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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Use the gifts we have
been given by Our
Lord!**

Thought of the Week

Happy New Year; I hope you all had a great Christmas! The staff and I would also like to thank you all for your kind gifts which were very thoughtful and greatly appreciated.

Covid Updates

Since the start of the pandemic, I have always been very open and honest regarding the number of cases in school. Over the Christmas holidays, five staff members tested positive and twenty-five children tested positive. Fortunately, all have recovered and most are back in school. Due to our high numbers, our school is classed by Public Health as having an outbreak. As a result, all Covid restrictions will remain in place until further notice. Since writing to you last term, we now have additional measures in place. For example, we now have CO2 monitors in our classrooms, which will help to monitor the air quality.

You may be aware that there have been some rule changes for close contacts and isolation. Children who do not have any symptoms but live with (close contact) a family member who has tested positive can continue to attend school as normal but should take a daily LFT test for 7 days. Obviously, if children test positive at any point in this period of time, they will need to isolate.

Children who have a positive test will need to isolate for a minimum of 7 days. If they test negative via LFT test on days 6 and 7, then the children may return to school on day 8. Children who have tested positive on LFT on day 6 and 7 will have to continue to isolate for the full 10 days.

Thank you for your continuous support and for adhering to our Covid procedures.

Times Tables Rock Stars for Years 1 to 6 Children.

I just wanted to remind all parents about our fabulous, interactive homework programme. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12x12 in less than 3 seconds.

The goal is for all participating rockers to be Times Table Rock Stars after 20 weeks!

Your children's log-in details will be found in their reading records.

Sports News

The children have been very busy competing in various sporting fixtures against other schools. Last term, Year 5 entered the South Oxhey Consortium Fun Run. I am delighted to say our boys and girls came first overall. Well done Year 5.

Our Year 4 class participated in a Teach Active Maths Festival. Although this was not a competition, the children had great fun learning maths and being active.

The girls' football team have been very busy playing fixtures. So far, they have played Yorke Mead, Hillside and Little Green. The girls worked tremendously hard and tried their best

PE kits

Please can you ensure your child wears the correct PE kit. PE is a vital part of our school curriculum here at St Joseph's and the children participate in two hours of PE per week. Therefore, please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit.

School Uniform

Please may I remind you that children may wear small gold or silver stud earrings only. Other jewellery such as bracelets, rings, hoop earrings or coloured earrings are not permitted. Grey skirts are not allowed either. Thank you.

Action Figures Wanted

Our nursery class are in need of a fresh supply of small world toys and action figures for the children to play with. If you have any Power Rangers, Star Wars, Knights, Playmobile etc. at home which you no longer need, please consider donating them to the school. Many thanks.

Pupil Premium Funding

In certain circumstances, schools can claim approximately £1,345 extra of funding per child for pupils whose parents receive various benefits. The criteria are the same as they would be for applying for 'free school meals' in KS2. The money can be used to support anything that improves a child's enjoyment, wellbeing, achievement or attainment at school.

Recently, we have used such funding to pay for individual music tuition, 1:1 maths/literacy support, breakfast club places etc.

If you think that you or your partner may be eligible to claim this extra money for your child, I urge you to speak to Mrs Tannian in the school office as soon as possible. All enquiries of this nature will be treated in the strictest confidence. If you know you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding you can apply directly using the following website: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals Once the funding has been awarded, it will remain in place each year that your child is with us. Please note that this extra funding is available to all eligible children, from Nursery to Year 6.

Governing Body

Over the past term, the Governing Body has reviewed the following policy:

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| Admissions Policy | English Policy | RE Policy |
| Anti-bullying Policy | Equality and Diversity Policy | Recruitment and selection Policy |
| Attendance Policy | Extended Schools Policy | Relationships and Sex Education |
| Behaviour Policy | First Aid Policy | SEN Information Report |
| Children Looked After Policy | GDPR Policy & Privacy notices | Work Placement Policy |
| Child Protection Policy | Health and Safety Policy | |
| Complaints Policy | Maths Policy | |
| Data Protection & GDPR | Online Safety Policy | |
| Drugs and Substance Misuse Policy | Prevent Duty & Risk Assessments | |

If you would like to read any of our policies, please contact the office for a copy.

Important Notices

Important Notice: School Admissions: Primary School Place

The paragraph below is very important for all Foundation 1 parents and any parent seeking a school place for their child in September 2022. Applications for admission to our school opened on 1st November. You will need to apply for a school place if your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018

Please ensure you complete the **Hertfordshire online form at:**

(<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>)

When completing the online form, please be aware that there are four St Joseph's schools in Hertfordshire, so it is imperative to select the right St Joseph's.

We are St Joseph's in Watford, code number 9193383.

You will also need to complete the **School's Supplementary Information Form**, which is obtainable from the school office or the school's website.

All forms must be completed and returned to the School Office before admission can be considered.

Therefore, to apply for our school, the following documents are required:

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

Please do not be late as this could jeopardise your child's place at the school.

The closing date for all applications is 15 January 2022.

Nursery School Applications

The paragraph below is very important for all parents with children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019. Applications for admission to our Nursery Class has now opened.

Please ensure you complete the **School's Supplementary Form which you can obtain from the school's website or the school office**. 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:

Supplementary Information Form & Nursery Application Form
Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
Baptism Certificate (if applicable)

The closing date is 25th February 2022. Please do not be late as this could jeopardise your child's place at the school.

School's Procedures

I would like to reiterate the end of the day and before school procedures for your information only.

Before School

We have a number of children coming into school very early in the morning without a parent/carer being present. Please note, gates open at 8.45a.m..

All Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils must be accompanied by an adult until your child has entered the Key Stage 1 school gate. Please ensure you watch your child going into school. Key Stage 2 children must not arrive before 8.45a.m, unless they are accompanied by adult. Please ensure you watch your child going up the path and into school via the yellow gates. Either myself or another staff member, will always be by the main gates saying hello to the children.

End of Day Procedures

- I. Children will exit the school in the usual manner. Foundation 2 Class will leave through Foundation playground. Key Stage 1 will leave via the Key Stage 1 corridor and Key Stage 2 will leave via Key Stage 2 doors. Key Stage 2 parents are welcome to meet their children by the main gate.
- II. The playground will be cleared as soon as possible to ensure all children have left the school safely with a parent.
- III. If you have children in Key Stage 1 and 2, please pick up the younger children first. In addition, you may wait on the Key Stage 1 playground area for the older children or wait inside the main gated area.
- IV. Either myself or another staff member will always be by the main gates saying goodbye to the children.
- V. If you would like your child to be picked up from school by another person, please inform the school office or class teacher. Please do not pick up other children other than your own, without parental permission.
- VI. If you need to find any lost property, please go via the school office.
- VII. If in the unfortunate event you are delayed in picking up your child or stuck in traffic, please call the school office.



Attendance Award

This week, Year 5 class have won the best attendance award! Well done Year 5! Keep up the good effort!

Have a great week.

**Linda Payne
Headteacher**



| January | |
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| Friday 14th January | Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 5 |
| February | |
| Friday 4 th February | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. |
| Monday 7 th February | Parents' Consultations all week Save the date |
| Monday 7 th February – Friday 11 th February | Feeling Good and Children's Mental Health Week |
| Tuesday 8 th February | Safer Internet Day |
| Friday 11th February | End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m. |
| 14th – 18th February | Half Term holiday – School Closed |
| Monday 21st February | Start of Term |
| March | |
| Tuesday 1 st March | St David's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green, red, white or yellow). |

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| Wednesday 2 nd March | Ash Wednesday Service – More details to follow. |
| Thursday 3 rd March | World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day. This is a non-uniform day. Children may dress up as their favourite book character. Virtual TBC |
| Thursday 17 th March | St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green or white). |
| Friday 18 th March | St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed. (TBC) |
| Friday 25th March | Last Swimming for Year 3 and Year 5 |
| Friday 25 th March | Mother's day Class Assembly starts at 9.00a.m. Virtual TBC |
| Monday 28 th March | Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake). Cake sale. |
| Thursday 31 st March | Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys). |
| Friday 1st April | Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) (F1-Y6) Virtual TBC Children to make the bonnets at home and bring them into school. All children may participate in this event. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m. |

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| April | |
| Tuesday 19th April | Start of Term |
| Friday 22 nd April | St George's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear red, white or blue). |

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| May | |
| Monday 3rd May | Bank Holiday. School closed. |
| Friday 6 th May | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. |
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| 3 rd – 20 th May | KS1 SATs- Year 2 |
| Monday 9th – 12th May | KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests (free breakfast club for Year 6 pupils all week, starting at 8.00a.m.) |
| Monday 9th May | KS 2 Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 & 2 tests |
| Tuesday 10th May | KS2 Reading Test |
| Wednesday 11th May | KS2 Maths Paper 1 & 2 Test |
| Thursday 12th May | KS2 Maths Paper 3 Test |
| Monday 16 th May | Walk to School Week |
| Tuesday 24th May | KS1 Sports Day at 9.30a.m. KS1 parents may attend. |
| Tuesday 24th May | KS2 Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend. |
| Thursday 19 th May | Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend) |
| Friday 27 th May | End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m. |
| 30 th May – 3 rd June | Half Term Holiday – School Closed |

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| June | |
| Monday 6th June | Inset Day – school closed. |
| Tuesday 7th June | Start of Term |
| Tuesday 8 th June – 11 th June | One World Week – Working together for a just, peaceful and sustainable world. |
| Tuesday 7 th June | Year 1 Phonic tests commence |

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| | Year 4 Multiplication tests commence |
| Tuesday 14 th June | KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 9.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend. |
| Tuesday 14 th June | KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend. |
| Thursday 23 rd June | Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1 at 2.00p.m |

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| Tuesday 28th June | Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend. |
| July | |
| Monday 4 th July | F1 visits and new parents meeting 1.30p.m. |
| Tuesday 5 th July | Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend) |
| Wednesday 6 th July | Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. F1 & F2 parents welcome to attend. |
| Thursday 7 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 15 th July | Year 6 Leavers' Mass Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting) |
| Monday 18 th July | KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend. |
| Tuesday 19 th July | KS2 Play at 6.00p.m KS2 parents are welcome to attend. |
| Wednesday 20th 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. |