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Dear Parents

Midday Supervisor Post



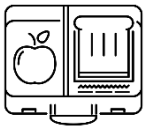
We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. Are you available to work from 12.15 pm – 1.15 pm, or do you know someone who might be suitable? The position involves supervision of children on the playground and in the dining hall. Please contact the school office for further details.

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.

Packed Lunch Day - Friday 21st October 2022



Due to a school bereavement, all children will be having a packed lunch at lunchtime on Friday 21st October 2022. *Action needed*: Please return the packed lunch form attached no later than Monday 10th October 2022 (a paper copy is in your child's book bag). Note: Home packed lunches must follow the usual rules of a healthy balanced lunch. No Nut Produce. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Fund and School Funding in General



Thank you to those parents who have already paid the school fund. If you still need to pay, please send your £20 school fund contribution as soon as possible. Please log on to your Pay 360 to pay. We rely on parents to send this amount in at the beginning of the Autumn Term. The money collected is for the extra expenses the school has to incur during the year, this includes end of term treats, subsidy for outings, in-school guest speakers and theatre productions.

Pick Up/Drop Offs and the Church Car Park



We have been asked to remind parents that the car park next to the school does not belong to the school and parents who drop off or pick up from the car park are inconveniencing (and are sometimes rude) to the parishioners. This is not a good example to your own children. Also we have had a number of complaints from our neighbours of parents parking across their driveways. This is unacceptable. Please give yourself an extra 10 minutes for the school run.

The no drop off/pick up rule from the car park includes parents of Smiley Ark.

Harvest Donations

Thank you for the excellent response to our harvest collection. The harvest display reminded the children to give thanks for the wonderful bounty God gives us. The food that you have generously donated will be delivered to the Salvation Army for their food bank.



Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended our Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' last week by staff and parents. Cakes and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Particular thanks to parents who contributed cakes for this event. The total money raised was £55.74 and will go to Macmillan to support someone affected by cancer.



October the Month of the Holy Rosary

Parents and children are invited to join one of our parishioners in saying a decade of the rosary before school. The prayer group will meet on Wednesdays: 5th, 12th and 19th October at 8.30 am in the school prayer room.



Hello Yellow Day

The wellbeing and mental health of our children is incredibly important. On Monday 10th October 2022, each class will take part in activities in their classes to reflect on the different ways that we can look after ourselves better #HelloYellow.



Black History Month

Our Black History Month project this year is inspired by the silent protests made by Tommy Smith and John Carlos at the 1968 Olympics. Your job this October is to research an athlete that inspires you or to uncover the reasons for the 1968 silent protest. Your class teacher will choose the top 3 projects to receive a certificate and Mrs Royston will choose one project to receive a history award. Projects are due in on Monday 31st October.



Caring Classrooms

Bexley Foodbank are very grateful for all of your generous donations so far 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. Please continue to send items into school. Thank you for caring.



Winter Uniform

Please be advised that after half term, winter uniform must be worn. Please remember to label all uniform. A reminder of the school uniform is attached, on the parents' noticeboard and school website. The children look very smart in their uniform and the wearing of school coloured hair bands completes the overall look. Please take note of the information about boys haircuts at the bottom of the poster. Girls are reminded to remove their earrings and nail varnish before they come to school. Your co-operation is appreciated.



School Lunch Menu

The lunch menu will change to the Winter Menus after the October half term. The new menus are currently being updated and will be available on the school website from Monday 17th October 2022. Please be advised that the school office and kitchen staff need a notice period of one week for any changes to dinner arrangements.



Instrument Lessons



A wide variety of instrument lessons are available for junior children to learn. Mrs Tylee will be sending out a number of different letters to families who have expressed an interest. Mrs Tylee has asked me to remind you that lessons will be starting this month.

Flu Vaccination Offer – Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 at School



This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 still in circulation it is important to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them, the NHS and social care. Research also shows that if you get both flu and COVID-19 at the same time you may be more seriously ill. The nasal flu vaccination will take place in school on Wednesday 12th October 2022.

Please follow the link to complete an online consent form (one for each child) to ensure your child receives their vaccination. https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2022/bexley

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

The healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure children are safe when being offered the vaccine.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

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:

- Friday 14th October 2022 – 9.15– 10.15 am
- 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 Catholics 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.

Secondary Transfer 2023-2024 (Year 6 children)
The 'Admission to Secondary Schools in Bexley 2023' has been emailed to Year 6 detailing admission criteria and dates/times of open school sessions. If you wish to visit a secondary school during the school day, please put a note in your child's Contact Book and let the school office know.

Parents are reminded that the closing date for Bexley secondary applications is the 31st October 2022 and it is important you don't miss the deadline. To apply online, please visit:
https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/secondary-schools/starting-secondary-school and follow the links. If you do not live in Bexley you must apply to your own Local Authority.

PTA
The Parent and Teacher Association are a fund raising and social event organising group. The PTA is holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 6.30 pm in the school hall. This meeting will review the work over the last year and ask for people to step forward and support the association in various roles. It will also start to plan the year ahead. They would really welcome new members, say a couple of representatives from each year group. Please come along, as many hands make light work!



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.

OCTOBER 2022	
Monday 3rd	'How to Pray the Rosary' sheets to be given out 7.00 pm – School Journey meeting for Year 6 parents – main hall
Wednesday 5th	8.30 am – Rosary before school – parents and children invited
Thursday 6th	9.15 am – Year 3 Class Assembly – parents invited pm – Fr David visiting Year R
Friday 7th	am – Whole School Cross Country PTA Fundraising – children to bring back Smarties tubes filled with coins
Monday 10th	Hello Yellow Day Year R – Vision, Hearing, Height and Weight – School Nurse Year 6 – Height and Weight – School Nurse
Tuesday 11th	Black History month – infant and junior assemblies – led by CARJ
Wednesday 12th	8.30 am – Rosary before school – parents and children invited Nasal Flu Vaccinations – whole school 4.00 pm - Football match – away to Belvedere – details to follow 6.30 – 7.30 pm – PTA AGM in school hall – parents invited
Thursday 13th	Year 2 trip – Tower of London 9.15 am – Year 5 Class Assembly – parents invited
Friday 14th	9.15 – 10.15 am – Open Morning for prospective Reception 2023 parents
Monday 17th	After School – Netball match – at home – details to follow
Wednesday 19th	8.30 am – Rosary before school – parents and children invited Year 6 – School Journey
Thursday 20th	Year 6 – School Journey 9.15 am – Year 4 Class Assembly – parents invited pm – Year R Playdough Party
Friday 21st	Year 6 – School Journey
HALF TERM MONDAY 24TH – FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2022	
Monday 31st	Children return to school Year 2 – Travel Theme Day
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	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
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
Friday 9th	9.15 – 10.15 am – Open Morning for prospective Reception 2023 parents Year 6 – last swimming session
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	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 – 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 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

School Uniform - Girls

It is the policy of the school that pupils should wear the correct uniform at all times unless otherwise directed by the head teacher and all items of clothing should be marked with your child's name.

<table>
<tr><td>Winter</td><td>• White shirt with long or short sleeves
• Navy skirt or pinafore of standard length
• Navy V neck cardigan
• White socks or navy tights
• School tie* KS1 elastic tie, KS2 loose tie £4.00 each
• Black or navy shoes (flat heels only, no boots please)</td><td colspan="2">WINTER UNIFORM SKIRT

WINTER UNIFORM PINAFORE
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<tr><td>Summer</td><td>• Short sleeved summer dress, shoulders covered (pale blue/white gingham)
• Year 5 and Year 6 girls are allowed to wear a school open necked pale blue summer blouse (available from Marks and Spencers, John Lewis or from Matthews).
• White socks – knee length or ankle socks
• Sun hats* £3.50 each</td><td>SUMMER DRESS
</td><td>Y5&6 SUMMER SHIRT
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<tr><td>PE Kit</td><td>• Trainers – Years R and 1 (with Velcro not laces)
Trainers – Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
• Navy shorts
• White T-shirt
• A plain navy tracksuit may also be worn for outdoor PE
(PE kit must be kept in a separate bag)</td><td colspan="2">PE KIT
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<tr><td>School Bags</td><td>• Royal Blue Satchel* £7.00 each
• PE bag* £3.50 each
• Please note: Only school uniform bags will be allowed in school. PE/swimming bags, book- carriers and folders are available for purchase from the school office.</td><td>BOOKBAG
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<tr><td>Coats</td><td colspan="3">A suitable outdoor coat (with a hood and sleeves) should be worn in winter. This excludes sweatshirts, hoodies or baseball jackets and coats with large fashion logos.</td></tr>
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* Available to purchase from school

Please note – Long hair should be tied back and hair accessories should be in line with the school colours. Earrings, make-up, nail varnish etc must be removed before coming to school.

School Uniform - Boys

Winter	**WINTER UNIFORM** 	• White shirt with long or short sleeves • Grey trousers • Navy V neck jumper • Grey socks • School tie* - KS1 elastic tie, KS2 loose tie £4.00 each • Black or navy shoes – (no boots please)
Summer	**SUMMER UNIFORM** 	• Plain sky blue polo shirt (or with logo) • Grey tailored shorts or trousers • Grey socks • Sun hats* £3.50 each
PE Kit	**PE KIT** 	• Trainers – Years R and 1 (with Velcro not laces) Trainers – Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 • Navy shorts • White T-shirt • A plain navy tracksuit may also be worn for outdoor PE (PE kit must be kept in a separate bag)
School Bags	**BOOKBAG**  **PE BAG** 	• Royal Blue Satchel* £7.00 each • PE bag* £3.50 each **Please note:** Only school uniform bags will be allowed in school. PE/swimming bags, book-carriers and folders are available for purchase from the school office.
Coats	A suitable outdoor coat (with a hood and sleeves) should be worn in winter. This excludes sweatshirts, hoodies or baseball jackets and coats with large fashion logos.	

* Available to purchase from school

Haircuts – only traditional haircuts are allowed – no fashion statements please. Boy's hair must not be left to grow long, over the collar or cut shorter than a No 2 cut (6mm), short hair must not have designed fashion shavings.

Packed Lunch Day – Friday 21st October 2022

Child's Name: …… Year: ……

I will provide my child with a packed lunch	Yes/No

I would like my child to have a school packed lunch and their choice is as follows:

Choice of Baguette	**Please tick one box**
Egg Mayonnaise	
Cheese	
Tuna Mayonnaise	

Also included with the lunch will be a bag of crisps, a piece of fruit and a chocolate biscuit.

	Please tick one box
I pay online with my normal dinner money	
I have paid £2.45 via Pay360	
My child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals (Years R, 1 and 2 only)	
My child is entitled to Free School Meals	