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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.

Easter Enterprise Events - CAFOD

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.

Pray for Turkey/Syria



Thank you for all your generous donations. So far, the school has raised just over £550. The Pay360 link to make donations will close on Friday 3rd March, so if you would still like to donate, please log on to your Pay360 account, click on 'Events'. We will send all monies to the British Red Cross on Monday 6th March 2023.

Please remember to keep the people of Turkey/Syria in your prayers following the devastating earthquakes.

Parents' Evening



Online bookings will open on Monday 27th March 2023 at 9.00 am. Please go to 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

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 27th April 2023.

Love, Learn, Live

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! (A separate letter was already sent out to parents last week).

School Lunch Menu



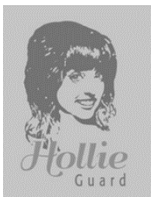
After the Easter holidays, the lunch menus will change to the Summer Menus. Menus are available on the school website. Please be advised that the office and kitchen staff need one week's notice of any changes to dinner arrangements.

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.

Safeguarding



HollieGuard is an app that can track a person's location as they make their way home, as they're out jogging or cycling, or simply going about their day to day tasks. If they feel unsafe, all they need to do is shake their phone to send an alert to a group of contacts to warn them that they may be in danger. For further information, please visit:
https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/police-forces/derbyshire-constabulary/areas/derbyshire-force-content/campaigns/campaigns/2019/hollieguard/

There are, of course, other useful mobile phone apps to track someone's location, such as Life360. This may be especially useful to some Year 6 pupils who have started travelling to/from school on their own.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon

Mrs Truss

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Executive Head Teacher

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Head of School

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

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)
Thursday 2nd	Industrial Action – school closed to Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
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
Tuesday 14th	Science week afternoon (each class)
Wednesday 15th	Lunchtime – Year 3 Easter Enterprise Sale – junior classes to bring in pocket money (maximum £1.00 in change)
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	9.15 am - 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 before Easter holidays
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
Wednesday 19th	6.30 pm – PTA Meeting (hybrid)
Friday 21st	9.15 am – Year 2 Class Assembly – parents invited am - CST Workshops - Juniors
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	am – CST Workshops - Infants Year 5 – first swimming session
MAY 2023	
Monday 1st	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 2nd	Crowning of Mary Assemblies– in-school event only – children to bring in a flower
Wednesday 3rd	Year 5 Theme Day – Our Local Area Year 5 – Bexleyheath Fieldwork
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
Monday 15th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 16th	Year 6 Bikeability Year 6 - National Dental Programme
Wednesday 17th	Year 6 Bikeability
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
Thursday 25th	9.15 am – Year R Class Assembly
Friday 26th	INSET Day – school closed
HALF TERM MONDAY 29TH – FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2023	
JUNE 2023	
Monday 5th	Children return to school

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