



19th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Advent!

Thought of the Week

This week, the children have been learning about advent. The children have made Advent promises in preparation for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus. We also remember his promise to come again!

A King is Born

The DVD is now on sale from the school office, costing £5.00.

Thank you to all the parents who helped put the stage away after the performance.

Key Stage 2 Advent Service

On Monday, the true meaning of Advent was celebrated through our Advent Service. The Key Stage 2 children performed beautifully. Well done children!

End of Term Mass

There will be an Advent Mass on Wednesday 20th December, in church, at 9.15a.m. All parents/carers are welcome to join us.

Attendance Award

Year 2, had the best attendance last week .Well done Year 2!

St Joseph's Church Services

Christmas Mass: 24th December at 6p.m.

Midnight Mass 24th December at 12 a.m.

Christmas Day Mass 25th December at 10.30a.m.

Important Notice

1. Next term, please ensure your child wears a coat to school as it is getting very cold outside.
2. Boots may be worn to school but pupils must wear shoes in school. Thank you.
3. School finishes at **1.30p.m.** tomorrow, Wednesday 20th December. We start back on **Thursday 4th January 2018.**

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)

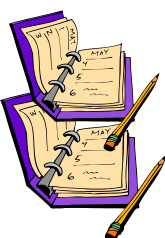
Please do not be late as this could jeopardise your child's place at the school.

The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2018.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Linda Payne
Headteacher

Please note the changes to the diary dates.



December	
Wednesday 20th December	Mass in church 9.15a.m. (F2- Y6 classes) All parents are welcome to attend. End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.

January 2018	
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 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.

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.

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.

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
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.

July	
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th July	Year 6 School Journey
Thursday 5 th July	F1 new parents meeting
Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th 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.