



18th November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Mutual Respect!

Thought of the Week

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School we believe in celebrating the increasingly diverse cultural backgrounds of our community whilst also promoting and holding true to what we recognise to be British Values.

Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. This week, the children have been following Christ's teachings by learning to be respectful to each other and to adults.

Sponsored Onsie Walk

The children had a great time during their sponsored walk. Although the weather was miserable and drizzly, this did not hinder the children's spirits. The local community were fantastic, cheering, waving and beeping their horns in support of our walk. So far, we have raised approximately £3000 which is astounding! All of the money raised will go towards our new library. If you have any outstanding sponsor money, please send it into school as soon as possible.



Fireworks Night

The firework display was a great success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and to everyone who attended the fireworks display. We raised £1900 which is brilliant news! Thank you very much for supporting our library fundraising event.



Attendance

Attending and taking part in learning is fundamental to ensuring that our children become successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and it is an important life skill.

Parents and carers are by far the most important influence on children's lives and learning and it is parents and carers who are responsible for making sure their child is educated.

The responsibility for good attendance is shared between school, parents and pupils but it is imperative that we work together to deal with any problems that may lead to non-attendance.

There will be times when your child will be absent from school because of genuine ill health. However, all absences can be detrimental to children's progress. Hence, if your child's level of attendance deteriorates, we will contact you to see if there is any way we can support you to help improve your child's attendance.

When the reason provided for an absence is deemed not to be acceptable then the absence may be recorded as unauthorised. Please note, all holidays during term time are not permitted and will be classed as unauthorised. Thank you for your co-operation and support.



Mrs Eileen Courtney

If you were a former pupil of St Joseph’s School, I am sure you will remember Mrs Eileen Courtney. She was the former Caretaker of St Joseph’s School and sadly, she has recently passed away. She worked at our school for over thirty years. Mrs Courtney dedicated her life to our school and maintained school’s premises and grounds to an exceptionally high standard. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mrs Courtney for her hard work and commitment to our school. She will always be remembered at our school and never forgotten. There will be a Mass on Sunday 20th November at 10.30a.m. at St Joseph’s Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this very sad time. May she rest in peace.

Important Notices

1. End of Day Procedures

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.

2. PTA Disco

The school disco will be on Friday 25th November. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 disco starts at 3.15p.m. – 4.30p.m. Key Stage 2 disco starts 5p.m. – 6.30p.m. £5 per child.

3. Non - Uniform Day on 30th November

On Wednesday 30th November, there will be a non-uniform day to celebrate St Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland. The children may wear blue, white or tartan on this day. We are asking for a voluntary £1.00 contribution per child. All donations will go towards new reading books. Thank you.

4. Parent Mail

If you do not receive emails from the school, could you please give the school office your email address, and do remember to update your parent mail accounts with any new mobile or email addresses. If you do not have an email address, please do not worry as you will still receive a paper copy of the school’s newsletter. Thank you.



Attendance Award

Year 2, had the best attendance last week with 99.3%! Well done Year 2!

Have a great week.

Mrs Payne

Mrs L. Payne

Dates for the diary

Thursday 24th November
Friday 25th November

Year 4 Class Mass. Starts at 2.00p.m.
PTA Disco

Wednesday 30th November
Thursday 1st December
Thursday 1st December
Friday 2nd December

St Andrew’s Non Uniform day
Year 6 Class Mass. Starts at 2.00p.m.
New F1 pupils visit to the school
Parents’ Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Thursday 8th December
Thursday 8th December
Friday 9th December

KS1 Play - dress rehearsal. Starts at 9.30a.m.
1.30p.m New F1 Parents meeting (January intake only)
KS1 Play. Starts at 9.30a.m.

Monday 12th December
Wednesday 14th December
Thursday 15th December
Friday 16th December

Choir singing at Watford Colosseum 7.15pm
Christmas Dinner & **Christmas Jumper Day (New date)**
KS2 Advent Service with Carols. Starts at 1.30p.m.
Foundation Stage & KS1 Pantomime, Watersmeet Theatre

Monday 19th December
Wednesday 21st December
Wednesday 21st December

Key Stage 2 Pantomime at Watersmeet Theatre
Mass in church 9.15a.m.
End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.



Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5th January
Friday 6th January
Thursday 26th January

Start of term
Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.
Welcome Mass (for new F1 January intake) starts at 9.30a.m.
Parents' Forum at 9.45 a.m.

Friday 3rd February

Monday 6th February
Wednesday 8th February
Friday 10th February
13th – 17th February

Parents' Evening
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End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.
Half term break

Monday 20th February

Start of term

Wednesday 1st March
Thursday 2nd March
Friday 3rd March
Friday 17th March

Ash Wednesday Service at church
World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day
St David's Non-Uniform Day
St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day
St Joseph's Day Mass – date to be confirmed.

Thursday 24th March
Monday 27th March
Thursday 30th March
Friday 31st March
Friday 31st March
Monday 3rd April
Tuesday 4th April

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 18th April
Friday 21st April
Friday 21st April

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

Monday 1st May
Monday 8th - 12th May
Monday 15th – 26th May
Friday 19th May
Monday 22nd May
Tuesday 23rd May
Friday 26th May
29th May – 2nd 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 5th June
Tuesday 6th June
Tuesday 6th June
Wednesday 7th June

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

Monday 12th June
Wednesday 21st June
Friday 23rd June
Monday 26th – 30th June
Wednesday 28th 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 6th July
Wednesday 5th July
Friday 7th July

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

Wednesday 12th July
Thursday 13th July

Foundation Stage Reserve Sports Day
Transition day

Friday 14th July

Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Monday 17th July
Tuesday 18th July

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

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



Thursday 20th July

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