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Dear Parents

Please click on the links below to access calendar events and after school clubs:

School Calendar: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/Diary/
Term Dates 2023/24: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/2023-2024_Calendar.pdf
After School Clubs: Details of next academic years' After School Clubs will follow

Get Well Soon



We continue to pray for Fr David to have a full recovery and hope he gets well soon.

School Gateway – our new Online Payment System

Further to the letter that was sent home last week regarding Pay360 ceasing with effect from 14th July 2023. You will not be able to access Pay360 after this date. Please download the School Gateway app, a parent engagement app that will allow you to pay for school trips, after school sports clubs etc anytime from anywhere. It will also give you useful links to our website and you will be able to view the school calendar from this app too.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload
Android phone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Pick Up/Drop Offs



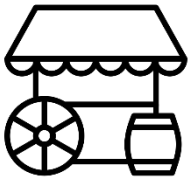
A polite reminder to parents who drop off or pick up by car to drive at a safe speed to avoid accidents with pedestrians and other traffic. Please only park in the allocated spaces along the road (e.g. not on double yellow lines) as this causes visual obstructions to other car users who are also trying to get their children to school/nursery safely. Thank you.

School Uniform



Please be advised that children return to school in September in full school uniform (either summer or winter) and shoes. PE kits will be needed from the first week. Correct uniform is listed on the school website: https://www.st-josephs.bexley.sch.uk/School_Uniform_-_with_Photos.pdf We actively discourage school shoes that look like trainers. Earrings, nail varnish and expensive watches are not permitted.

Summer Fete



A massive thank you to the PTA for a really enjoyable and successful summer fete; the children and parents had a wonderful time and £1,450 was raised for the school. I would like to say a particular thank you to Mrs Martin who co-ordinated the event and to the huge number of helpers who gave their time and energy to run stalls; the effort is really appreciated.

Love, Learn, Live

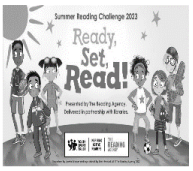
Summer Holiday Homework

The Summer Holiday Challenge will be set again this summer. Children will gain points for completing set holiday appropriate activities/tasks. These will be handed out when the children have 'Meet the Teacher' at the end of term.



Library Summer Reading Challenge 2023

'Ready, Set, Read!' – free sign up at your local Library. Themed around the power of play, sport and games, children will help our fictional superstar team (and their marvellous mascots!) weave their way through a summer obstacle course. We would encourage you to get involved.



Return of School Books

Please return any school books you may have at home. Replacing reading books are expensive and the return of all stock would be appreciated.



Safeguarding

Here are some useful links about how to keep your child safe, especially during the summer holidays:



- **Water Safety** – RNLI
  https://rnli.org/safety/float
- **E-Safety** – Keeping your children safe online
  https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/
- **Sun Safety**
  https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids

Message from Crayford Police

Please be aware that there are distractions thieves around. They operate by asking you questions, waving a piece of paper around and then lifting your phone/wallet/purse on the table underneath, then leaving quickly. Please keep valuables out of sight when you are out and about.



For more crime prevention advice please see information on our web pages www.met.police.uk

Year 6 Leavers

We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 class in a couple of weeks. The children have worked hard and achieved some excellent results. Well done.



The children move to a number of secondary schools, 42% are moving to Catholic secondary schools, St Columba's and St Catherine's, 24% to Grammar schools and the remaining children to secondary schools across Bexley. We wish them success and much happiness.

Yours sincerely

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