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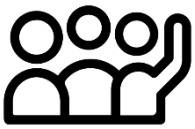
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Dear Parents

Welcome to New Staff



We have three new members of staff who have joined the St Joseph's team this year, Mrs Atumuto and Ms Balogun as Teaching Assistants and Mrs Jones as Midday Supervisor. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to our school.

Parent Helpers



The school would greatly appreciate parent help, especially with hearing children read. If you have a few hours a week spare, please consider volunteering your time. Please write, care of the school office, expressing your interest. (Parents do not usually support their own child's class). Parent support is also needed for occasional class trips, please write and let us know if you are able to volunteer. All regular parent helpers need a DBS check which requires proof of identity and a police check. The school will pay for this check to be carried out.

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.

Lates



There are an increasing number of children arriving late for the school day. This is unsettling and disruptive for your children. The gate opens at 8.45 am and closes at 8.55 am. Please allow plenty of time for travel and parking and ensure you arrive between these times.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Pedestrian Safety



If you bring or pick up your child by car, please be vigilant of families walking their children to and from school. We have had two near-miss incidents recently. The safety of all children in our community is of the utmost importance. Thank you.

Twice Blessed Uniform



Thank you for all your kind donations that we have received. When sorting out any outgrown uniform, we are running low on donations of the following:

- Boys grey trousers and shorts
- Girls navy blue pinafores and skirts
- Girls blue/white gingham summer dresses
- Boys navy jumpers and girls navy cardigans

Love, Learn, Live

- St Joseph's elasticated and normal ties
- Boys and girls white shirts
- Girls open neck blue blouses

All clothing should be in great condition and freshly laundered and ironed.

School Uniform
Everyone comments on how smart our children look. However, there has been some slippage in terms of children wearing the correct uniform. Again, I would ask that parents follow the school uniform code which is available on our school website.

Caring Classrooms



Bexley Foodbank are very grateful for all of your generous donations last term which helped to 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. We restarted our Caring Classrooms at the beginning of January. Thank you for caring and please continue to send in your kind donations.

Children's Mental Health Week – 6th – 12th February 2023 - Theme 'Let's Connect'



If you follow current affairs, you will no doubt be aware of the growing concerns around the mental health of children. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Let's Connect'. Let's Connect is about making meaningful healthy connections to help support our mental health and wellbeing. As human beings, we need rewarding social connections to help us thrive and survive in communities in a positive way.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February 2023 – Theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'



The aim of Safer Internet Day is to inspire a conversation about using technology responsibly and safely. Please take the time to talk to your child about online safety; a small conversation might spare you and your family much heartache in the future. The school website has a great many links to support parents with these issues. Please go to the 'Parents tab' to 'Supporting Online Safety'.

St Mary of the Crays 50 Year Anniversary



Please come along and join the celebrations with your parish family and friends on Sunday 19th February 2023 between 2.00 and 5.00 pm at St Mary of the Crays church hall. Our school choir will be performing and there will be lots of other fun activities for both young and old.

Easter Enterprise Events - CAFOD

CAFOD
Just one world

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



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 27th March 2023.

World Book Day



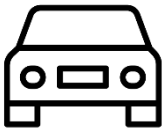
This year, we are celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March 2023.** The mission of World Book Day is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own, as reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success.

Easter Bonnet – all children in Years R to Year 6



The St Joseph's traditional Easter Bonnet Competition is here again on Friday 31st March 2023. We hope that the whole family will contribute towards making the Easter creations at home; giving the judges some difficult decisions to make!

Vehicle Crime in the Local Area



Please be aware that there has been a report from our Community Police Officer of an increase in vehicle crime in the local area. There will be catalytic converter marking events at Crayford Sainsbury's car park on the 8th and 15th February 2023.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon

Mrs Truss

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

FEBRUARY 2023	
Thursday 2nd	Year 5 Trip to Westminster Cathedral 10.30 am –Mass in school hall – led by Canon Victor Darlington
Friday 3rd	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited Year 2 George's Marvellous Medicine Theme Day
Monday 6th	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8th	Year 3 South America Theme Day am - Year 5 boys visiting St Columba's for Science visit 6.30 pm PTA Meeting (hybrid)
Thursday 9th	9.15 am – Year 1 Class Assembly – parents invited Year 4 Trip to London Aquarium After School - Netball Match at home to Danson
Friday 10th	9@9 – Whole School Fitness
HALF TERM MONDAY 13TH – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2023	
Monday 20th	Other Faiths week – Judaism visitor Whole School Assembly – Street Tag
Tuesday 21st	CAFOD Assembly
Wednesday 22nd	9.15 am – Ash Wednesday Mass in Church (juniors) pm – Infants to receive ashes from Fr David in Prayer Room
Thursday 23rd	Year 5 Alchemist Theme Day Other Faiths– Judaism visitor
Friday 24th	1.30 – 3.00 pm – Year 6 Girls Tag Rugby Festival PTA Discos: - 4.30 – 5.30 pm – Infants - 6.00 – 7.30 pm - Juniors
Tuesday 28th	MISSIO Assembly
MARCH 2023	
Wednesday 1st	Feast of St David – children wear club clothes Lunchtime – Year 4 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
Friday 3rd	9.15 am – Year 3 and 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited World Book Day – normal uniform day
Wednesday 8th	9.15 – 10.00 am – Phonics Workshop – Year R and Year 1 parents Lunchtime – Year 6 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change) 1.00 – 3.30 pm – Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Festival
Wednesday 15th	Lunchtime – Year 3 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change) Science week afternoon (each class)
Friday 17th	Feast of St Patrick – children wear club clothes 9.15 am – Year 2 and 5 Class Mass in church – parents invited pm – Year 3 and Year 4 boys Judo Taster session
Monday 20th	Feast of St Joseph – whole school Mass in church – parents invited 3.45 – 5.15 pm - Year 3 Change for Life (C4L) – 60 active minutes
Tuesday 21st	Year 3 Trip to Museum of Kent Life
Wednesday 22nd	Year 4 Alice in Wonderland Theme Day Year 2 Fairy Tale Theme Day Lunchtime – Year 5 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change) 3.00 – 4.30 pm – Year 5 boys and girls Handball Festival
Friday 24th	9.15 – Year 1 and 6 Class Mass in church – parents invited Year 5 – last swimming session
Tuesday 28th	CRIBS Easter play – in-school production
Wednesday 29th	am - Bexley Catholic Choral Festival – Mrs Tylee and Choir 3.45 – 5.15 pm – Year 4 Rugby Festival

Friday 31st	Easter Bonnet Parade 2.00 pm – Year 3 and 4 Stations of the Cross – parents invited
EASTER HOLIDAYS MONDAY 3RD – FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023 CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023	
APRIL 2023	
Monday 17th	Children return to school
Friday 21st	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited
Tuesday 25th	Year 3 Ancient Greece Theme Day 3.30 – 6.00 pm – Parents' Evening – appointments to be sent out nearer the time
Thursday 27th	9.15 am – Year 1 Class Assembly – parents invited 3.30 – 6.00 pm – Parents' Evening – appointments to be sent out nearer the time
Friday 28th	Year 5 – first swimming session

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 9th January – 20th March 2023
	Netball Club – Miss Whitaker Three terms of netball for Years 5 and 6. The cost is £40.00 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 9th January – 20th March 2023
Tuesday	**Sports Club – Mr Whitehead – Years 5 and 6** 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. Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 10th January – 21st March 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 10th January – 21st March 2023
Wednesday	**Games Skills Club – Mr Whitehead – Year 1** Autumn Term – Games Skills Spring Term – Games Skills (including football) Summer Term - Cricket The cost is £40 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 11th January – 22nd March 2023
	Choir – Mrs Tylee – Years 3, 4, 5, 6 Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 11th January – 22nd March 2023
Thursday	**Games Skills Club – Mr Whitehead – Year 2** Autumn Term – Game Skills Spring Term – Games Skills (including football) Summer Term - Cricket The cost is £40 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 12th January – 23rd March 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 12th January – 23rd March 2023
Friday	**Sports Club – Mr Willis – Years 3 and 4** 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 13th January – 24th March 2023 (9 weeks due to INSET Day on the 20th January 2023