singing and children's conduct were a great credit to the school. Many thanks to Mrs Tylee for organising and preparing the choir to take part in this event.

Love, Learn, Live

School Football Team – Mini Cup Final



The Year 6 and 5 boy's football team have played really well this term and made it to the final. They played Merton Court Prep who won 3-0. A great effort by our team and a proud achievement! Thank you to Miss Whitaker and Mr Whitehead for organising and coaching the children for this event.

Caring Classrooms



In response to a letter from Pope Francis, our Eco-Warriors are still collecting food donations in each classroom box. These donations are collected regularly by Churches Together and taken to Bexley Foodbank. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Parish Update and First Holy Communion



We are glad to see that Fr David has made a full/speedy recover. The children in Year 3 will soon be making their First Holy Communion. We are keeping them in our prayers.

Parental Questionnaire Feedback



Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire. A summary report is to follow in the next newsletter.

Parents' Evening



Online bookings have now opened. Please click on the link below https://stjosephscrayford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ and book a slot to see your child's class teacher on either:

- Tuesday 25th April 2023 or
- Thursday 27th April 2023 (**postponed to Thursday 4th May 2023**)

For parents whose children have special educational needs and are in Years R-5, please be advised that Mrs Partridge, as SENDCo, will only be available to join your meeting on Thursday 4th May 2023 (please note change of date).

School Uniform Changes



Everyone comments on how smart our children look! Now we are in the summer term, 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. Grey tailored shorts or trousers.

Girls - Years R – 4 wear pale blue/white gingham summer dresses.

Year 5 and Year 6 girls are allowed to wear a school open necked pale blue summer blouse – not a shirt, these are available from Marks and Spencers, John Lewis or from Matthews our school uniform shop in Welling.

School Lunch Menu



The new Summer Menus are now available on the school website (starting with Week 1). Please be advised that the office and kitchen staff need one week's notice of any changes to dinner arrangements.

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.

SATs Tests – Year 6



Year 6 SATs tests take place Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May 2023 – it is essential that all children attend school. No absences granted this week.

Walk to School Week – 15th – 19th May 2023



Walking to school has many benefits: less cars around the school means a safer environment for our children and less pollution in the atmosphere. Walking is healthy and fun – the children will see many things around them that they would otherwise miss. In addition, if you can get together with other families and children, it becomes an opportunity for your child to socialise and make friends.

Sponsored Spelling



This half term, Mrs King will be organising a sponsored spelling test. Your child will soon bring home a letter with their spellings and sponsor form. All money raised will go towards buying new reading books for the classrooms. Thank you for your support.

Messages from Crayford Police

Range Rovers, Ford Fiesta's and Ford Focus remain the top 3 cars stolen in the UK but there has been a big rise in Japanese / Korean PHEV and SUV thefts. Due to a rise in stolen cars, the local police recommend the use of a 'Faraday Pouch' to keep your keys in or fitting a crook lock to your steering wheel. Cars that are being targeted are:

- Mitsubishi Outlander
- Nissan Nevara
- Kia Sportage
- Kia Niro
- Hyundai Ionic
- Hyundai Tucson

Staying Safe in the Local Area - please follow these suggestions to avoid becoming the victim of a pickpocket:

- DO keep bags/handbags closed and in front of you
- DO be aware of your surroundings
- DO return cards to your purse/wallet quickly and zip/close it
- DO report anything suspicious to the police
- DON'T carry a large amount of cash
- DON'T place your belongings out of your sight
- DON'T leave anything on the back of a chair/pushchair/shopping trolley

St Joseph's University

We believe that it is important to extend our children beyond just the academic and to support them to develop in many diverse aspects of life. Part of our role is to prepare our children for their adult lives, teaching them to understand how to engage with culture and society, providing them with plentiful opportunities to do so.

St Joseph's University enables us to recognise the substantial amount of extra-curricular activities completed by our children, to develop a love of learning in our children and to encourage children to experience a range of learning activities and opportunities.

Parents can upload evidence of awards gained outside of school for a wide range of activities, such as swimming, scouts, beavers or St John's Ambulance. In addition if the children visit places of educational value, such as the Natural History Museum, the Science Museum, the National Portrait Gallery or the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, parents can upload evidence of these visits via this link https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/St-Joseph-s-University/

Curriculum Overviews Summer - attached

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the topics your child will be studying this term. Perhaps pop it on your fridge and talk to your children about what they have been learning as this will really help consolidate their learning. Remember there is a wealth of curriculum information on our school web site. A paper copy is in your child's book bag

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.

APRIL 2023	
Monday 17th	Children return to school
Tuesday 18th	Earth Day
Wednesday 19th	Earth Day 6.30 pm – PTA Meeting (hybrid)
Friday 21st	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited – cancelled – rescheduled on Thursday 4th May 2023 am - CST Workshops - Juniors
Tuesday 25th	Year 3 Ancient Greece Theme Day 3.30 – 6.00 pm – Parents' Evening
Thursday 27th	9.15 am – Year 1 Class Assembly – parents invited – changed to Friday 3.30 – 6.00 pm – Parents' Evening – postponed to Thursday 4th May
Friday 28th	9.15 am – Year 1 Class Assembly – parents invited am – CST Workshops - Infants Year 5 – first swimming session 7.00 pm – PTA Event – Pizza and Prosecco at the One Bell
MAY 2023	
Monday 1st	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 2nd	King Charles III Coronation Activities this week
Wednesday 3rd	Crowning of Mary Assemblies– in-school event only – children to bring in a flower Year 5 Theme Day – Our Local Area Year 5 – Bexleyheath Fieldwork
Thursday 4th	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited 3.30 – 6.00 pm – Parents' Evening – new date
Friday 5th	9.15 am – Year 4 Class Assembly – parents invited
Saturday 6th	Coronation of King Charles III
Monday 8th	Extra Bank Holiday – school closed (Coronation of King Charles III)
Tuesday 9th	Key Stage 2 SATS
Wednesday 10th	Key Stage 2 SATS
Thursday 11th	Key Stage 2 SATS
Friday 12th	Key Stage 2 SATS Year R Ugly Bug Ball Theme Day
Saturday 13th	First Holy Communion Masses
Sunday 14th	First Holy Communion Masses
Monday 15th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 16th	Year 6 Bikeability Year 6 - National Dental Programme
Wednesday 17th	Year 6 Bikeability Year 1 and Year 2 - Sikhism Visitors Year 3 Walk to Crayford Mosque
Thursday 18th	9.15 am - Feast of the Ascension - whole school mass in church - parents invited - led by the parish Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 19th	9.15 am – Year 3 Class Assembly – parents invited Year 6 Bikeability After School – PTA Inflatable Event
Saturday 20th	First Holy Communion Masses
Sunday 21st	First Holy Communion Masses
Monday 22nd	Other Faiths Week
Tuesday 23rd	Year 3 and 4 – Visitor from Crayford Mosque Year 6 – TFL visiting
Thursday 25th	9.15 am – Year R Class Assembly
Friday 26th	INSET Day – school closed
Saturday 27th	First Holy Communion Masses
Sunday 28th	First Holy Communion Masses
HALF TERM	

MONDAY 29TH – FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2023	
JUNE 2023	
Monday 5th	Children return to school Year 4 – Multiplication Tables to be carried out this week?
Wednesday 7th	Year 5 trip to Wingham Wildlife Park
Friday 9th	9.15 am – Year 3 and 2 Class Mass in church – parents invited Own clothes day – bring a bottle for the PTA Summer Fete
Monday 12th	Book Fair Week
Wednesday 14th	Year 6 trip to Chessington
Wednesday 21st	Year 4 trip to Boxhill
Thursday 22nd	Year 6 Swimming Gala
Friday 23rd	Year 5 and 6 GAV workshops 9.15 am – Year 4 and 1 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Wednesday 28th	Year R trip to Tyland Barn
Thursday 29th	9.15 am - St Peter and St Paul Whole School Mass in church – parents invited
JULY 2023	
Saturday 1st	PTA Summer Fete

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 all our regular school clubs are detailed below

Day	Club	Dates and Times
Monday	**Mathletics – Mrs Webber** Invited pupils only Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 24th April – 10th July 2023
	Netball Club – Miss Whitaker Three terms of netball for Years 3 and 4. The cost is £36.00 for the Spring term (£4 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360 Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 24th April – 10th July 2023
Tuesday	**Sports Club – Mr Whitehead – Year 1** Autumn Term – Football Spring Term – Hockey Summer Term - Cricket The cost is £44 for the term (£4 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360. Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 25th April – 11th July 2023
	Choir – Mrs Tylee – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Please contact via your child's Contact Book This club is free of charge	3.15 – 4.15 pm 25th April – 11th July 2023
Wednesday	**Games Skills Club – Mr Whitehead – Years 5 and 6** Autumn Term – Games Skills Spring Term – Games Skills (including football) Summer Term - Cricket The cost is £44 for the term (£4 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360. Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 26th April – 12th July 2023
	Mandarin Club – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Mandarin lessons led by a teacher from Dartford Grammar School This club is free of charge	3.15 – 4.15 pm 26th April – 12th July 2023
Thursday	**Games Skills Club – Mr Whitehead – Years 3 and 4** Autumn Term – Game Skills Spring Term – Games Skills (including football) Summer Term - Cricket The cost is £44 for the term (£4 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360. Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 27th April – 13th July 2023
Friday	**Sports Club – Mr Willis – Year 2** Autumn Term – Football Spring Term – Hockey Summer Term - Cricket The cost is £36 for the term (£4 per session). Payment to be made by Pay 360. Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 28th April – 14th July 2023
	Orchestra – Mrs Tylee – Years 4, 5 and 6 Invited pupils only Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 28th April – 14th July 2023