St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

Teaching Assistant Vacancy



We currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant. Are you available to work from 8.45 am – 1.15 pm, or do you know someone who might be suitable? Please contact the school office for further details.

Midday Supervisor Post

We have a vacancy for a 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.

Primary Reception Places – September 2023



The Bexley online site has now opened – www.bexley.gov.uk/admissions (for Bexley residents) and https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places and closes on 15th January 2023).

The school is holding a number of Open Events on the following dates:

- Monday 14th November 2022 – 5.00 – 6.00 pm
- Friday 9th December 2022 – 9.15– 10.15 am
- Monday 9th January 2023 – 1.30 – 2.30 pm

A presentation by the Head of School will be followed by a guided tour of the school. Please remind friends and neighbours to put these dates in their diary. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023. The school welcomes applications from Catholic and non-Catholic families (who are sympathetic to our values and practice).

Please note, if you are Catholic, Fr David, will be available to sign Supplementary Forms by appointment only (after school or evening). However, if you are not religious, you must still complete Part 1 of the Supplementary Form and return it to the school office.

Uniform and Coats



The children look very smart in their winter uniform. Thank you. As the days get colder, please ensure that the children come to school wearing a coat. A dark, waterproof, hooded, sleeved coat with reflectors is preferred.

Birthdays/Celebrations (pupils)



Sometimes families like to mark their child's birthday by bringing in something for the other children in the class i.e. sweets, cakes etc. The school would prefer that this optional gift for the class is a book, which can be shared and enjoyed together. Because of allergies and food hygiene, staff should not distribute sweets or cakes sent in by parents. If this arises, staff will return the items to parents explaining why they cannot be distributed.

Poppies – Supporting the Royal British Legion



These are on sale until Friday 11th November 2022 in class. Children may bring in some change in order to make a donation.

We are also selling other poppy related items supporting the Royal British Legion. The Year 5/6 Chaplaincy Group will be bringing these round to classes to purchase.

RHSE Workshop for Parents



Mr Hook would like to thank all the parents who attended our RHSE workshop last half term, it was very well attended and we had some great questions and discussion around our curriculum. The children have been enjoying learning about friendships and keeping themselves safe with our new Ten Ten programme of work.

PowerPoints detailing the learning happening in our sessions will soon be placed on the 'Classes' tab on our website. Once you click on your child's Year Group, you will be able to see what children will be discussing each half term and find a breakdown and suggested home activities to support our Ten Ten modules. Watch this space!

Road Safety – Bright Kids, Dark Nights



As the evenings are getting darker earlier, it is important to keep our children safe when they are walking home from school. Mrs Webber and the JRSOs will be leading assemblies to help us all to be road safety heroes.

Football Fixtures



Well done to St Joseph's Year 5 and 6 football team for taking part in their first few football matches this term. They played against the following schools:

- Belvedere
- Bursted Woods

Netball Team



Well done to St Joseph's Year 5 and 6 netball team for participating in their first netball matches this term. The results were:

St Joseph's v Upland (won 2-3)
St Joseph's v St Paulinus (won 9-0)
St Joseph's v Belmont (won 4-1)

Thanks again to Miss Whitaker for organising all these sports events.

PTA Children's Disco – Friday 11th November 2022



The PTA have organised an autumn term disco for the children. The infant disco will take place in the school hall between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm and the junior disco will take place between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm. The cost is £3.50 each. A place can be booked using our Pay 360 https://www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home. Please note tickets will not be issued as Pay360 will generate a paid list for the door.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hannon

Mr Mark Hannon
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.

NOVEMBER 2022	
Tuesday 1st	11.15 am – All Saints Feast Day – whole school Mass in church
Wednesday 2nd	School Photographs being taken – all children must wear winter uniform
Thursday 3rd	Year 6 – Mexican Theme Day Year 1 trip – Museum of Kent Life – Animals/Homes topic
Friday 4th	Year 5 – Medieval Theme Day
Tuesday 8th	9.15 am – Key Stage 2 parent reading workshop Year 3 – Stone Age Theme Day
Thursday 10th	9.15 am Year 6 and Year 1 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Friday 11th	PTA School Discos - 4.30 – 5.30 pm – Infants - 6.00 – 7.30 pm – Juniors
Monday 14th	Anti-bullying week 5.00 – 6.00 pm – Open Evening for prospective Reception 2023 parents
Thursday 17th	External speakers visiting Year 4 to talk about their USA road trip
Monday 21st	Road Safety Week – Junior Road Safety Assembly
Wednesday 23rd	6.30 – 7.30 pm - PTA Meeting in Main Hall
Thursday 24th	9.15 am Year 5 and Year 2 Class Mass in church – parents invited
Wednesday 30th	Feast of St Andrew – children wear club clothes Year R trip to Crayford Library
DECEMBER 2022	
Monday 5th	PTA – 12 Days of Christmas Countdown – Bexley Foodbank
Wednesday 7th	2.15 – 3.15 pm – Infant Nativity – parents invited
Thursday 8th	pm - Year 4 and 5 Handball Festival at St Columba's – details to follow
Friday 9th	9.15 – 10.15 am – Open Morning for prospective Reception 2023 parents Year 6 – last swimming session
Tuesday 13th	2.30 – 3.30 pm – Reception Class Nativity – parents invited
Wednesday 14th	Christmas Dinner Day pm – Beauty and the Beast Pantomime Production in school – Years R-6
Thursday 15th	1.30 – 2.30 pm – Junior Christmas Carol Service in church – parents invited
Friday 16th	CRIBS Christmas Play – in-school event
Wednesday 21st	INSET Day – school closed
Thursday 22nd	School Holidays
Christmas Holidays Wednesday 21st December – Tuesday 3rd January 2023 (children return on Wednesday 4th January 2023)	
JANUARY 2023	
Wednesday 4th	Children return to school
Friday 6th	9.15 am - Feast of the Epiphany – Whole School Mass
Monday 9th	1.30 – 2.30 pm – Open Afternoon for prospective Reception 2023 parents
Tuesday 10th	3.30 – 6.00 pm Parents' Evening – appointments to be sent out 2 weeks before
Thursday 12th	3.30 – 6.00 pm Parents' Evening – appointments to be sent out 2 weeks before
Friday 13th	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
Thursday 26th	9.15 am – Year 5 Class Assembly – parents invited
Tuesday 31st	Year 1 trip – Florence Nightingale Museum

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 26th September – 28th November 2022
	Netball Club – Miss Whitaker Three terms of netball for Years 5 and 6. The cost is £36.00 for the Autumn 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 September – 28th November 2022
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 20th September – 29th November 2022
Wednesday	**Games Skills Club – Mr Whitehead – Year 1** Autumn Term – Games Skills Spring Term – 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 21st September – 30th November 2022
	Choir – Mrs Tylee – Years 3, 4, 5, 6 Please contact via your child's Contact Book	3.15 – 4.15 pm 21st September – 30th November 2022
	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 21st September – 30th November 2022
Thursday	**Games Skills Club – Mr Whitehead – Year 2** Autumn Term – Game Skills Spring Term – 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 22nd September – 1st December 2022
	Orchestra – Mrs Tylee – Years 4, 5 and 6 Invited pupils only Please contact via your child's Contact Book.	3.15 – 4.15 pm 22nd September – 1st December 2022
Friday	**Sports Club – Mr Willis – Years 3 and 4** 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 23rd September – 2nd December 2022