



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Using the gifts we
have been given to us
by Our Lord!

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 the gifts they have been given by God, with one another.

1. **Nursery Admissions: Foundation 1 Place**

The paragraph below is very important for all parents with pre-school children. You will need to apply for a Nursery place if your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015

You will need to complete the **School's Supplementary Form** and **Certificate of Catholic Practice**. This year, you do not need to apply online.

A **Supplementary Information Form** is obtainable from 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 a nursery place, we must receive:

- Supplementary Information Form
- Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
- 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 16th March 2018

PE kits

Please can you ensure your child has the correct school PE kit in school with them each day; 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 brings the correct, labelled PE kit to school on Mondays. Children may wear black plimsolls or black trainers for PE lessons.

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

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- 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.

Important Notices

1. 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.

2. Punctuality

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

3. School Admissions: Primary School Place

The paragraph below is very important for all Foundation 1 parents. Applications for admission to our school opened on 6th November 2017. You will need to apply for:

A reception place in primary, infant or first school if your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014

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.

A Supplementary Information Form is obtainable from 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:

- Supplementary Information Form
- Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
- 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 15th January 2018.

Attendance Award

This week, the Year 1 class have won the best attendance award! Well done Year 1! Keep up the good effort!



Have a great week

Linda Payne
Headteacher

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| February | |
| Friday 2 nd February | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. |
| Monday 5 th February | Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 7 th February | Parents' Evening |
| Friday 9th February | End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m. |
| Monday 19th February | Start of Term |
| March | |
| Thursday 1 st March | World Book Day – Book Character Non-Uniform day (F1 – Y6 classes). All parents are welcome to attend the World Book Day Assembly. This is a non-uniform day. |
| Friday 2 nd March | St David's Non-Uniform Day (F1 – Y6 classes) Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. |
| Friday 16 th March | St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (F1 – Y6 classes) No assembly today. |
| Monday 19 th March | St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed. (F2 – Y6 classes). All parents are welcome to attend. |
| Monday 26 th March | Lenten Cake Competition (F1 – Y6 classes) |
| Wednesday 28 th March | Lenten Toy Sale (F1 – Y6 classes) |
| Thursday 29th March | Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) All parents welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade. Children make bonnets at home and must bring them into school today. All children may participate in this event. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m. |

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| April | |
| Tuesday 3 rd April | Easter School for Year 6 |
| Wednesday 4 th April | Easter School for Year 6 |
| Monday 16th April | Start of Term |
| Monday 23 rd April | St George's Non-Uniform Day (F1 – Y6 classes) |
| Friday 27 th April | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. |

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| May | |
| Monday 7th May | May Day. School closed. |
| Tuesday 8 th – 25 th May | KS1 SATs- Year 2 |
| Monday 14th – 17th May | KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests |
| Friday 18 th May | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. |
| Monday 21 st May | KS1 Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS1 parents are welcome to attend. |
| Tuesday 22 nd May | KS2 Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend. |
| Friday 25 th May | End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m. |

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| June | |
| Monday 4th June | Inset Day – school closed. |
| Tuesday 5th June | Start of Term |
| Wednesday 6 th June | KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS1 parents are welcome to attend. |
| Thursday 7 th June | KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m. KS2 parents are welcome to attend. |
| Friday 8 th June | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. |
| Monday 11 th June | Year 1 Phonic tests commence |
| Thursday 21 st June | Phonic meeting for F2 parents - Getting ready for Year 1 |
| Wednesday 27 th June | F1 new pupils visits |

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| Friday 29 th June | St Peter & St Paul's Mass in school at 9.15a.m. (F2 – Y6 classes). All parents are welcome to attend. |
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| July | |
| Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th July | Year 6 School Journey |
| Thursday 5 th July | F1 new parents meeting |
| Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th July | Year 5 Overnight Trip to Phasel Wood (new date) |
| Wednesday 11 th July | Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. FS parents are welcome to attend. |
| Thursday 12 th July | Secondary School Transition day New F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. |
| Friday 13 th July | Year 6 Leavers' Mass (F1 – Y6 classes) Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass and picnic. |
| Monday 16 th July | KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend. |
| Tuesday 17 th July | KS2 Play at 6.00p.m KS2 parents are welcome to attend. |
| Wednesday 18 th July | Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m. - 3.00pm. Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day at 9.30a.m. FS parents are welcome to attend. |
| Thursday 19 th July | FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear) (F1 – Y2 classes) |
| Friday 20th July | Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. All parents are welcome to attend. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m. |