



17th October 2017

Dear Parents,



Harvest Assembly

The Harvest assembly is our chance to thank God for the Harvest! The children will be performing and dancing on Thursday 19th October at 9.00a.m. All parents/carers are welcome to attend this special assembly.

We are still collecting food, toiletries and cleaning products; all items donated will be given to the Watford Food Bank Appeal.

Important Notice: School Admissions: Primary School Place

The paragraph below is very important for all Foundation 1 parents. Applications for admission to our school will open on 6 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.

Parents' Forum Outcomes

I would like to thank those parents who gave up their time to attend our recent Parents' Forum. It was a great meeting. Class Representatives were nominated for each year group.

The Class Representatives for the Parents' Forum are as follows:

Foundation 1 – Mrs Stacey McKane

Foundation 2 - Mrs Emma Stack

Year 1 - Mrs Shelley Vincett

Year 2 – Ms Jo Flaherty

Year 3 – Ms Grace Forbes

Year 4 – Mrs Kerry O'Brien

Year 5 - Mrs Alex Walsh

Year 6 – Mrs Susan Moffatt

Your Class Representative will become the spokesperson for your year group. Therefore, if you have any ideas, please contact the Class Representative directly, before or after school or via the e-mail addresses listed below:

Foundation 1: FS1-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Foundation 2: FS2-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 1: Y1-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 2: Y2-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 3: Y3-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 4: Y4-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 5: Y5-parentsforum@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

Year 6: 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.

If you have any ideas or concerns regarding the school, please contact your Class Representative. Your views are very important to us. The next meeting will be on Friday 3rd November, after assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

During the recent Parents' Forum, the Class Representatives discussed:

- Cost of Trips/clubs
- Book Club
- PTA Facebook page
- Lunchtime activities
- Future Events
- **Parents & Teachers Association (PTA) Christmas Present Appeal.** If you have any unwanted gifts/toiletries please send into school for our Christmas shop. During the month of December, the children will have the chance to visit the Christmas shop and buy a gift for their parents at a small cost. All money raised will go towards our new library. We will require volunteers to help wrap up presents therefore if you are available to help at any point during the month of December, please contact the school office.



Sports News

Year 6 entered the Catholic Schools Netball and Football Competition, and played brilliantly. The football team won the competition and the netball team made it through to the semi-final. Well done to all the children for their great effort.

Year 4 entered the South Oxhey Schools Consortium Golf Competition. Team A, Team B and Team C played exceptionally well and Team C won. Well done to all teams that took part in the event.

School Trips Information

Please note, Foundation 2 to Year 6 pupils, generally attend between one and three trips per school year. The school trips are linked to the topic they are studying in class. Trips approximately cost between £5 and £20. You may pay by cash or cheques. Please make all cheques payable to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Thank you.

School Clubs

Please see the table below for a list of all our clubs. If your child would like to attend any of the clubs, please contact the school office.

	Before school	Lunch Time	After School
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drama Musical Theatre• Sports Leaders• KS1 Multi-skills Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS1 Football Club• Happy Days After School Club
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-Sports• Sports Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy Days After School Club
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-Sports• Sports Leaders• Key Stage 2 Girls' Football club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy Days After School Club• Netball Club• KS2 Football Club
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club• Cheerleading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key Stage 2 Football• Sports Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy Days After School Club
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-Sports• Sports Leaders• Key Stage 2 Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Club• Karate Club• Happy Days After School Club



Breast Cancer Appeal

Thank you for your kind donations to our Breast Cancer Appeal. We have raised £186.70 for Breast Cancer Research.

Poppy Appeal



We will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in memory of the fallen soldiers. The poppy is a powerful symbol and it is worn to commemorate the sacrifices of our Armed Forces, as well as to show support to all those still serving today and their loved ones.

This year, the Royal British Legion have sent a box of poppy items (such as wristbands/friendship bracelets/hairclips/pencils/erasers/flexi-rulers/reflective tags/tattoos/bugs) to sell in support of this year's Poppy Appeal. Prices per item vary from 50p to £1.00 and are available to buy at playtimes and lunchtimes. All money raised through the Poppy Appeal goes directly to currently serving British Armed Forces, or those who have previously served, and their families. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.



Fireworks Night

Please come along and share in our firework night celebrations on Friday 3rd November. If you are available to help on the 3rd November or 4th November, please contact Krysia via the school office. Gates open at 6.30p.m. See you all there!

Important Notices

1. Inset Day

The school will be closed on Friday 20th October due to our Biannual Deanery Inset. The staff will be attending Diocesan training with the other local Catholic Schools. In addition, the school will be closed on **Monday 4th December** due to a staff inset day.

2. Important Secondary School Transfer Information

The closing date for Secondary School admissions is 31st October 2017. Year 6 parents must complete the online form at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions and complete the Schools' Supplementary Form by this date or earlier if possible.



Attendance Award

Year 3, had the best attendance last week! Well done Year 3!

Have a lovely break.

Mrs L. Payne

October	
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 th October	Harvest Assembly End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
Friday 20th October	Inset Day – School Closed
Monday 30th October	Start of term

November	
Wednesday 1 st November	All Saints Day Mass at 9.15a.m.
Friday 3 rd November	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m. PTA Fireworks Night at 6.30p.m. (weather permitting) (volunteers needed)
Thursday 9 th November	Year 5 Remembrance Mass at 2.00p.m.
Thursday 23 rd November	Year 4 Refugee Mass at 2.00p.m.
Friday 24 th November	PTA School Disco (volunteers needed)
Thursday 30 th November	St Andrew's Non Uniform day Year 6 Advent Mass at 2p.m.

December	
Friday 1 st December	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Monday 4th December	School Closed Inset Day (new date)
Wednesday 6 th December	Choir singing at Watford Colosseum 7.15pm
Thursday 7 th December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play (dress rehearsal). Starts at 9.30a.m
Friday 8 th December	KS1 & Foundation Stage Play. Starts at 9.30a.m
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Monday 18 th December	KS2 Advent Service with Carols. Starts at 1.30p.m.
Tuesday 19 th December	Whole School Trip Pantomime, Watersmeet Theatre
Wednesday 20th December	Mass in church 9.15a.m. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.

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Spring Term	
Thursday 4th January	Start of term
Friday 5 th January	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

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 1st March	World Book Day – Book Character Non-Uniform day
Friday 2nd March	St David's Non-Uniform Day Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Friday 16 th March	St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day
Monday 19 th March	St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed.
Monday 26 th March	Lenten Cake Competition
Wednesday 28 th March	Lenten Toy Sale
Thursday 29th March	Easter Bonnet Parade End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.

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
Friday 27 th April	Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.

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.
Tuesday 22 nd May	KS2 Sports Day at 1.30p.m.
Friday 25 th May	End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.

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.
Thursday 7 th June	KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.30p.m.
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
Friday 29 th June	St Peter & St Paul's Mass in school at 9.15a.m.

July	
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th July	Year 6 School Journey
Thursday 5 th July	F1 new parents meeting
Wednesday 11 th July	Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m.
Thursday 12 th July	Secondary School Transition day New F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m.
Friday 13 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m.

Monday 16 th July	KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday 17 th July	KS2 Play at 6.00p.m
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m.- 3.00pm. Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day at 9.30a.m.
Thursday 19 th July	FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)
Friday 20th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.