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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!



### Everyone Loves a Baby

The children performed and sang beautifully at the nativity play. There will be a photograph of our show in the Watford Observer, tomorrow.

Thank you to Mr Dodd, Mr Taylor and Mr Finn for taking the stage lights down. Also, thank you to all the parents who helped put the chairs away after the performance.



### Key Stage 2 Advent Service

On Tuesday, 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 Friday 20th December, in church, at 9.15a.m. All parents/carers are welcome to join us.



### Attendance Award

Year 1 have had the best attendance this week. Well done Year 1!

### Important Notice: School Admissions: Primary School Place

The paragraph below is very important for all Foundation 1 parents. Applications for admission to our school opened on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. You will need to apply for a school place if your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016

Please ensure you complete the **Hertfordshire on-line form at:**

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>.

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.

You will also need to complete the **School's Supplementary Information Form**, which is obtainable from the school office or the school's website. A **Certificate of Catholic Practice** is also required which you can get 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, the following documents are required:

1. Supplementary Information Form
2. Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
3. 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.



### **St Joseph's Church Services**

Christmas Mass: 24<sup>th</sup> December at 7p.m.  
 Midnight Mass 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11 p.m.  
 Christmas Day Mass: 25<sup>th</sup> 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.** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We start back on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

**Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**Linda Payne**  
**Headteacher**

### **Dates for the diary**

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| <b>December</b>  |   |
| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>                   | Mass in church 9.15a.m.<br><b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass</b> |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b> | Christmas Holiday – School Closed   |

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| <b>January 2020</b>                  |  |
| <b>Spring Term</b>                   |  |
| <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> | <b>Start of term</b>                         |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January      | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.                   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January      | <b>Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 5</b> |

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| <b>February</b>                                 |   |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February                | Maths meeting for F1 & F2 parents. Starts at 2.30pm or 6.00p.m.                                   |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February                 | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.  |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February                | Parents' Evening  |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February               | Safer Internet Day  |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February               | Parents' Evening  |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>          | <b>End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.</b>   |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> | <b>Half Term holiday – School Closed</b>  |
| <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>          | <b>Start of Term</b>  |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February             | Ash Wednesday Mass starts at 9.15a.m. <b>(F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass</b> |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February                | St David's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green, red, white or                                |

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|                                 | yellow).<br>Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.  |
| <b>March</b>                    |   |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March  | World Book Day – Book Character Non Uniform day. All parents are welcome to attend the World Book Day Assembly. This is a non-uniform day. Children may dress up as their favourite book character. |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March    | Parents' Forum  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March  | St Patrick's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear green or white).  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March | St Joseph's Day Mass – <b>date to be confirmed.</b>   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March   | Mother's day Class Assembly starts at 9.00a.m. All F1 – F2 mothers/carers welcome to attend.  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March   | Last swimming for Year 3 and Year 5   |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March   | Lenten Cake Competition (all children may enter by baking a cake).<br>Cake sale.  |

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| <b>April</b>                        |  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April      | Lenten Toy Sale (please donate old toys).  |
| <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>  | Easter Bonnet Parade (F1 – Y6 classes) (F1-Y6) All parents welcome to attend the Easter Bonnet Parade. Children to make the bonnets at home and bring them into school. All children may participate in this event.<br><b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b> |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April        | Easter School for Year 6   |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April       | Easter School for Year 6   |
| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>Start of Term</b>   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April     | St George's Non-Uniform Day (Children may wear red, white or blue).  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April       | Swimming starts for Year 3 and Year 6  |

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| <b>May</b>  |   |
| <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>                    | <b>Parents' Forum</b>   |
| <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>                    | <b>Bank Holiday. School closed.</b>   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May              | KS1 SATs- Year 2  |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b>KS2 SATs – Year 6 Tests (free breakfast club for Year 6 pupils all week, starting at 8.00a.m.)</b> |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>                   | <b>KS 2 Spelling, punctuation and Grammar Paper 1 &amp; 2 tests</b>                                   |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>                  | <b>KS2 Reading Test</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>                | <b>KS2 Maths Paper 1 &amp; 2 Test</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>                 | <b>KS2 Maths Paper 3 Test</b>   |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May                         | Walk to School Week   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May                        | KS1 Sports Day at 9.30a.m. KS1 parents may attend.  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May                        | KS2 Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May                       | Year 5 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 2.30p.m. (All Year 5 parents are welcome to attend)       |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                         | <b>End of term. School closes at 3.15p.m.</b>   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June         | <b>Half Term Holiday – School Closed</b>  |

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| <b>June</b>   |  |
| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>                           | <b>Inset Day – school closed.</b>                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>                          | <b>Start of Term</b>   |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                              | KS1 Reserve Sports Day at 9.30p.m. KS1 parents may attend.           |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                              | KS2 Reserve Sports Day at 1.15p.m. KS2 parents may attend.           |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.   |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Year 1 Phonic tests commence<br>Year 4 Multiplication tests commence |
| <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>Year 5 Overnight trip to Phasels Wood (New date)</b>              |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                             | F1 new pupils visits 1.30p.m.  |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                              | Phonic meeting for F2 parents- Getting ready for Year 1 at 2.00p.m   |

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| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June                        | <b>St Peter &amp; St Paul's Mass in school at 11.00a.m. (F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass</b> |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July | Year 6 School Journey  |

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| <b>July</b>                          |   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July       | F1 visits and new parents meeting 1.30p.m.  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July        | Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. <b>F1 &amp; F2 parents welcome to attend.</b>   |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July          | Parents' Forum at 9.45a.m.  |
| <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>    | <b>Final Year 3 swim – double session</b>   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July       | Reserve date: Foundation Stage Sports Day at 9.30a.m. <b>F1 &amp; F2 parents welcome to attend.</b>   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July       | Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting at 2.30p.m. <b>(All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend)</b>   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July        | Secondary School Transition day<br>New to F2 Parents' Meeting at 9.15a.m. <b>(Current F1 parents to attend).</b>                            |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July         | Year 6 Leavers' Mass<br>Whole School Picnic starting at 12.30p.m. (weather permitting)  |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July         | FS & KS1 Teddy Bear Picnic (Please bring a Teddy Bear)  |
| <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | <b>Final Year 6 swim – double session</b>   |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July        | KS2 Dress Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. <b>KS2 parents and toddlers are welcome to attend.</b>   |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July        | Year 6 Barbecue at 1.30p.m.- 3.00pm. <b>Year 6 parents welcome to attend.</b><br>Parents to bring party food please.                        |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July      | KS2 Play at 6.00p.m <b>KS2 parents are welcome to attend.</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b> | Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 a.m. <b>(F1 – Y6) All parents are welcome to attend the Mass</b><br><b>End of term. School closes at 1.30p.m.</b> |