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Dear Parents

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Spring Curriculum Overviews



Please find attached (via email) the curriculum overviews for your child's year group. These are provided so parents can encourage and support their children's studies at home. In addition, all curriculum overviews are also posted on the school website.

Cold Weather



Please ensure that your child wears a warm coat to school, preferably waterproof with a hood and sleeves. It would be most helpful if all garments are labelled, including gloves, scarves and hats. Please avoid animal hat/scarf combinations as these are so big that they are difficult to hang up.

Should there be adverse weather conditions, please find listed below the system to inform you that the school is closed or will be closing early due to poor weather.

To check to see if the school is open, the 'Open Check' service can be viewed on-line by following a link on the school website. The autotext system will be used if the school needs to close early during the school day.

For parents without access to the internet, the status can be checked by calling 0208 408 7508 and keying in our DfE code which is 3033502.

Caring Classrooms



Bexley Foodbank are very grateful for all of your generous donations 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. We will be restarting our Caring Classrooms next week, please continue to send items into school. Thank you for caring.

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 'Growing Together'. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt, and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February 2023 – Theme '*Together for a better internet*'



The aim of Safer Internet Day is to inspire a conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Please take time to talk to your child about this issue; 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'.

Keeping Safe Online

If your child received a device as a Christmas gift, you will want to know how to keep them safe online. Here are some links providing useful information for parents:

- Child Safety and the Metaverse
  https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2022/christmas-vr-safety-advice-for-parents-metaverse/

- Fortnite
  https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/fortnite-battle-royal-parents-guide-keep-kids-safe-gaming

- Online Safety and Gaming
  https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/online-safety-and-gaming.pdf

- Respect and Relationships Online
  https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon

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

JANUARY 2023	
Wednesday 4th	Children return to school
Thursday 5th	Year 1 Superhero Theme Day
Friday 6th	9.00 – 9.30 am – Open Morning for prospective Reception 2023 parents 9.15 am - Feast of the Epiphany – Whole School Mass
Monday 9th	1.30 – 2.30 pm – Open Afternoon for prospective Reception 2023 parents Children's University Assembly
Tuesday 10th	3.30 – 6.00 pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 11th	Flu Immunisation – catch up
Thursday 12th	3.30 – 6.00 pm Parents' Evening Year 5 and 6 Assembly – Learning Pride and Progress
Friday 13th	9.00 – 9.30 am – Open Morning for prospective Reception 2023 parents 2.30 – 4.00 pm – Year 5 – first swimming session
Thursday 19th	9.15 am - Year 6 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 20th	INSET Day – school closed
Monday 23rd	B Team Netball Match – at home – letter to follow
Wednesday 25th	am - Year 5 visiting St Columba's for Science session – Properties of materials
Friday 27th	9.15 am – Year 5 Class Assembly – parents invited – change of date
Tuesday 31st	Year 1 trip – Florence Nightingale Museum
FEBRURY 2023	
Wednesday 1st	Year 3 South America Theme Day
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 – change of date
Monday 6th	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8th	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
HALF TERM MONDAY 13TH – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2023	
Monday 20th	Other Faiths week – Judaism visitor
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	PTA Discos: - 4.30 – 5.30 pm – Infants - 6.00 – 7.30 pm - Juniors
Tuesday 28th	MISSIO Assembly
MARCH 2023	
Monday 1st	Feast of St David – children wear club clothes
Friday 3rd	9.15 am – Year 3 and 4 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Friday 17th	Feast of St Patrick – children wear club clothes 9.15 am – Year 2 and 5 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Sunday 19th	10.30 am Feast of St Joseph - children lead Mass
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
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

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	

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