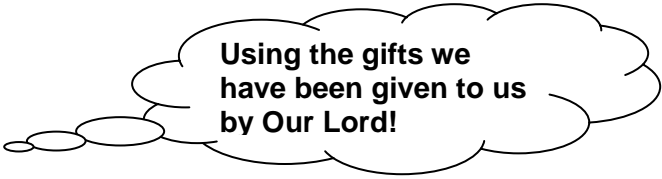




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12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers



**Thought of the Week**

Happy New Year and I hope you all had a great Christmas! This week, the children have been celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany. The Wise Men gave the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to baby Jesus. Therefore, this week the children have been sharing with one another, the gifts they have been given by God.



# WELCOME

This week, a number of new children have started school. Welcome to the following children and their families:

**Foundation 1:** Sofia, Phoebe, Ana, Bella, ~Robyn & Poppy.

I hope all the new children enjoy learning with us here at St Joseph's.

**Welcome Mass**

There will be a welcome Mass for the new children and families on Thursday 26th January, in school at 9.30a.m. All parents/carers are welcome to attend and celebrate this special occasion.



**Headteacher's Challenge**

This term, we are focusing on improving our Mathematics knowledge, fluency and reasoning skills. As a result, each term I will set all pupils a Mathematical challenge. The children will receive an Olympic band, if they meet the challenge. Over the next half term, I would like the pupils to learn their times tables or learn addition/subtraction facts. The table below shows the challenges that have been set for each class:



Year Group	Task
Foundation 1	Counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 10
Foundation 2	Counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 20
Year 1	Adding numbers up to 20. e.g. $15 + 5 = 20$ $20 - 5 = 15$
Year 2	1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 times table
Year 3	1, 2,3,4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 times table
Year 4	1, 2,3,4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 times table
Year 5	1, 2,3,4,5,6,7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 times table and division facts. Recognise square and cubed numbers.
Year 6	1, 2,3,4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 ,14, 15 times table and division facts. Recognise square up to $20^2$ , cubed up to $20^3$ prime factors, prime numbers and common multiples. Multiplying fractions.

**Snow Procedures**

It may snow at some point this term. Therefore, I would just like to remind all parents of the bad weather procedures.

If in the unlikely event, school needs to be closed, please follow any of the procedures listed below:

1. Firstly, a text message will be sent to you via parentmail. Please ensure the school office has your correct mobile number.



2. Check the school website after 7.35a.m. to see if the school is closed or opening at a later time [www.stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk).
3. Check our twitter feed @stjosephs775
4. Contact the school office after 7.45a.m. and listen to the answer machine message.
5. Listen to the local radio stations which will provide updated information on school closures.
6. Check the Herts direct website after 7.45a.m. to see if the school is closed [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org)

### **Free School Meals**

As you are aware, this year, all pupils in Foundation 2 and Key Stage 1 receive Free School Meals known as Universal Free School Meals.

The school receives funding from the government based upon the number of pupils receiving free school meals. Our numbers for Free School Meals have dramatically dropped with the introduction of Universal Free School Meals. However, it is still extremely important to register for Free School Meals if you receive one of the following benefits because your child could be entitled to additional support in school:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (providing you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working tax credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Free School Meals pupils are also entitled to other benefits including:

- Discounted music fees
- Help with secondary school transport

To register for Free School Meals, please visit: <http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals> or telephone 0300 123 4048

If you are unsure if you are eligible for free school meals or you would like help completing the online forms; please come into school and book a private consultation. All information shared will be confidential and the children receiving free school meals are treated the same as those children who pay for school meals.

### **Parents' Forum**

The Parents' Forum are working very hard to help improve our school. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please see your Class Representatives at the beginning or end of the school day. Alternatively, you can e-mail your Class Representative on the following addresses:

Foundation 1: [FS1-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](mailto:FS1-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk)

Foundation 2: [FS2-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](mailto:FS2-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk)

Year 1: [Y1-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Y1-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk)

Year 2: [Y2-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Y2-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk)

Year 3: [Y3-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Y3-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk)

Year 4: [Y4-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Y4-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk)

Year 5: [Y5-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Y5-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk)

Year 6: [Y6-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Y6-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk)

Any e-mails sent to the above e-mail addresses will be discussed at the following month's Parents' Forum.

# Important Notices

## 1. Primary School Place

### Important Notice: School Admissions

The paragraph below is very important for all Foundation 1 parents. Applications for admission to our school is now open. You will need to apply for:

**A reception place in primary, infant or first school** if your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013

Please ensure you complete the **Hertfordshire on-line form**, the **School's Supplementary Form** and **Certificate of Catholic Practice**. When completing the on-line form, please be aware that there are four St Joseph's schools in Hertfordshire so it is very important to select the right St Joseph's. We are St Joseph's in Watford, code number 9193383.

**Supplementary Information Forms** are obtainable from the school. You can also obtain the **Certificate of Catholic Practice from Father Stephen or your parish priest**. 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
- Certificate Of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
- Baptism Certificate (if applicable)

The closing date is 15th January 2017. Please do not be late as this could jeopardise your child's place at the school.

## 2. Breakfast Club

- Breakfast club is on daily and starts at 8.00a.m. It costs £3 per session and may be paid for in advance or on the day. If you are paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to St Joseph's school.

## 3. Punctuality

- School starts at 8.50a.m. Thank you.

## 4. Hair Styles

Please note, as part of the school's uniform policy, pupils are not allowed patterns or tramlines shaved into their hair. Hair gel is also not permitted.

## Attendance Award

This week, the Year 2 class have won the best attendance award! Well done Year 2! Keep up the good effort!



**Have a great week**

**Linda Payne  
Headteacher**

## Dates for the diary

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Welcome Mass (for new F1 January intake) starts at 9.30a.m.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Parents' Evening

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February

Half term break

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Start of term

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Ash Wednesday Service at church

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

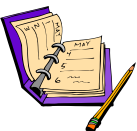
World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

St David's Non-Uniform Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day





Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed.  
 Lenten Toy Sale  
 Lenten Cake Competition  
 Mass in School  
 Easter Bonnet Parade  
 End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.  
 Easter School for Year 6  
 Easter School for Year 6



**Summer Term 2017**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Start of term  
 St George's Non-Uniform Day  
 Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> May  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

May Day. School closed.  
 KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests  
 KS1 SATs- Year 2  
 Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.  
 KS1 Sports Day at 1.30p.m.  
 KS2 Sports Day at 1.30p.m.  
 End of half term. School closes at 3.15p.m.  
 Half term break

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

School Closed – Inset day  
 Start of term  
 KS1 Reserve Sports Day  
 KS2 Reserve Sports Day

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Year 1 Phonic tests commence  
 Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1  
 Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m  
 Year 6 School Journey  
 F1 new pupils visits

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

F1 new parents meeting  
 Foundation Stage Sports Day  
 Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day  
 Transition day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.  
 KS2 Play at 6.00p.m

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
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FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)  
 Year 6 Barbecue



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m.  
 End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.