



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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28th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,



Thought of the Week

This week, we are continuing to learn about Mary, the Mother of God. This is a time when we seek to renew our friendship with Mary. Each day, the children will spend time raising their minds and hearts to Mary in prayer. During the month of May, children are saying the rosary.



UEFA European Football Championship

To celebrate the start of the UEFA European Football Championship, there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 11th June 2021. The children may wear their England football kits or any colours of the team they are supporting. We are asking for a £1 voluntary contribution payable through your School Gateway account. All funds raised will buy new footballs and playground equipment.

On 25th June, Game On will be in school all day, teaching the children new football skills. Let's hope England wins the cup. Children should come to school in their PE kit on this day.

Sports Days

We cannot wait until the day we can safely welcome you back into school and life returns to normal. This year, organising any event has been challenging due to the Covid restrictions. We are currently awaiting updated Covid guidance from Herts County Council regarding Sports Days; although other County Councils have already decided that Covid restrictions will remain in place in schools until September. To ensure that sports day can take place this year safely, we will be holding class sports days. As it is outside, each child will be able to have at least one parent or carer at sports day and depending on the current COVID restrictions at the time, hopefully, this will increase. We will require all parents to adhere to social distancing guidance and wear a mask.



The new dates can be seen below:

29th June	Time
Year 3	9.30-10.30a.m.
Year 4	10.45a.m – 11.45a.m.
Year 5	1.15 - 2.15p.m
Year 6	2.30-3.30p.m

2nd July	Time
Foundation 1	9.30-10.15a.m.
Foundation 2	10.45a.m – 11.45a.m.
Year 1	1.15 -2.15p.m
Year 2	2.30-3.30p.m (Please note, school finishes later for Year 2 on this day.)



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Key Stage 2 Play

Due to the latest Covid restrictions and the increase in the new Covid variant, we will be filming our Key Stage 2 performance this year.

Important Notices

Hertfordshire County Council has asked us to share the following update with you ahead of half-term.

Thank you all so much for playing your part and helping to keep case rates of Covid-19 low in Hertfordshire. During half-term, and as restrictions ease more generally, it's more important than ever to follow current guidelines to help keep each other safe and our nurseries, schools and colleges free from outbreaks.

Please do not send children back into education if they are sick or feel unwell. If you or children have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Reminder of some of the latest guidance from 17 May:

- 6 people, or two households (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible) can now meet indoors and up to 30 people can gather outside
- If you are meeting with family and friends, the government is asking that you personally consider the risks associated with COVID-19 when deciding on things like wearing face coverings and social distancing for both you and your children
- Restaurants, pubs and cafes can reopen and so can indoor entertainment and attractions such as cinemas, bowling alleys, museums and children's indoor play areas. All of these services will have COVID-secure measures in place, so please encourage your children to follow the rules when out and about

Travelling within the UK

If you do go away, you should aim to do so safely. For instance, one of our close neighbours, Bedford, has a high number of cases and people are being advised to avoid travelling in and out of the area unless it is essential (for work or education).

You can find the latest travel guidance for England and the rest of the UK at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#travelling-within-the-uk-the-republic-of-ireland-and-the-channel-islands>

Travelling internationally from England

There are no longer any restrictions on leaving England to travel internationally, however to protect public health in the UK and the vaccine rollout, you should not travel to [countries or territories on the red or amber lists](#).



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If you do need to travel to an *Amber* destination for an emergency, you must update any setting attended by your child(ren) and;

- All family members who have travelled must quarantine for 10 days at home upon their return and can only leave home to take a test
- Paid for PCR tests must be completed by all those who have travelled aged 4 and above on day 2 and again on day 8 following your return
- **Please do not send children back to nursery, school or college without completing the mandatory quarantine period**

PCR Test

Any student with symptoms of Covid-19 or feeling unwell should take a **PCR test** (not a lateral flow test) immediately and not attend school.

Parents and carers of children of school age are also encouraged to take regular rapid tests. You can find your nearest collection site or order online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest.

Support for families

This is a challenging time for everyone, and we want you know that help and support is available for anyone who needs it in Hertfordshire. HertsHelp can provide free, confidential advice and practical help for things like food, essential bills and emotional support. Call 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

We hope you enjoy half-term and remember – hands, face, space, fresh air and test. These key things will help to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Regards,
Hertfordshire County Council



Bikes/Scooters

It is great to see so many children cycling to school. However, many children are cycling to school without wearing a helmet. For safety reasons, please make sure your child wears a helmet when cycling to school.

Attendance Award

This week, Year 2 have won the best attendance award with 100%. Well done Year 2.

Have a great half term.

Linda Payne
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Headteacher

May	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday. School closed.
Friday 28th May	End of term. School closes at normal time



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31st May – 4th June	Half Term Holiday – School Closed
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June	
Monday 7th June	Inset Day – school closed.
Tuesday 8th June	Start of Term
Friday 11 th June	Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 6
Friday 11 th June	Non-uniform day (England or team colours)
Wednesday 16 th June	Year 3/4 trip to Woburn Safari Park
Tuesday 22 nd June	Year 6 trip to Chessington
Thursday 24 th June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1 at 2.00p.m TBC
Friday 25 th June	Football Day (PE kit to be worn)
Friday 25 th June	F1 new pupils outside visits 1.30p.m. TBC
Monday 28 th June	Class Photos
Tuesday 29 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 30 th June	Year 2 trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
Wednesday 30 th June	Exotic animals visit for Year 1
Friday 2 nd July	KS1 & FS Sports Day
July	
Friday 2 nd July	F1 visits and New Parents meeting 1.30p.m. TBC
Thursday 8 th July	Transition Day for all pupils Secondary School Transition day New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. (Current F1 parents to attend). TBC
Friday 9 th July	Final swim for Year 3 & 6
Friday 9 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass. Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting) TBC depending on Covid restrictions
Monday 12 th July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
Wednesday 14 th July	KS2 Play Will be filmed and sent to parents
Thursday 15th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. (F1 – Y6) End of Term Year 6 lunch End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.