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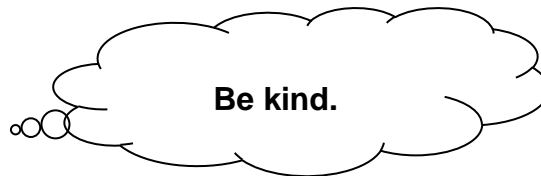
9th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to have all the children back in school, together again. To help the children settle back into school life, we will be focusing on:

- pupils' mental health and well-being;
- pupils' friendship and social skills;
- pupils' ready to learn skills.

I am delighted to report that all of our pupils have settled back into school routines, expectations and life incredibly smoothly; it has been a pleasure to have them all back in school with us again.



Thought of the Week

This week we have been learning about Lent. This is a time when we seek to renew our friendship with God and with each other. Each day, the children will spend time raising their minds and hearts to God in prayer. In addition, the children will be busy raising money for our chosen charities and carrying out kind deeds over the Lenten period. Please see our Lenten Newsletter for more details.

Google Classroom & Homework

Thank you for your supporting your children with Google Classroom. I have been amazed with the children's ICT skills and the work they have submitted. Now that we are all back in school, homework will resume. All homework will now be set using Google Classroom. If you have any technical difficulties using Google Classroom, please email the school office: admin@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk.



St Patrick's Day – Non Uniform Day

On Wednesday 17th March, there will be a non-uniform day to celebrate St Patrick's Day. He is the Patron Saint of Ireland. The children may wear green, white or yellow on this day. We are asking for a voluntary £1.00 contribution towards our Lenten appeal.

Mother's Day

This year, our Mother's Day Celebration will be recorded and a link will be sent to you via School Gateway.



Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter for news about our school. Please feel free to share photographs or videos of your child's learning too. Our Twitter address is: [@stjosephs775](https://twitter.com/stjosephs775)





Cake Competition

Please do not forget to enter our cake competition which is on Monday 22nd March. A prize will be awarded to each class for the best cake. If you would like to buy back your cake, please write this clearly on the cake container. All cakes will be on sale during playtime (in class bubbles) and all children may bring in £1- £3 (maximum) to buy cakes.



Toy Sale

Unwanted toys needed for the toy sale on Tuesday 23rd March. Please drop all unwanted toys to the School Office. Toys will be quarantined for 72 hours before being sold. Thank you.

Important Notices

1.Foundation 1 (Nursery School) Applications

The paragraph below is very important for all parents with children born between **1st September 2017 and 31 August 2018**. Applications for admission to our Nursery Class is now open.

Please ensure you complete the **School's Supplementary Form which you can obtain from the School's Website or the School Office**. Your priest will also need to complete a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** which is obtainable from your church. All forms must be completed and returned to the school office before admission can be considered.

Therefore, in order to apply for our school, we must receive:

1. Supplementary Information Form.
2. Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable).
3. Baptism Certificate (if applicable).

2. Medicines in Schools.

If your child has an asthma pump or an epi-pen, please check that your child's medicines are in date. Thank you.

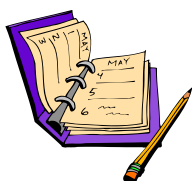


Attendance Award

Well done to the following classes for having 100% attendance: F1, F2, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6.

Have a great week.

**Linda Payne
Headteacher**



March	
Friday 12 th March	Mother's day Class Assembly – recording will be sent to you.
Wednesday 17 th March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green, yellow or white).

Monday 22nd March	Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake). Cake sale.
Tuesday 23 rd March	Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys).
Friday 26th March	Virtual Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) (F1-Y6) All parents welcome to attend the Virtual Easter Bonnet Parade Children to make the bonnets at home and bring them into school. All children may participate in this event.TBC End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.

April	
Monday 12th April	Start of Term
Friday 16th April	Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 5 TBC
Friday 23 rd April	St George's Non-Uniform Day (children may wear red, white or blue).

May	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday. School closed.
Friday 7 th May	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 14 th May	Last swimming for Year 5
Monday 17 th May	Walk to School Week
Tuesday 18 th May	KS1 Sports Day at 9.30a.m. TBC KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 18 th May	KS2 Sports Day at 1.15p.m. TBC KS2 parents may attend.
Thursday 20 th May	Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)
Friday 21st May	Swimming starts for Year 6 TBC
Friday 28 th May	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
31 st May – 4 th June	Half Term Holiday – School Closed

June	
Monday 7th June	Inset Day – school closed.
Tuesday 8th June	Start of Term
Tuesday 15 th June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 9.30p.m. TBC KS1 parents may attend.
Tuesday 15 th June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.15p.m. TBC KS2 parents may attend.
Thursday 24 th June	Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1 at 2.00p.m TBC
Friday 25 th June	F1 new pupils visits 1.30p.m.
Friday 25 th June	St Peter's & St Paul's Mass in school at 9.00a.m.TBC (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass

July	
Thursday 1 st July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. TBC F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Friday 2 nd July	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 2 nd July	F1 visits and New Parents meeting 1.30p.m.
	Final Year 3 swim – double session TBC

Wednesday 7 th July	Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend.
Wednesday 7 th July	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)
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).
Friday 9 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass. Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting)
Monday 12 th July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
	Final Year 6 swim – double session TBC
Tuesday 13 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.
Wednesday 14 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend.
Thursday 15th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass End of Term Year 6 lunch End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.